

CORSHAM TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting held on 7/12/2015

1. **Present:** Roger Fido (RF), Matt Wingrave (MW), Sue Wingrave (SW), Maggie Rayner (MR), Christine Taylor (CT), Keith Stephens (KS), Jane Gater (JG), Joy Wingrave (JW), Christine Bastow (CBw), Felicity Hurlow-Jones (FHJ), Nigel Millward (NM)

2. **Apologies:** Maurice Hancock (MH), Charles Boyle (CBo), Margaret Smith (MS), Rob Cannings (RC)

3. **Minutes of 9th November 2015 meeting** - Agreed.

4. **Matters Arising from 9th November meeting and AGM:**

- a. **Website:** Jonathan Fido has taken over from Lindon Collins as webmaster.
- b. **Gift:** RF and SW had presented tents (gift from Jargeau) to Sea Scouts who were grateful for them. Opportunity taken to encourage Scouts' and their parents' interest in Twinning and possible future youth exchange. There is no Scout troupe in Jargeau but Wingraves will follow up potential contacts with Henri.
- c. **Box Twinning:** RF had forwarded copy of our Constitution and Charter of Friendship to Box for info.
- d. **Twinning "Success Stories":** following up suggestion at AGM, RF asked members to contribute "Success Stories" eg where friendships had continued and family contacts had been maintained over many years, so that these could be put on the website. **Action: SW to include in next note to members.**
- e. **"Corsham TV":** RF, JG and MR had taken part in an interview with Corsham TV, based in Hartham Park, to explain what Twinning is about and our activities. Also recorded a Christmas message in French and English. Will be available to view on www.corshamtv.tv

5. **2015/16 events programme:**

- Sat 28th November at Cricket Club: Flower Arranging demonstration. An enjoyable evening with small profit from raffle. Committee thanked CBw for proposing this event and Margaret Shewing for her demonstration.
- Sat 16th January 2016: 7.30pm for 8pm: Quiz night at Cricket Club. Cost £10 per head including fish & chip supper, £5 for Quiz only. MW to collect payments on the night, CBw and FH-J to run raffle, all requested to bring raffle prizes
- Sun 14th Feb: 3pm: Band Concert at Town Hall, with raffle. Proceeds to be shared 50/50 between CTA and Band.
- Sat 12th March: Skittles at Cricket Club
- Sat 16th April: French meal at Gastard Village Hall
- Sat 21st May: Boules competition
- Sat 25th June: Wine tasting at RF's
- Sat 16th July: BBQ at Wingraves'
- September: to be decided
- 28th Oct - 1st Nov: French visit
- 18th November: AGM

Programme for visit to Corsham Fri 28th Oct – Tues 1st Nov 2016:

Fri 28th Oct: depart Jargeau

Sat 29th Oct: 5pm: arrive Corsham after visit en route. Evening reception

Sun 30th: 9.30am: Joint Committee meeting. 11.15am Church service for those who wish to attend. pm: Henderson trophy. Evening: dinner at Springfield Centre.

Mon 31st Oct: day out on coach

Tues 1st Nov: 9am: Return to Jargeau

Points arising:

- RF has written to Methuen Trust requesting grant - **ongoing**
- SW has e-mailed Area Board re possible grant - **await response**
- JW suggested possible grant from local Youth Network - **Action: JW to obtain application form**
- Due to unavailability of Town Hall and Springfield Centre to host events, RF and JG had investigated Corsham School which was available for Sat evening and Sunday at cost of £450. Committee agreed we should book it
- JG had contacted 3 caterers to quote for evening dinner. Best option was £22 per head plus £3 allowance per head for wine.
- RF to ask Ian Brain if he could provide a bar. **Action: RF**
- Suggestion for Trophy was on theme of “School Games”
- Entertainment for Sunday evening: suggestions include Cliff Gater’s trio, Beetle Drive, Ad Hoc drama company. 35th anniversary cake was possible.
- RF said Jonathan F had offered to run disco at Town Hall on Mon evening, no charge, BYO drinks and food
- Investigate possible trip to Cheddar/Wells on the Monday
- Committee to review situation once financial position is confirmed

6. Treasurer’s Report: The revised balance is £5053.90.

7. AOB:

- FH-J will distribute Twinning leaflets to local shops in the New Year
- SW distributed claim forms and application forms to committee members
- As this was first Committee meeting after AGM, members were to elect the following: Vice Chair: JG was willing to stand, proposed by RF and seconded by FH-J. JG was duly elected. Minute Secretary: MR was willing to stand, proposed by SW and seconded by JG. MR was duly elected.
- CBw proposed we should ask local businesses and shops to provide raffle prizes prior to Jargeau’s visit to Corsham in October

8. Next Meeting: Monday 4th January 2016, 7.30pm at the Corsham Club.