**WORTHAM AND BURGATE TWINNING ASSOCIATION**

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**HELD ON TUESDAY 4TH FEBRUARY 2020**

**AT JACKY BRADLEY’S BARN IN WORTHAM**

1. Apologies for absence were received from Jacky Bradley, Netty and Hans Verkroost, Rob and Sue Bawden and Heather and Ian Hovey.
2. Minutes of the last meeting held in 2019 were approved. There were no matters arising.
3. Treasurer’s report

Copies of the accounts were circulated. Susan Wright reported that it had been a good year and that there was a balance of £4,500. It would cost £2,000 to £2,500 for the visit this year. Money had been raised by raffles at events and subscriptions from the 65 members. The Hédé market and the barbeque also raised funds. Suggestions for fund raising events were requested to keep the balance rolling. Susan proposed that the membership remained the same at £10 for single membership and £20 for a family.

4. Chairman’s report

Linda welcomed new members. She reported on the activities during the year which included a visit to the Wortham school where members ran games and a café It brought two new members. It has always been difficult to get families involved but we would keep trying.

In the spring we visited Starwings where we had a talk and a tasting with cheese and bread.

The Hédé visit at the end of May was a great success with excellent weather and activities.

Linda pointed out that members did not have to stay with families but could opt for B & B if they preferred, still joining in with activities. Members just had to pay for their travel costs as everything else was paid for by the French. Further details had been put in the newsletter.

We had a summer barbeque at Andy and Linda’s.

Andy and Linda visited Badbergen as part of their twinning trip with Hédé members.

The link would remain informal.

Linda thanked members for their contributions to the newsletter.

Vicky and Tim had held a bat evening which was fascinating for the children. She hoped that they might do another outdoor event.

In the autumn Pam Gurhy gave a cookery demonstration which was very popular.

The christmas market in France was attended by 6 members. Linda thanked members for their contributions and to Chrissy and Mike for their generous donations of the little mice. It is the way that Hédé jumelage raise their money for the year so it is important to attend.

Linda pointed out that any member could go if they would like to.

The Christmas social at Nick and Frances’ house was well attended and great fun.

She thanked them both for hosting and providing the quizzes. She also thanked Vicky for organising the making of the wreaths with the children.

Linda talked about the social calendar for 2020. It is good to have a year’s events organised.

She asked for ideas from members.

She agreed with Susan that finances were healthy this year.

Linda thanked the committee. Lynn Clark was standing down but would continue with the French classes. Katherine Hughes was standing down. She will continue to help with school liaison. Vicky would also help with liaising with the school. Judith was standing down as secretary after 4 years and Linda thanked her and presented her with a lovely bunch of flowers and a gift token.

5. Election of committee.

Lynn and Katherine were standing down.

Heather Hovey had agreed to be part of the committee.

Nicky Miller would take over as secretary.

Linda would remain as chairman for another year.

Susan Wright was happy to continue as Treasurer.

Other committee members were Joy Cornish, Pam and Gerry Gurhy, Chris Grocott, Chrissy Odams, Vicky Tustian and Judith Phillip.

The committee were voted for as above en masse. Nominated by Andy Simpson, seconded by Isobel Hunter.

Linda invited any person interested in being on the committee to speak to her.

It was agreed that membership should remain the same as last year at £10 and £20.

6. Visit to Wortham in July.

Numbers were not known at present but members were asked if they could indicate if they would be willing to host. It was not obligatory and members could be involved with the visit without hosting.

Camping was suggested if not enough beds.

Linda was happy to lead the sub committee involved with organising the visit.

She asked for volunteers to help. So far, Gerry and Heather had agreed to help.

She said that anyone could volunteer to help, not just the committee.

7. Social calendar 2020.

Linda asked members for ideas for events. A film night and a music event were suggested.

Also, something for younger members.

8. Any other business.

Isobel thanked the committee and Linda as chairman for their hard work.

The meeting closed and a wine tasting session and quiz were then enjoyed.