

Helston & District Town Twinning Association
Minutes of the general meeting,
held on 08/01/2019

Present: Ruth and Martin Bywaters, Phil Hanman, Shirley and Neil Bassett, Anne Muller, Anne Tryhorn, John Osborne, Martin and Heather Maylam.

Apologies: Giuliana Hanman and Mike Thomas

Minutes of the last meeting held on 13/11/2018 were read and proposed as a true record by Heather and seconded by Martin M.

Matters arising from these minutes:

Ruth had given the carved tree gift to John Boase, who was going to ask Chris Dawson to add it to the gifts in the cabinet, however she had not had any confirmation of this.

Ruth had not followed up the contact details of the folk band from Sasso due to recent circumstances, however she would try and follow this up.

Shirley had spoken to Clive King, the MD of the Helston Youth Jazz Orchestra, who has shown a keen interest in visiting Sasso. Ruth would advise Maura and ask if the ONDA Marconi youth band would be interested in an exchange.

It was agreed to hold a social evening at Henlys and after receiving a revised menu to include more steak options, Ruth would email it out...the 6th of February was agreed for this event, with an alternative date of 6th March if necessary.

It has not been established when the Plougasnou group were planning to hold a quiz night, however this was not likely to be mid week, so would not clash with our plans.

Ruth suggested that if more social activities were going to be arranged, that we could have a social secretary, Ruth proposed John O, and Shirley seconded this.

Ruth offered to continue to arrange the meal for the 6 Feb, as she had all the details.

A list of names interested in visiting Sasso was confirmed, however Phil explained that Giuliana wasn't sure about visiting this year.

Giuliana had also suggested via Phil that we adopt an alternate year arrangement for visiting. This was decided to be impractical because people could miss out over a 4 year period and this may put people off getting involved.

As the tartufesta is held over two weekends, it was agreed that the period 30 Oct – 6 Nov would be the best option, because prices would be higher during the half term week.

The list of host families was also confirmed, Phil added to this list with the offer of hosting one visitor.

These lists are as follows:

Those with an interest in visiting sasso in 2019 included:

The Osborne Family
Phil and Giuliana Hanman ?
Laura Hesketh
Ruth and Martin Bywaters
John and Nicki Boase
Anne Muller
Anne Tryhorne

Those offering accommodation in Helston in May 2019 included:

Ruth and Martin Bywaters 4 (sharing 2+2)
Shirley and Neil Bassett 1
Anne Muller 1
Anne Tryhorne 1 possibly
Osborne Family 2 or more
Phil and Giuliana Hanman 1

The treasurer's report was read out and Martin explained the breakdown of the profit and expenses for the Christmas fund raiser. This was by far a better result than the previous year and a full breakdown is available on request.

The program for the Italian Delegation's visit in May was then discussed. Dates were suggested for 5-12 May, these will need to be confirmed.

Martin Maylam offered to speak with Trevaskis Farm to arrange a half day tour followed by a meal. Dinner was preferred to Lunch, to enable those working to join in. Ruth asked Martin to liaise with John O on arranging this.

Flora Day would be held on 8 May and Anne Muller suggested a guided tour of Hayle on another day.

It might be necessary to find an interpreter for the tour of Hayle.

Anne M suggested visiting Trelowarren, to see the fogou, walk the woods, visit the galleries and have lunch in the bistro restaurant.

Ruth suggested that plenty of time was allocated for visitors to relax and enjoy family life as well as their surroundings, these visits are too often spent rushing around.

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Ruth had asked how everyone had found the new website, some has not visited it, however many had downloaded the documents easily. Phil suggested that it need more content. This is something to develop.

The meeting closed at 20:00

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 12 March 2019, at 7pm in The Guildhall.

The bottle raffle was won by Phil.