

## CORSHAM TWINNING ASSOCIATION

### Minutes of Meeting held on 05/08/2013

**1. Present:** Roger Fido (RF), Maggie Rayner (MR), Maurice Hancock (MH), Christine Bastow (CBw), Jane Gater (JG), Felicity Hurlow-Jones (FHJ), Jo Reeves (JR), Charles Boyle (CBo), Margaret Smith (MS), Millie Carter, Chris Riley (CR)

**2. Apologies:** Matt Wingrave (MW), Chris Taylor (CT)

**3. Minutes of 1<sup>st</sup> July 2013 meeting** – agreed subject to amendment at para 6, Visit to Jargeau: should read “Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Oct: depart Corsham. Overnight stop in Rouen. Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> Oct: arrive in Jargeau.”

**4. Matters arising:**

**a. Twinning gifts and 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemoration:** CBo said the installation of plaque was in the Council’s programme of work and may be completed by end August. **Action: CBo to ask the Council about an unveiling ceremony once plaque is in place - action ongoing.**

**b. Links with Chamber of Commerce: Action: CBo to pass papers to IBr.**

**c. Links with Photographic Society and Photo Competition:** JR had sent out details of competition on theme of “Bridges”. RF proposed that all entries (in hard copy) should be passed to JR by 23rd August so she can send them in a batch to Carole for judging which will take place on 1<sup>st</sup> Sept. **Action: JR to mail members with details.**

**d. Gift from Jargeau:** Still no news from head teacher of St Patrick’s Primary School about what they would like to receive as a gift from Jargeau. **Action: JR to hasten if nothing heard by end August.**

**e. French Conversation Group:** Meetings ongoing and successful. Next meetings on 28<sup>th</sup> August and 11<sup>th</sup> September at Royal Oak. **Action: JR to mail all members to encourage wider attendance.**

**f. Encouraging younger people to get involved in Twinning: Ongoing Action: MW to design a leaflet about Twinning.**

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

**6. 2013 events programme:**

- Sat 13<sup>th</sup> July: Boules competition at Queen’s Head, Box. RF congratulated the winning team, The Wild Flowers. Trophy is being engraved and will be presented at AGM.
- Sat 3rd August: wine and bubbly tasting. An excellent evening with a profit of £116. Committee thanked RF for hosting the event, CR on his choice of wines, and all the helpers.
- Sun 8th September at 2pm: Treasure Hunt in Corsham (on foot), starting and finishing at Royal Oak. No charge. **Action: JR to mail all members to ask how many want to attend.**
- 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 at 7.30pm: AGM. **Action: MH to book Fire Station.**

**Arrangements for 2013 visit to Jargeau:** RF had communicated further with Carole. A visit to Chambourg was not feasible on the Friday as Carole had arranged the Henderson trophy competition for that afternoon. A visit to Sully-sur-Loire on Saturday was proposed instead. Revised programme is as follows:

Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Oct: Depart Corsham at 0900. Overnight stop in Rouen.

Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> Oct: Arrive in Jargeau lunchtime. Afternoon with families. Joint Committee meeting, to be confirmed.

Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Nov: Public Holiday in France. Henderson trophy competition in afternoon.

Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov: Trip to Sully-sur-Loire château and shopping centre in our coach. Leave Jargeau at 0900, hosts to provide packed lunch. Celebration Dinner in evening.

Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov: Depart Jargeau.

**EU grant:** CBo had received a response from our MEP regarding the lack of EU grants awarded to UK Twinning Associations and passed committee members a copy of the letter from the European Commission. After discussion, Committee agreed that matter was worth pursuing. **Actions: RF to contact CBr regarding paperwork relating to our grant application. CBo to draft a response to our MEP.**

**7. Treasurer's Report: Post-meeting note:** Balance is £6843.57.

**Insurance:** New insurance arrangements had been agreed, reducing cost from £301 pa to £90 pa.

**8. AOB:**

- DVDs of Jargeau children's visit to Corsham - with CT and LC
- MH had spoken to the school next to the Community Centre and agreed that we can park cars there during the trip to Jargeau. **Action: RF to include this in his letter about the visit and ask for registration numbers of cars that will be left there.**
- MS and MH made some suggestions for next year's social programme

**9. Next Meeting: Monday 2nd September, 7.30 pm at Corsham Club**