

CORSHAM TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting held on 6/10/2014

1. **Present:** Roger Fido (RF), Jane Gater (JG), Felicity Hurlow-Jones (FHJ), Christine Bastow (CBw), Maggie Rayner (MR), Margaret Smith (MS), Christine Taylor (CT), Joy Wingrave (JW), Lindon Collins (LC), Keith Stephens (KS),

2. **Apologies:** Maurice Hancock (MH), Charles Boyle (CBo), Matt Wingrave (MW), Sue Wingrave (SW), Sally Fletcher (SF), Graham Canfield (GC)

3. **Minutes of 1st September 2014 meeting** - agreed.

4. **Matters arising:**

a. **New Library:** RF had collected the model boat (gift from Jargeau) from the old library. The new library could not accommodate it and a new home was required. The case containing the boat was not safety glass which limited where it could be displayed, and a new case would be costly. **Action: All to consider possible new place for boat.**

b. **Visit of children from Jargeau:** SW had circulated details about 7 children from Jargeau visiting Corsham from 18th-25th October. JW outlined the proposed programme and requested support for transport and hosting. Committee expressed concern at how the programme was to be funded and the practical issues as the number of children coming had increased. **Action: RF to discuss with SW and MW on their return.**

c. **Photographic competition:** RF had sent 2 entries to Jargeau. Results of competition awaited - ongoing.

d. RF passed on a message from CBo about a company which organizes host families for French adults.

e. FH-J and MS had attended Bathford twinning group for their wine and food celebration.

5. **Community Campus project:** Full opening scheduled for November - ongoing.

6. **2014 events programme:**

- Sun 14th September: Canal boat trip. An enjoyable evening, although making a loss of £70.
- Sat 11th October: Skittles at Cricket Club at 7.30pm. Cost £2 per head. Teams to be made up on the night.
- Fri 21st November: AGM at 7.30pm at the Fire Station.
- Twinning Committee Christmas dinner at The Greyhound in Bromham, Wed 10th December: **Action: RF requested payment of deposits and menu selections by the next meeting.**

7. **2015 events programme:**

Social events were proposed as follows:

- Sat 17th January: Quiz with fish & chip supper at the Cricket Club.
- Sat 21st March: French meal prepared by MS and JG
- Sat 16th May: BBQ to be hosted by the Wingraves.

- Sat 13th June: Wine tasting to be hosted by RF
- Sat 11th July: Boules competition
- Sat 19th September: Race Night
- Wed 28th Oct - Sun 1st Nov: Visit to Jargeau (see below)
- Fri 20th November: AGM
- Sat 28th November: Flower arranging talk and demonstration with a Christmas theme

The Committee would put this programme to the AGM.

From September meeting: It was unlikely we would receive EU subsidies in future and funds would be required to support 35th anniversary activities. The annual subscription rate had not changed for many years, and an increase from £5 to £10 (single membership) and £7.50 to £15 (joint membership) was proposed. **Action: RF to put this proposal to AGM.**

Visit to Jargeau Wed 28th Oct – Sun 1st Nov 2015: RF had contacted Mr Matt Fisher regarding the trip to Jargeau. The proposal was to stop at Amiens (about one and a half hours from Calais) on the outward trip, spend the morning of Thurs 29th there, depart at 1pm and arrive in Jargeau at 5pm. This would be an easier route than stopping in Chartre as previously proposed. Quotes had been received for the Ibis Hotel (3*) and the Mercure Hotel (4*) in Amiens, the difference being £5 per night. Committee agreed to the overnight stop in Amiens, staying at the Mercure. Cost of trip would be £180 per adult. **Action: RF to confirm our requirements with Mr Fisher.**

The remaining programme is as follows:

Fri 30th Oct: Day out using our coach

Sat 31st Oct: activities in Jargeau

Sun 1st Nov: leave Jargeau at 9am to return to Corsham

Visit to Corsham 2016: RF has written to Carole regarding 2016 visit, stressing that we are restricted by lack of funds and numbers of potential hosts. Response awaited. **Ongoing**

8. Treasurer's Report: Balance is £3169.46 plus £100 float.

9. AOB:

- FH-J said we should encourage members and friends to come to the Skittles evening. **Action: SW to send reminder.**

10. Next Meeting: Monday 3rd November, 7.30pm at Corsham Club.