

Minutes of the Witney & District Twinning Association Committee Meeting on Thursday 26th April 2018

Present: Eleonore Bruyere, Tony Perkins, Margit Kail, Mark Pengelly, Andy Wolf, John Thornton,

Apologies: Mike Breakell, Chris Woodward,

Rally Le Touquet to Witney: The committee ran through the agenda detailed here and will be published to the Twinning membership and furthermore to the Rotary membership through Andy.

18th June: Participants will arrive from about 4:30pm onwards. Both Andy and John will be available sooner to help set up the Gallery meeting room in the Corn Exchange. We will serve soft-drinks and nibble plus a cheese platter and a glass of prosecco or brute (champagne) as a welcome to guests and participants. The participants will then continue to Eynsham Hall where they will be spending the nights during their stay in Witney. Welcome pack available from the WODC & Tourist Office. Further goodie bag organised by Mike is to be confirmed.

19th June: The participants will travel to Blenheim Palace where they will have lunch. From there they will drive to Witney and park their cars on Market Square and take a coach to Oxford. We discussed the possibility of a guided tour, but will be depending on price and time available. They will return to Witney and park at Marriots car park by 6:30pm to attend the dinner at Cafe Rouge. The dinner will be a 3 course meal with a drink for £23.95. John will send an invitation to the membership to see who will join and take food choices ahead of time and Andy will get in touch with the Rotary to invite their membership with perhaps 40-50 attendees.

Leslie Morris and Keith will provide music along with an accordionist. The total cost for this will be £250, however Andy is checking if the Cafe Rouge will be able to absorb the entertainment cost. David Lloyd from Rotary would like to call this a Social Event and maybe even be fancy dress (tbc).

20th June: The participants will have their own activities throughout the day and will return to Witney by 7pm to attend the Barndance. The event will cost £10 to enter and will be sold through Rapture (tbc) along with at the door. Margit has volunteered to be stationed at the door on the evening and sell tickets to last minute attendees and will fold and mix the raffle tickets after they have been sold.. Andy will go to a variety of local businesses to get prizes for the raffle along with discussing seeing at the best solutions for the buffet, whether it would be through Sainsbury's, platters or even through Pizza Express. A bus might be hired for £175 to shuttle the participants to and from Eynsham Hall and the Barndance.

- The membership has volunteer 4 beds to host the French guest from Le Touquet, whilst we are quite certain that none from Unterhaching will be able to attend due to their own events near this time.
- John will create the agenda and take all meal bookings and continue to look for more volunteers to help at the different events.
- Mark will examine the website of the Car Rally and update our own website.

Unterhaching's Anniversary with Le Vesinet: John will still confirm with Chris if he is interested in attending the event in Unterhaching and we will hear back from the Town Hall soon if the newly elected Mayor will be visiting Unterhaching for this occasion.

The meeting closed at 7:15pm.

Minutes prepared and written by John Thornton, 28th April 2018