

COMBERTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the 4th Annual General Meeting held on
Thursday 20th May 2004 in the Village Hall.

Committee Members present

Malcolm Wright (Chairman)	Brian McCabe
Ivan Brown (Secretary)	Ann Webb
Peter Mitton (Treasurer)	

Members present

Brenda Brown	Janet McCabe
Harry Browne	Barbara Mitton
Derek & Mary Catlin	Colin Morison
Betty Cole	Denis & Shirley O'Mulloy
Brian & Margaret Cook	Jane Wakelin
Paula Hollick	Chris Westgarth
Chris Lincoln	

Apologies for Absence

John Gresham	Isabel Tate
Andrew Hollick	Steve Webb
Ken & Mavis Jackson	Bob & Rosemary Whelan
Sally Maynard	Mike Winney
Deon & Ingrid van Rooyen	Nerys Wright

Min 1: Minutes of 3rd AGM held on 4th June 2003

Apologies for absence received from Ken & Mavis Jackson had been omitted. With this correction the Minutes were accepted as a true record.

Min 2: Matters arising from previous Minutes

Min 2/5: Some form of compensation for members hosting large French families has been discussed by the Committee, but is considered to be too complex an issue to resolve fairly. It was agreed to leave matters as they stand.

Min 8: The Committee has also discussed possible ways of relieving the time pressure on hosts and visitors during our biannual exchanges but, again, there seems no easy solution as many members cannot leave Comberton until 16.00 on Fridays and must return by Sunday evenings. It was agreed that no action should be taken on this issue.

Min 3: Chairman's report

A copy of this is attached.

Min 4: Secretary's report

Ivan Brown reported that our membership is down to 61 this year; 48 adults and 13 children. More families need to be recruited because Ann Webb has had great difficulty in placing our visitors for their recent visit.

Members were requested to keep the Secretary up to date on the information presented in our Membership List, particularly e-mail addresses.

Ivan Brown announced his retirement from the Committee after serving as Secretary for 5 years. Malcolm Wright thanked him for his support and presented him with tokens of appreciation from the Association; a book on Provencal country towns, 2

CDs of French café songs and a bottle of wine.

Min 5: Treasurer's report

Peter Mitton's Statement of Account for 2003 was distributed to all members before the meeting. He explained the detailed items and reported that we currently had £1100 in the bank. There were no questions. Adoption of the annual Statement was proposed by Chris Westgarth, seconded by Paula Hollick and approved by all.

Min 6: Election of Committee Members

Members of the Committee were elected for a period of 4 years at last year's AGM, but replacements are now needed not only for Ivan Brown but also for Paul Hardy who had been a tower of strength, being responsible amongst other things for the design and printing of tickets, posters, fliers, etc. Brian McCabe was thanked for taking over some of this work. Mary Catlin has kindly agreed to take on the Secretary's job and her appointment was agreed with acclaim. Paula Hollick agreed to ask Deon van Rooyen if he would join the Committee.

Min 7: Recruitment of new Association Members

Larger numbers of families among the Valderoliens are making it increasingly difficult to place them during their visits to Comberton. Every member was requested to try to recruit someone, especially younger people with children. Residence in Comberton is not essential, although some connection with the village (say, via the College or schools) is desirable. Ann Webb reported that 2 families who had been involved with the Valderoliens' recent visit are considering joining. A CTA stand could be set up at Meridian School events. Chris Lincoln suggested a stand could also be included in events at Cambourne. Jane Wakelin suggested distributing fliers showing children at village events. Chris Westgarth offered to arrange printing of fliers at a preferential rate. Ann Webb suggested that CVC might join in more CTA activities now that they are twinned with Le Vaudreuil. Harry Browne wondered if the Post Office would act as a distribution centre for CTA publicity. Brian McCabe wondered if Toft Social Association would join us.

Min 8: Ideas for future social events

The Chairman reported that another boules match has been booked at the Three Horseshoes on 22nd August and another quiz arranged at CVC on 16th October. A visiting group of jazz musicians from Le Vaudreuil will be playing at Meridian School on 29th August. More details on these events will be distributed nearer the time.

Min 9: Any other business

Brenda Brown reported progress in co-ordinating the Cabaret items being performed jointly with the French during our visit to Le Vaudreuil in September. Sketches have been offered by Nerys & Malcolm (5 mins), Jane & Mike (5 mins), and Ivan (3 mins). A singalong of early 20th century music hall songs involving all our performers has been proposed as our closing item. An initial rehearsal of this will be held on 3rd June, 7.45 pm at 21 Swaynes Lane. Brenda will publicise this by e-mail and ask members to bring their diaries so that a performers' meeting can be arranged in September.

Min 10: Date of next meeting

It was agreed to hold the 2005 AGM in May, on a date to be announced later.

Malcolm Wright was thanked for organising the provision of wine which members enjoyed prior to starting the meeting.