



Meeting at the Sportsman 6.30 pm Wednesday 21st November

1. **Welcome:** Kevin opened the meeting half an hour early, as most people had arrived at 5 o'clock to meet our producers. Important financial items would be saved for when Fred arrived.

Apologies had been sent from Catharyn and Richard.

The minutes to the previous meeting were approved.

2. Progress and updates on the Jum'Regal.

Andrew had prepared a spreadsheet for the visit, showing the people going, produce and prices, as well as an itinerary for the weekend.

*Andrew reported that all students were now coming, including the Syrian girl, whose documentation was being processed by the Home Office. The female member of staff had now been sorted.

*Payment from the NPTC had still not arrived in the bank. We need now to have this money via bank transfer, not a cheque at this late stage.

It was decided that Fred should pay the final funds to Mike Owen, should the payment not have appeared by Thursday lunchtime. We also need to pay La Louisièrre for the student accommodation in Les Herbiers, as they will not accept our students without it.

Paul had been in touch with Bar Lili in La Rochelle to enquire about reserving spaces for the Sunday trip to the town. A 16 euro three course lunch was available and we now need to put numbers together to make a booking.

The proprietor is going to be asked if a cheaper lunch option could be made available to the students, who will find 16 euros expensive.

The German visitors have shown an interest in joining us on the trip.

*On Monday, 26th of November, we shall be meeting the students at the college. They will receive the French rules and regulations translated into English, to prepare them for the Christmas Market. At the market, they will wear 'hoodies', bought by the college.

They will also have the chance to meet last year's college students, which will be good for next year's visit. [The French Erasmus students, who came in February, will come and meet us at the market.]

There will be some flexibility for our college students, who will be able to take time off from the market and socialise with French students for a couple of hours.

*Mike Owen has confirmed that we now have a 34 seater for our trip, saving us £300.

There is some confusion over the rest time for the driver on the first day, which conflicts with what was agreed with Mike Owen originally. The driver would like to stay with a host family. It may be possible to leave the coach parked at La Louisièrre, which would be a bonus.

Andrew will speak to Mike the day after the meeting, to discuss the driver's hours and our final payment.

We shall be putting in an order for hooded shirts from the sports shop in Newtown, five of which will be purchased for the committee and the rest will be for sale at the market in LH.

Cheryl and Alwena have purchased the shawls, hats and pinnies for our costumes. Cheryl also has everything else that she has under her control, well in hand.

*Committee members will take responsibility for the checking of the products they have been negotiating with the producers. They will then be in charge of selling them in France.

Students will sell the student produce and share responsibility with committee members for other sales. These will be allocated on Monday. Kevin will supervise the students to sell some of the merchandise.

The float provided by the French will be split seven ways, across the divisions of produce. Kevin will be in charge of the money.

Those producers slow to confirm details of products and prices will be contacted by Paul and Andrew.

Ghislane will be visiting the market on Saturday, which means we can buy wine from him there, rather than on Sunday in La Rochelle.

We shall be allocated one long set of tables. Kevin will draw up a plan of how they can be divided up, to allow certain products to be grouped together and for easy access from front to back.

*Liz will contact the County Times and the Shropshire Star to request their presence on Thursday, as we leave.

Hopefully, we can use some of the media student's material in post trip publicity.

Kate thanked Andrew for all his hard work in preparing for the trip, seconded by everyone.

The date for the next meeting will be decided after the trip.

