

HAILSHAM AND DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION
COMMITTEE MEETING 25/2/09

Apologies – Andy Joyce

Present – Paul, Pauline, John P. John W, Terry Hall (Hailsham Town Council), Gary, Sharon, Keith, Paula, Liz, Ian

Matters Arising From Previous Minutes

The Grenadier and the Countryman Café are both happy to become “twinning friendly” venues. They are happy to have a visitors book and a notice board.

Car Stickers – this has not been followed up yet

Social Evening and Quiz – now to be held at the Hailsham Town Council Office as Grenadier do not have the upstairs room available. Pauline confirmed that she had e mailed members and also posted out some invitations too. She had asked for contact from those attending for catering numbers.

Hosting for St Claire Trip - John W confirmed he had been in touch with Renee and John P also said that he had spoken to him on the recent trip made to France.

Some concern over numbers requiring hosting. However, the young people from Square One will have the offer of accommodation in the Scout House building or can camp if preferred. Need to contact Morris Men to confirm numbers and to find out if some of them have contact with individual families for hosting and obtain the names of the host families they will be using. Pauline will do this.

Website – it was confirmed that the Clubs and Societies who appear on website have been contacted and informed that their details will be removed after April. However, if they still want to be included on the website then they need to make a financial contribution for this. It was agreed that a reminder concerning this should be sent out to them at the end of March. The person offering French lessons may be helping with translations etc so she may be able to do this for the Association instead of a financial contribution. Terry confirmed that there was already a disclaimer on the website with regard to the Association not actually being responsible for recommending the various advertisees.

Trip to Gournay – Paul confirmed that this was successful and that the expenses for the trip were £100 (boat £90 and £10 towards fuel costs).

Family/Individual Exchanges – Gournay concerned that some people are contacting our Association direct through our website to set up exchanges. We have agreed to add to our website that any French or English people requiring host families etc should make contact with their own Associations first. It was also agreed that the next newspaper article will ask for possible host families to contact the Association.

Market Stall – The original company identified for purchase of this item no longer sell the pop-up version. Liz has sourced a slightly larger version from another company at the cost of approximately £200. All agreed that the Association should purchase this item.

Recent Gournay Trip – John P had produced a report on his and Paul’s visit and read through this. Overall it was felt that the trip was successful .

Square Café accommodation – John P to speak to Andy to inform him of the accommodation available for the young people for the St Claire Trip. Andy will need to organise his own trip for risk assessments and will need to confirm accommodation arrangements.

Gournay Young People Visit – Ian and Liz agreed to talk to Andy and to also contact HCC and Leisure Centre to source accommodation for young people from Gournay for visit 8th July. This accommodation will need to provide toilet and shower facilities and, ideally, food. It was suggested that the Association may be able to arrange one or two evenings of food etc for them.

Regarding individuals wishing to arrange accommodation for exchange visit for their 2 children – Liz/John P will contact Kim Wiggins and Leslie Farmer at HCC.

Social Evening/Quiz- it was agreed that a ploughmans meal will be provided – catering for 25 people unless Pauline receives replies from more than this number. Paula will arrange food with help from John P and Gary for room arrangements. A raffle will be held at this event and each member agreed to donate a raffle prize. Sharon will organise the raffle. It will also be made clear that a donation from each person attending would be much appreciated – it is hoped enough will be raised to cover costs. John will organise the quiz. Liz to organise wine and fruit juices.

Newsletter – Paul to organise this and it will include details of recent visit, photos, news items of future exchanges etc

Future Fundraising – It was agreed that each social event will include some fundraising too – raffle etc. However, there will be separate fund raising events too. Jon W said that the Quintens area is fully booked for most of this year and it was suggested that we book a date for some time in the future to run a tombola.

John W also to book a date at Tescos for running a tombola too.

Pauline suggested that a tombola could be run at the Country Fair stall in June.

Keith will be looking at future fundraising ideas too. It was suggested that a Summer BBQ be arranged and held at the TC Offices, possibly a Harvest Supper too.

Any Other Business –none

Next Meeting – 3rd April at 7.00 pm