



CORSHAM TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting 23rd November 2012

Present at the meeting: Charles Boyle, Neil Carrigan, Jo Reeves, Maurice Hancock, Roger Fido, Maggie & John Rayner, Millie Carter, Margaret Smith, Matt & Susan Wingrave, Margaret Mills, Chris Riley, Rob Cannings, Christine Taylor, Christine Bastow, Nigel Millward, Sally Fletcher, Jane & Richard Gater, Jim Ball, Graham & Cynthia Canfield, Keith Stephens, Elaine Marston, Peter & Felicity Hurlow-Jones, Alison Warren.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Carole & Ian Brain, Roger Clifton, John & Joan McIver, Elizabeth Millward, Margaret Astell, Humphrey Barnikel, Elizabeth & Humphrey Barnikel, Isabel Boyle, Jane & Mark Campbell, Lindon Collins.

2. Chairman's welcome

As Carole Brain was unable to attend the meeting, Charles Boyle, Vice-Chairman, took the chair and welcomed everyone to the 32nd AGM of the Corsham Twinning Association.

3. Approval/amendments of minutes of AGM 2011:

Subject to correcting the spelling of "Barnikel", the minutes from the meeting on 18th November 2011 were approved, proposed by Margaret Mills and seconded by Millie Carter.

4. Vice-Chairman's address:

Charles Boyle's report was as follows:

"First of all, further apologies from Carole. She is very sorry that she is unable to be present tonight. Indeed Carole has found this year that pressure of work has made it hard for her to do the job of Chairman as she would have liked to do. Carole, therefore, has decided to stand down as Chairman, though she is keen to remain on the committee. I will come back to that under Item 7 on the Agenda.

Again, this year we had a variety of activities; some were very well supported – the Quiz Night in January and the talk by John Coppins in September. Others less so – the Wine Tasting in March, the Boules Competition in July and the Skittles Evening; though those attending did enjoy the events. We also had an excellent BBQ and a talk on the Fire Service.

One event did not take place, the Market Morning. Ian Brain asked at our last AGM for more support for this event. Your Committee undertook a review of the



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tasks necessary to ensure its success and concluded that the effort was not worth the return. The Committee, therefore, decided not to proceed. Whilst it cannot direct your future committee, unless this AGM says otherwise, it is not planned in the proposed programme for next year. As to the Twinning Visit; this was a great success even without a grant. Thanks are particularly due to Roger Fido and, of course, to those of you who hosted.

Finally I would like to thank all the Committee for their hard work over the past year and particularly Carole for her two years as Chairman."

5. Matters arising:

a. Roger Fido (Treasurer) endorsed the Vice-Chairman's comments with regard to the Market Morning and confirmed it was not intended to hold the market in 2012.

6. Financial report

Roger Fido presented this year's accounts, which had been audited. The closing balance was £5263.72. The following points were made:

- The meeting thanked Liz Millward for her efforts in running the French class.
- Jo Reeves had mailed details about the French conversation group to members. Although this had not been taken up, the meeting agreed it was worth re-visiting. **Action: JR to mail all members with details.**
- Fifty children from Jargeau had a most successful visit to Corsham in June 2012, organised by Regis School with assistance from the CTA and the Civic Society.
- The EU grant from 2011 was around £400 less than expected due to changes in the exchange rate.

Graham Canfield proposed to accept the accounts and Neil Carrigan seconded.

7. Election of Officers and Committee

The election for members of the committee was as follows:

Chairman: As indicated in the Vice Chairman's address, Carole Brain had decided to stand down as Chairman, but was keen to remain on the Committee. The Committee proposed Roger Fido as Chairman, seconded by Chris Riley. No other nominations were received and Roger Fido was elected.

Secretary: The Committee proposed Jo Reeves to continue as Secretary, seconded by Margaret Mills. No other nominations were received and Jo Reeves was elected.



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Treasurer: The Committee proposed Matt Wingrave as Treasurer to replace Roger Fido, seconded by Neil Carrigan. No other nominations were received and Matt Wingrave was elected.

Committee members: Charles Boyle said the Committee would agree other roles (eg Vice Chairman) at its next meeting. The constitution allowed up to 15 Committee members. All 12 current members wished to continue. Millie Carter proposed Margaret Smith, seconded by Maurice Hancock, and this was agreed.

Post meeting note: Felicity Hurlow-Jones, Margaret Smith and Jane Gater were also interested in joining the Committee.

8. AOB

- The proposed events programme for the coming year will be published by Jo Reeves. Comments/suggestions for future events were welcome.
- Maurice Hancock was congratulated on winning the trophy for the 2011 Boules Competition with his team "The Three Wise Men".
- Roger Fido spoke about the trip to Jargeau in 2013. It was intended to limit numbers to around 70, and he was confident that costs could be kept to around £140 per adult and £95 for children, even without the EU grant.
- Chris Riley proposed a vote of thanks to Carole Brain for her work as Chairman over the past two years. Millie Carter seconded and this was agreed.
- Maurice Hancock, CTA President, thanked the Committee for its work, in particular for ensuring the success of Jargeau's visit to Corsham. Charles Boyle asked members to send any him or Jo Reeves any photos of the visit for the website. Elaine Marston said the Youth Twinning Council meetings had gone well, and gifts had been exchanged. Corsham had retained the Henderson Trophy for the skittles competition, and Jargeau had won the Junior competition (Christmas tree decorating). Roger Fido showed the meeting Jargeau's gift to Regis School, a large map of France.

9. Date of next AGM

Friday 22nd November 2013 at 7.30pm, venue to be confirmed.