

CORSHAM TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting held on 3/11/2014

1. Present: Roger Fido (RF), Maurice Hancock (MH), Jane Gater (JG), Maggie Rayner (MR), Margaret Smith (MS), Christine Taylor (CT), Joy Wingrave (JW), Lindon Collins (LC), Keith Stephens (KS), Matt Wingrave (MW), Sue Wingrave (SW), Sally Fletcher (SF), Graham Canfield (GC)

2. Apologies: Felicity Hurlow-Jones (FHJ), Charles Boyle (CBo)

3. Minutes of 6th October 2014 meeting - agreed, subject to amendment at para 4e: JG attended Bathford meeting, not FH-J.

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 - ongoing.**

b. Visit of children from Jargeau: SW reported on the visit of 7 children from Jargeau. Additional hosts had been found and the visit had gone well. SW thanked Committee for funding a minibus, which had enabled visits to Weston, Bristol and Bath. SW had asked hosts for feedback to inform future visits. Key lessons were to book hosting arrangements sooner, and the minibus was essential. A return visit for Corsham children to Jargeau was proposed for Oct 2015, and SW was looking at travel costs. **Action: SW.**

LC to put report about the visit on our website. JW to provide photos. **Action: LC and JW**
Committee thanked the Wingraves for their efforts, plus all who helped support the visit, particularly RF, LC and MS.

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

5. Community Campus project: SF reported that campus is projected to be fully operational in Summer 2015. A new contractor was due to start work in Feb 2015 to carry out further enhancements - **ongoing.**

6. 2014 events programme:

- Sat 11th October: Skittles at Cricket Club: an enjoyable evening, although only 12 members attended.
- Fri 21st November: AGM at 7.30pm at the Fire Station.
- Wed 10th December: Twinning Committee Christmas dinner at The Greyhound in Bromham.

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

Note: SF offered to include details of forthcoming events in publications about the Corsham walking festival.

Visit to Jargeau Wed 28th Oct – Sun 1st Nov 2015: RF had confirmed our requirements with Mr Matt Fisher. Cost of trip was reduced to £170 per adult. All rooms in Mercure Hotel in Amiens were double, a supplement of £35 was required for single occupancy. Committee agreed cold buffet breakfast at no additional charge was preferable. RF said payment was not required until a few weeks before the trip. The coach would be covered by Tour Operators Liability Insurance. Members would be required to make their own individual arrangements for travel insurance. **Action: ongoing.**

The visit programme is as follows:

Wed 28th Oct: Depart Corsham at 9am. Stay night at Amiens (about 1.5 hours from Calais) at Mercure Hotel

Thurs 29th Oct: Depart Amiens at 1pm, arrive Jargeau at 5pm

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. AGM preparation:

- SW to write report on children's visit
- RF to put to members the proposal to increase annual subscription rate from £5 to £10 (single membership) and £7.50 to £15 (joint membership).
- RF to present 2015 events programme and update members on plans for visit to Jargeau
- SW to prepare Agenda for meeting
- JG and RF to bring refreshments for meeting
- All Committee members were prepared to stand again

9. Treasurer's Report: Balance is £3043.84 plus £100 float. MW ran through the Treasurer's report he had prepared for the AGM

10. AOB:

- SF drew attention to a public consultation on the Corsham Development Plan taking place at the Town Hall on 6th Nov from 4pm-7pm.

11. Next Meeting: Monday 1st December, 7.30pm at Corsham Club.