

CORSHAM TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting held on 6/1/2014

1. Present: Roger Fido (RF), Maurice Hancock (MH), Christine Bastow (CBw), Jane Gater (JG), Margaret Smith (MS), Matt Wingrave (MW), Sue Wingrave (SW), Joy Wingrave (JW), Maggie Rayner (MR), Chris Riley (CR), Felicity Hurlow-Jones (FHJ), Chris Taylor (CT), Sally Fletcher (SF)

2. Apologies: Charles Boyle (CBo)

RF announced the sad news that Mrs Dorothy Lamont, a long-standing member of the CTA, had passed away. The Committee gave their condolences and would write to her husband, John.

Action: SW

3. Minutes of 11th November 2013 meeting – agreed.

4. Matters arising:

a. Gift from Jargeau: The tree had been planted at St Patrick's Primary School. RF had written a report of the trip to Jargeau for the Council newsletter.

b. Encouraging younger people to get involved in Twinning: Action: MW to get quotes for printing the leaflet designed by Joy Wingrave and to agree with RF number of copies required and distribution eg schools, Corsham Tourist Information Centre – ongoing.

5. Community Campus project:

a. Skittle alley: RF said there was one skittle alley at the Cricket ground which CTA could use for free, and two alleys at the Football Club at a charge of £60-£70 for the whole evening.

b. Campus update: SF said construction was on target to complete Oct 2014. The old centre was due to close in June, with the new building ready to decant from the old centre from Spring 2014.

6. 2013 events programme:

- **Matters arising from the AGM:** AGM had discussed engaging younger members to join the Committee. RF proposed Joy Wingrave (JW) and Committee agreed. JW would speak to Youth Council to seek another member. **Action: JW.**
- RF had written to Miranda Morgan (who represented the Council during the trip to Jargeau) inviting her to join the Committee. No response received yet. **Action: RF to write again.**

From August meeting: CBo had received a response from our MEP regarding the lack of EU grants awarded to UK Twinning Associations. Committee agreed that matter was worth pursuing. **CBo to draft a response to our MEP. Action ongoing.**

2014 events programme:

- Sat 18th January: Quiz with fish & chip supper at Community Centre, organised by RF. FHJ and CBw agreed to do raffle and MW to fetch fish & chips. **Action: SW to send reminder to all members and ask for raffle prizes.**

- Sat March 15th: Cassoulet, to be cooked by MS and JG. RF has booked Community Centre. Action: SW to send note to members about Cassoulet. **Post-meeting note:** MS and JG propose limiting number to 40 and taking payment in advance - details to be discussed at next meeting.
- Sat April 12th: Talk on beekeeping by MH at Fire Station
- Sat May 17th: Boules competition at Queen's Head, Box ,to be organised by CBo
- Fri 6th-Mon 9th June: Visit of Jargeau to Corsham (see below)
- Sat 5th July: BBQ to be hosted by MS
- Sat 16th August: WInetasting, to be hosted by RF
- Sun 14th September: Canal boat trip to Devizes. RF proposed a 3 hour round-trip, leaving Devizes at 6pm at cost of £10 per head. Committee agreed. **Action: RF to book.**
- Sat 11th October: Skittles at Cricket Club – RF had booked.
- Fri 21st November: AGM

No event planned for February.

Visit of Jargeau to Corsham: The sub-committee was proceeding with the EU grant application with two themes, "Remembrance" and "Democracy in Europe". The visit programme to be submitted with the application supported these themes and would stand whether or not the application was approved. We should know the outcome of the application in May. Details of programme as follows:

Fri 6th June: 1pm: Coach(es) to arrive in Corsham. 5.30pm: Special reception at Town Hall (booked), to be followed by a debate on the theme: "An independent Scotland must apply for EU membership", with speakers and translators. Audience will vote on the outcome, using voting booths etc borrowed from the Council.

Sat 7th June: Coach 1: 8am: Depart for visit to Portland and Weymouth (view harbour where troops deployed, and venue for 2012 Olympics sailing competitions). 5pm: depart for Corsham, arrive 8pm for dinner with hosts. Coach 2: 9am: Depart for visit to Avebury, then on to Swindon for Outlet Village (1200). 2.30pm: Visit Steam Museum (role of railways in both World Wars.) 5pm: depart for Corsham, arrive 6pm for dinner with hosts. Packed lunch/own arrangements to be provided as required. Programme to stay flexible and be reviewed when we know how many coaches will come.

Sun 8th June: 9.30am: Joint Committee meeting in Town Hall (booked). 10.45: Service at Corsham Baptist Church with translators. 1200: lunch with hosts. 2.30 – midnight: Corsham Football Club booked at cost of £200. Venue for Henderson trophy (croquet) and skittle alleys available in event of poor weather. 5.30pm: Hog roast booked at £10 per head. Corsham band to play. Followed by race night (volunteers required to help set up). Bar, teas and coffees available throughout. 1130pm: home.

Mon 9th June: 9am: Coach(es) depart. Hosts to provide packed lunch.

RF has asked Carole in Jargeau if there are any French traders who would like to come to Corsham. Royal Oak car park would be available for their use. Carole had asked for dates for the 2015 visit to Jargeau, and RF proposed we discuss this at the joint committee meeting.

Action: RF to write to all members re hosting arrangements with a copy of the outline programme.

Publicity: Action: CBo to write a piece about Twinning for Corsham & Box Matters - ongoing.

7. Treasurer's Report: Balance is £5141-09 plus £100 float. RF said cheques were required for £250 for hog roast, £200 for Football Club and £75 for Canal trip. RF said MR had agreed to be a third signatory for cheques.

8. AOB:

- DVDs of Jargeau children's visit to Corsham – with SF and FHJ - **ongoing**
- MH thanked RF and JR for organising the committee Christmas meal at The Greyhound at Bromham which had been a great success. **Action: SW to write letter of thanks**
- LC would open a Facebook account for joint use by Corsham and Jargeau Twinning Associations - **ongoing**

9. Next Meeting: Monday 3rd February 2014, 7.30 pm at Corsham Club.