

Minutes of the Witney & District Twinning Association Committee Meeting on Wednesday 6th June 2018

Present: Eleonore Bruyere, Tony Perkins, Margit Kail, Mark Pengelly, Mike Breakell, Chris Woodward, Andy Wolf, John Thornton,

Apologies: None

Rally Le Touquet to Witney:

Eleonore showed the committee the gift she purchased for the organisers of the Vintage Car Rallye, which is a statue of a "vintage" car and inform the cake she ordered for the welcoming ceremony, as it will be a good photo opportunity.

Mike showed the committee the welcome goodie-bag for the participant, consisting of a poster, mug, pen and pad with Cotswold advertising materials.

The guests Kate and Bernard will stay with June Taylor and Francine will stay with Eleonore. Margit will get in touch with Unterhaching to check for any last minute availability as the membership has made a couple of additional rooms available during this time. Margit has shared a response to her enquiry, in which Unterhaching Twinning Association has declined the offer with thanks.

18th June - Welcome Meet & Greet

The welcome of the participants will begin about 16:30 onwards. The committee will check from what time the Gallery Meeting Room will be available to the Twinning Association. John Will write to the Town Council.

Eleonore has ordered scones for the occasion to go with the Afternoon Tea the Twinning Association will be providing. Drinks will be juices and Prosecco as a welcome refreshment.

sandwiches will be split between John and Jana along with Margit and Mark. (5 loaves per couple to be made into sandwiches. Ingredients still to be confirmed.

The event is likely to last until 7pm, after which there is a possibility of seeing the Morris Dances perform at the Church Cafe at 7.30pm.

19th June - Cafe Rouge

The Dinner at Cafe Rouge is to start at 7.30pm at which about 80 people are expected to attend. Andy will need to know by the 11th June what people's meal choices will be and John will get in touch with the membership one more time to confirm.

Prior to this there will be a lunch at Blenheim Palace (not organised by Twinning) and as there is insufficient time for a trip to Oxford, there is a possibility of visiting Wood Green School Choir for a performance., alternatively a tour of the Blanket Hall.

20th June - Barn Dance

Margit has volunteered to be at the door to sell tickets, Andy will assist at the bar and Mark made himself available to help everywhere he is needed.

Tickets are available through Rapture costing £10 and 100 tickets are expected to be sold. Food has been ordered for the Barn Dance. Proceeds of money raised will go to Special Effects.

Mike will be writing a letter that Chris will be distributing to businesses local to Witney to ask for raffle gifts and has already written to Robert Courts MP to donate a bottle Parliament Whiskey, which in the meantime has been confirmed.

John will get in touch with Wychwood brewery to ask for donation to the raffle.

The Barn Dance advert has been published in the Witney Gazette. The newspaper has also indicated they will be attending the welcome and the Barn Dance to report on these events.

The meeting closed at 7:15pm.

Minutes prepared and written by John Thornton, 9th June 2018