

Minutes of FTTA Management Committee Meeting held at 4 New Creek Road, Faversham at
5.00 p.m. on Thursday, 18th May, 2023

1. Present : Clarissa H, Trevor B, Richard S, Stephen C, Margaret A, Eileen A
Minutes : Christine F

Apologies : The Mayor Cllr Trevor Martin, Catherine B-C, Julian S

2. Matters Arising:
 - a) French School to link with Eastling. After various requests by Catherine Matthieu finally replied last week that matters were in hand but he requested the (3rd) re-sending of the Eastling video . Catherine is very sorry not to have got further with this project, but it is not for want of trying.
 - b) Invitation to Bridge Opening. This is expected and the date is 9th June. It is suggested that up to 6 people attend.
These are likely to be : Stephen and Catherine, Trevor Abram and his daughter Jen, and possibly Margaret Abrams if she is fit enough.
 - c) U3A. Both French group leaders (Mike and Linda) are doing their best to encourage people to become involved with FTTA. It was suggested that they might consider planning an event and extend an invitation to FTTA members.
 - d) The Faversham Cycling Group (leader Colin Rushton) will cycle to Hazebrouck on Wednesday, 28th June. Last time they visited hospitality was offered. Catherine contacted Matthieu and Xavier Platteau to inform them of the trip to ask for some sort of official welcome when they arrive. No response as yet.
Catherine to follow this up when in Hazebrouck on 9th June.
 - e) Faversham Society published Stephen's article and were positive about the provision of leaflets. Stephen wrote a letter to Hazebrouck to request reciprocation of leaflets but no reply as yet. He also spoke to Simon Moore Faversham's new Scouting Commissioner – the Scouts have access to many facilities locally. Seeds have been sown but nothing further to report at present.
3. Clarissa had attended a meeting of the Faversham Society regarding Open Faversham (8 days in August – 12th to 20th) when the Chairman, Harold Goodwin, wants to show what Faversham has to offer – a replacement for the now defunct Open Houses event (Open Gardens continues as usual). It was suggested that FTTA might participate by holding a boules tournament – for both adults and children. The Market Inn and The Bull were identified as possible pubs. The Open Faversham poster will be published on 19th June.
**Trevor B and Stephen offered to investigate the options.
Stephen will attend the Open Faversham meeting in the Guildhall on 25th May at 7.30 pm.**
4. Treasurer's Report Richard reported on the sad death of Anita Walker, a long time supporter, and former Mayor of Faversham. She is remembered with affection. There are currently 31 paid up members with 21 of last year's members due to renew and a further 6 who paid their subs in the previous financial year. Last year's membership was 55. Our current bank balance is £4,109.68. Income has been £260 from subscriptions, £28 from the lottery, and donations of £24. This makes the total income for the year £312.
Margaret will provide Clarissa with notes on Anita's association with FTTA.

5. Future Events a) the monthly gathering at Castellás has been successful although it has been too noisy to hold any 'formal' discussion.

Clarissa to canvas the popularity of these events, and whether they should continue monthly through the summer.

Richard will remind members that the next gathering is scheduled for 31st May.

b) Bastille Day – Friday, 14th July. An event is provisionally booked with Eric. It was suggested that there might be tables outside – Eric to be asked if this is possible and if so whether we need any further permissions. In addition to food produced by Eric we could, perhaps, provide tarte tatin. It was suggested that a short talk on the Bastille be given and we might try to find an accordion player to add jollity to the occasion. A flyer should be produced by 1st June.

Clarissa to confer with Eric over food and other arrangements.

Margaret to see if her son-in-law would talk briefly, no more than 10 minutes, on the history of the day.

Richard to produce Bastille type flyer by 1st June.

Everyone to seek an accordion player!

c) Dejeuner sur l'herbe. The suggested date is Saturday, 9th September in Resham's garden.

Clarissa to confirm that this is a suitable date with Resham.

d) It was suggested that we might be able to explore more French films. Maybe these would be popular in the winter months and various venues were suggested. In addition we would keep in touch with Faversham Film Society to see if they will include further French films in their programme.

Trevor to follow this up.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.00 p.m. No date was made for the next meeting.