

## CORSHAM TWINNING ASSOCIATION

### Minutes of Meeting held on 03/06/2013

**1. Present:** Roger Fido (RF), Jo Reeves (JR), Maurice Hancock (MH), Carole Brain (CBr), Christine Bastow (CBW), Jane Gater (JG), Keith Stephens (KS), Millie Carter (MC), Charles Boyle (CBo), Felicity Hurlow-Jones (FHJ), Chris Riley (CR)

**2. Apologies :** Maggie Rayner (MR), Lindon Collins (LC), Christine Taylor (CT), Ian Brain (IB), Margaret Smith (MS)

**3. Minutes of 13<sup>th</sup> May 2013 meeting** – following amendments and then agreed:

Margaret Smith's Address should read: "Old Cottages" 6 Bences Lane.

And: On street parking on Cross Keys Road is "not" advised.

**4. Matters arising:**

**a. Twinning gifts and 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemoration:** Wiltshire Highways Department has been re-organised and the people previously responsible for putting the plaque in the pavement have now all changed! CBo confirmed the new people have the plaque and agreed they will still put it in the pavement in the same place but are unsure of exact date. They will let us know when they know!. **CBo to ask the Council about an unveiling ceremony - action ongoing once date for placement is confirmed.**

**b. Links with Chamber of Commerce:** CBo thanked IB for stepping up to take on liaising with the Corsham Chamber of Commerce regarding links with Orleans Chamber of Commerce. CBo will catch up with IB to let him know of any previous conversations etc. **Action ongoing.**

**c. Links with Photographic Society:** JR had passed on email re: "Bridges" photography competition to MC. **Action: MC pass contact onto JR to send letter to Corsham Photographic Society re competition. Ongoing Actions: MH to contact Mazy Bartlett about photography at the school.**

**d. Gift from Jargeau:** No news from head teacher of St Patrick's Primary School about what they would like to receive as a gift Jargeau yet.

**e. George Mills Trophy:** Margaret Mills was delighted by the idea of the George Mills trophy being re-designated as the trophy for the wine tasting competition.

**f. French Conversation Group:** Meetings on-going and successful, next two are planned in.

**g. Encouraging younger people to get involved in Twinning:** JR had passed onto MW a document we had used in 2009 to encourage participation from the Youth Council in the visit to Jargeau to maybe used as inspiration! **Ongoing Action: MW to design a leaflet about Twinning aimed at younger people.**

**5. Community Campus project:** building work is underway (slowly!) – keep watching this space!

**6. 2013 events programme:**

- Sat 8<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30pm: BBQ. £9 per head. Venue: Mrs Margaret Smith, “Old Cottages” 6 Bences Lane, Corsham. On-street parking in Cross Keys Rd is not advised.
  - CBr to provide plates and cutlery and tent, MH provide twinning tent
  - RF to ask for Council BBQ to be delivered around 10am on Friday
  - RF/MH/CBr/IB setting up between 11am
  - Humphrey Barnikel and Margaret’s son have offered to help BBQ
  - MH to “man” the gate
  - LC to run the bar
  - FH-J & CR to run the raffle
- Sat 29<sup>th</sup> June: Armed Forces Day. Following the email from JR in between meetings outlining the issues/challenges with being involved, we have withdrawn our participation. **Action: All to come to next meeting with ideas of what we could sell/do on a stall for future years**
- Sat 13<sup>th</sup> July: Boules at Queen’s Head, Box. £6 per team of 3 people. CBo has booked the boules pitch. Action: JR to email reminder.
- Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> August at 7pm: wine and bubbly tasting. RF to host at his house. LC can no longer help. CR volunteered instead with help from MH and JR to sort cheese. Cost: £8 per head.
- Sun 8<sup>th</sup> September (pm): Treasure Hunt in Corsham (on foot).
- Sat 5<sup>th</sup> October: Talk by Mr Tony Wingrave to demonstrate woodturning. RF had booked the Jubilee Hall at the Community Centre.
- Wed 30<sup>th</sup> October – Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> November: Visit to Jargeau
- Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> November: AGM.

**Arrangements for 2013 visit to Jargeau:** RF had received an outline programme from Carole. The Friday of our visit is a bank holiday in France so there is limited scope for a visit anywhere, therefore this is planned for the Saturday – currently to Orleans. **Action: RF to write to Carole suggesting an alternative option to visit Chambourg as a number of people are already familiar with Orleans.**

**EU grant:** CBo had hassled our MEP again re his letter about the lack of EU grants awarded to UK Twinning Associations - ongoing.

**7. Treasurer’s Report:** Balance is £6544.51 + £100 in the float

**8. AOB:**

- DVDs of Jargeau children’s visit to Corsham - with CT and LC
- CR did not stand for re-election to the council and therefore is no longer our rep. Council have informed us it is now Pete Anstey. Council representative to attend the Jargeau visit tbc.

- CR had details of a new member – passed to JR to contact.

**9. Next Meeting: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July, 7.30 pm at Corsham Club**