

CORSHAM TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting held on 2/3/2015

1. Present: Roger Fido (RF), Maurice Hancock (MH), Charles Boyle (CBo), Matt Wingrave (MW), Sue Wingrave (SW), Joy Wingrave (JW), Jane Gater (JG), Maggie Rayner (MR), Christine Bastow (CBw), Christine Taylor (CT), Keith Stephens (KS), Sally Fletcher (SF), Graham Canfield GC, Miranda Morgan (MM)

2. Apologies: Margaret Smith (MS), Lindon Collins (LC), Felicity Hurlow-Jones (FHJ)
The Committee gave a warm “welcome back” to MH following his recent illness.

3. Minutes of 12th January 2015 meeting - Agreed.

4. Matters arising from AGM on 21/11/14:

a. Post box in Jargeau: RF had written to Carole in Jargeau and the Mayor of Jargeau regarding a post box, a gift from Corsham from some years ago, which had been vandalised. Response awaited. - **Ongoing**

5. Matters arising from previous committee meetings:

a. CTA Leaflets: JW had updated the CTA leaflet with new pictures and new membership rates. **Action: MW to check printing costs and arrange print run - ongoing.**

b. Children's exchange: The Wingraves reported that, in spite of canvassing widely, only 3 children had expressed interest in visiting Jargeau in October as part of the children's exchange. Committee noted this disappointing response and thanked the Wingraves for their efforts in trying to engage younger people in Twinning. The 3 children would travel to Jargeau with the main party.

6. 2015 events programme:

The Quiz and the skittles evening had both been well-attended. Future social events were:

- Sat 21st March: French meal prepared by MS and JG, to be held in Gastard Village Hall. SW to run raffle
- Sat 16th May: BBQ to be hosted by the Wingraves. **Action: Temporary Event Notice (TEN) required - SW to action**
- Sat 13th June: Wine tasting to be hosted by RF. **Action: TEN required - SW to action**
- Sat 11th July: Boules competition. **Action: CBo to book Queen's Head, Box**
- Sat 19th September: Race Night RF has booked Cricket Club.
- 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. RF has booked Cricket Club and would book Bar staff
- RF has booked Cricket Club for Quiz and Skittles in Jan and Feb 2016

Visit to Jargeau Wed 28th Oct – Sun 1st Nov 2015: There had been a good response and the coach was close to full. RF had received proposed programme from Carole, as follows:

Thurs 29th Oct: arrive Jargeau about 5pm. Evening with families.

Fri 30th Oct: Trip to Guedelon in morning and to Gien porcelain factory in afternoon. Official reception in evening, exchange of gifts and apéritifs in the Town Hall. Four members of Corsham Band are coming and will play national anthems.

Sat 31st Oct: Morning: Meeting of the two Committees followed by World War One commemoration at the cenotaph. **Action: RF to provide poppy wreath.** Midday: apéritif followed by Henderson Trophy challenge. Evening: Soirée including Corsham Band.

Sun 1st Nov: Return to Corsham

CBo had received a copy of Jargeau's application for an EU grant. It proposed various activities on the theme of WW1, some of which would take place during our visit, and some at other times of the year. RF will find out more from Carole so we can inform CTA members about what may be expected from us.

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**

7. Treasurer's Report: Balance is £3216.68 plus £100 float
RF noted that all subscriptions for 2015 had been paid. The position on standing orders would not be known until next year's subs were due.

8. AOB:

- SF commented that information on the CTA website was out of date. **Action: LC to review and update website as required**
- MH thanked everyone who had sent him their good wishes during his illness.

9. Next Meeting: 13th April, 7.30pm at the Corsham Club