

CORSHAM TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting held on 26/03/2018

Present: Roger Fido (RF), Christine Bastow (CBw), Maggie Rayner (MR), Jane Gater (JG), Felicity Hurlow-Jones (FHJ), Mark Campbell (MC), Nigel Millward (NM)

Apologies: Maurice Hancock (MH), Maggie Smith (MS), Keith Stephens (KS), Matt Wingrave (MW), Susan Wingrave (SW), Christine Taylor (CT)

Election of Vice-Chairman: CBw proposed JG to continue as Vice-Chairman, seconded by NM. No other nominations were received and JG was elected.

Minutes of Meeting 5th February 2018: Agreed.

Matters Arising from previous meetings:

- RF had received a response from Corsham School saying they had other links in place and did not want to pursue an exchange with Jargeau.
- No response received from Community First re possible grant. Corsham Town Council has given CTA £100 grant which has been put towards disco lighting.
- RF welcomed MC as CTA's new Treasurer and recorded our thanks to MW for all his hard work and support.
- MH had proposed Charles Boyle be made a life member of CTA and this had been endorsed at the AGM. RF had informed CBo and had received a lovely letter from him expressing his thanks.
- MH had requested clarification of his role as President - review at next meeting

2018 Events Programme:

- Sat 10th February at 7.30pm: AGM at Cricket Club followed by skittles. AGM was well-attended and skittles was popular.
- Sat 17th March, 7pm for 7.30pm: French meal. An excellent evening with £300 profit. Many thanks to JG, MS and FH-J for their efforts which were much appreciated.
- April: no event
- Sat May 5th - Tues May 8th: Jargeau's visit to Corsham – **see below**
- Sunday 3rd June: Car Treasure Hunt. 6pm start and finish at Newlands Rd car park. Buffet booked at Corsham Club at 8/9pm. £10 entry charge including buffet
- Sat 14th July: BBQ at Wingraves'.
- August: Boules. **Action: RF to book court for a Saturday evening**
- Sun 23rd September: Joint concert with band. Possible cream tea.
- Sat 20th October: Wine tasting. **Action: RF to book Cricket Club**
- Sat 17th November: Race Night at Corsham Club.
- December: no event

5th – 8th May 2018: Jargeau visit to Corsham

- 46 people are coming, 44 on coach and 2 by car. 41 adults and 5 children
- Pre-arrival meeting booked for 26th April, 7.30 at Corsham Club

Saturday 5th May

- French to arrive around midday. Coach to be parked at Leafield Logistics
- Evening reception 8pm at Town Hall. Expect about 100 people.

- MC and NM offered to help set out chairs and tables. Drinks and snacks to be served after the speeches
- Mr and Mrs Harris-Stokes to provide wine. CTA has glasses. JG to co-ordinate light snacks provided by members
- RF to advise Carole to keep speeches short! Clare has offered to translate speeches by RF and Corsham Mayor
- Gifts: we have asked for wine for our wine-tasting event. French have asked for items they can sell on a stall at Jargeau fair. RF has purchased selection of items with Union Jack motif, cost around £80.

Sunday 6th May

- 10am: Joint Committee meeting at Town Hall. Main item for Agenda is 2019 visit. Propose leave Corsham Thurs 9th May, arrive Jargeau Fri 10th, return Mon 13th
- Corsham Youth Council want to be involved in Twinning events and suggested a Treasure Hunt in town centre Sun am. Junior Trophy to be presented to winners. Will need to be overseen. **Action: RF to prepare clues and arrange translation**
- Band concert at 2.30pm in Town Hall with refreshments. **PMN: Ann Fido will buy tea, biscuits etc. Helpers required.**
- Evening dinner at Corsham School: Hall available for preparations from 5pm. **Action: JG to organise table decorations and menu cards – latter to include thanks to Corsham Town Council for grant.**
- Choir that Rob Cannings belongs to will perform from 7.30 as guests arrive
- Meal at 8pm. JG has organized 3-course meal with the same caterers we used in 2016.
- MC to help RF with buying wine and beer
- Raffle to be held after meal. About a dozen good-quality prizes required. FH-J, CBW and MR to sell tickets at £1
- Disco to follow
- Helpers required to clear up at 1130
- **Action: RF to send reminder to non-hosts to ask whether they want to attend the dinner, and to remind those who haven't yet paid**

Monday 7th May

- Day out on coach to Oxford. Leave Leafield 9am. Pascale has been booked as guide. Hosts to provide picnic unless lunch out preferred. Mark & Jane Campbell to accompany. Due back in Corsham at 5pm.
- Evening: Henderson trophy (skittles) at Football Club. **PMN: RF has informed Carole of rules for "Killer"**

Tuesday 8th May

- Depart

Treasurer's report

Balance: £5835.32

Any Other Business

None

Date of next meeting: Monday 23rd April 2018 at 7.30pm at the Corsham Club