

## THE FRENCH CONNECTION

Minutes of committee meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 6.00 pm at 5 Lawders Orchard, Wroughton

**Present:** Annabel Scott, Janet Walters, Frank Finn, Anthony Hancock

1. **Apologies:** Colville Greaves, John Adams
2. **Minutes of meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2019:** These were agreed. It was noted with regret that the Redhillbillies have cancelled their planned visit to VLB. AS undertook to ask JA to ensure that VLB had been informed
3. **Play-reading:** Discussion of this was postponed to the next meeting.
4. **Film evening:** It was confirmed that the Reading Room will be available on 6<sup>th</sup> February from 6.30 pm and that JA will bring and set up his projection equipment. The evening is due to start at 7.00 pm for 7.30. FF handed to AH the DVD of the film.

**ACTION:** JW to obtain wine and glasses and to check with JA if she needs to bring our screen. JW to arrange to collect contributions to the cost of refreshments AS to provide fruit juices, crisps etc. AH to man the door and take entry money.

5. **Speaker evening:** AS has had confirmation for the speaker for 3<sup>rd</sup> April. He is Nigel Thompson and will speak on the French engineers Marc Brunel and Gustav Eiffel. The speaker's fee will be £35 + 15 p per mile (from near Tewkesbury).

**ACTION:** AS to arrange venue in Winscombe and to let AH know as soon as possible. AH to publicise in Wroughton Journal and newsletter.

### **6. Any other business:**

- AS has been in contact with Phil Parker who is working on a project to organise a 'rally' to visit VLB for the World Cup soccer match on 12<sup>th</sup> October. Phil Parker will attend the next committee meeting at which a plan can be drawn up and publicity organised for the event.
- FF reported that the website had been visited, since its inception, by 20 'unique' visitors, with an overall number of 34 visits.
- There was a discussion of possible further events. AH said there had been some enthusiasm expressed for another French opera film evening. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

7. **Date of next meeting:** 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 6.00 pm at 14 Yeoman's Orchard.