

# ASHBY-PITHIVIERS TWINNING ASSOCIATION

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## A FABULOUS EVENING WITH LOLA LAMOUR!

What a fantastic time we had of it when, on Saturday 12th March we indulged in the nostalgia of the 40s and 50s with the celebrated *Lola Lamour*.

The setting was Packington Memorial Hall and the concert was a sell-out, thanks to the efforts of our secretary Joan Inchley and her

team. We are now regular customers for this venue, which was always attractive but since the revamp has proved itself ideal for our major events and

the evening was made even more pleasurable by the provision of a meal, which helped promote the impression of an old-fashioned music hall or cabaret.

Lola, herself, was everything we had hoped!



Those of us who had enjoyed her performance when we first saw her at the National Memorial Arboretum felt fully justified in engaging her services for a wider audience of members, friends and the public at large.

Her repertoire evoked fond memories of days gone by and the opportunity to join in the singing was taken with great gusto! The participation she invited from members of the audience went

down particularly well - even if it may have, in some cases, somewhat reduced the overall standard of performance!

Lola proved herself a great entertainer and ensured an evening of great pleasure for us all as well as contributing significantly to Association funds.

### Can You Host a Young Pithiverien?

Once again, this year, we are hoping to offer to a young man from Pithiviers the opportunity of work experience and the chance to improve his English by staying with a family here for about a month in the July/August period. He is 19 years of age and interested in golf, tennis, the theatre, reading and cooking. There is also the opportunity of a reciprocal visit from a young member of the hosting family. If anyone is able to offer accommodation during this period would they please contact Geoff Cort on (01530) 413770.

### 2011 FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**Saturday, 30th April:**

**Sunday 22nd May:**

**Thurs 16th-Tues 21st June:**

**Saturday 16th July:**

**August:**

**September:**

**Saturday, 22nd October:**

**Wednesday, 9th November:**

**December:**

“Royal Osgot” Garden Party (*See back page*)

Treasure Hunt (*See back page*)

Visit to Pithiviers

Bastille Day Event, The Belper Arms, Newton Burgoland

Croquet Taster Evening, Moira Miners Welfare

Family Event (Details to be announced)

Biennial Dinner, The Royal Hotel

Annual General Meeting, The Royal Hotel

Christmas Walk and Lunch (Details to be announced)

Last year our friends from the Coalville Twinning helped us out considerably by joining our association and hosting members of the large party that we were pleased to welcome for our 50th anniversary. This year they, too, are celebrating their Golden Anniversary in Romans and are anxious to send as large a party as possible over there. So they ask if any Ashby members would be interested in joining them and below we give details of the planned visit. Contact Carl Read.

## **JOIN THE ADULT EXCHANGE TO ROMANS 2011**

**By coach £310  
20-29 AUGUST 2011  
(21-28 August in Romans)**

**We would like as many people as possible to go  
to Romans this year and to receive guests in  
Coalville in 2012 for our  
50th Anniversary year.**

### **NEW MEMBERS WELCOME**

**Do you know anyone who might like to join the  
Association and the Exchanges ?  
Ask your friends !!  
Tel 01530 836700**

This year we will be travelling by coach so we will leave Coalville on Saturday 20 August and stay over night at a hotel near Paris before travelling down to Romans the following day. We will also have an overnight stay on the return journey. This is included in the cost (£310 per person in a double room).

### **A Successful Beetle Drive**

**Saturday 19th February saw another very successful and agreeable evening in the form of our second recent Beetle Drive.** A group of about 20 of us attended at The Cottage in Ashby in a highly competitive attempt to attach as many body parts as possible to the eponymous Beetle in order to win the much sought-after prize of the bottle of Pithiviers wine. After much moving in all directions the accolade was finally achieved by one of our newer members, Gill Read. Congratulations to her!



An excellent buffet supper was provided by Joan, Carole and friends and wine helped everything to go with a swing. Thanks are also due to Les for organising and executing the competitive part of the evening and to everyone who helped and took part. A good time was had by all.



## THE 2011 TRIP TO PITHIVIERS

This year's visit to Pithiviers from Thursday 16th to Tuesday 21st June begins well! We are already up to 46: 42 in the coach and 4 travelling independently. In addition it is hoped that the new Ashby Mayor (and partner?) or, at least, a representative will be joining us for this 50th celebration in France.

All of this, of course, inevitably leads to a substantial reduction in the estimated costs, which now should not be more than £85 each - and probably less! The balance to be paid will be advised by the end of May, when payment will be due.

We now have the detailed programme for the visit:

**Thursday 16 June 2011** : Arrival and welcome by the families

**Friday 17 June:** Departure for Paris 8:30. Visit to the Centre Pompidou from 11:00 to 12:30. Lunch « chez Françoise – Brasserie 100 m from the National Assembly. 15:20 – Visit to the National Assembly. Return to Pithiviers around 19:00.

**Saturday 18 June** : Get together for the English, their host families and friends at 10:30 in front of the Town Hall. Departure of the parade with la Grouz Banda, playing at the market then parading through the streets of the town. Vin d' honneur given by the Municipality. Showing of two short films (signature of the charter at Ashby-de-la-Zouch 18 June 1960 and at Pithiviers 18 June 1961, this latter signature definitively establishing the Twinning.) – Speeches by the mayors of Pithiviers and Ashby de la Zouch. Return to host families.

**Sunday 19 June:** Mass 10:30. 12:30 Country Buffet, organised by the twinning at the Parc de Bellecour, Pithiviers with entertainment by the band: "Celt'HIC". Speeches by the Twinning Chairmen (Pithiviers and Ashby-de-la-Zouch). Games: "It's a Knockout" (For the cup carried away by the French last year in Ashby!). Return to hosting families.

**Monday 20 June:** Departure at 8:30 – visit to the Château de Guèdelon (89) being constructed by volunteers using original construction methods. Lunch at an inn at the Réservoir du Bourdon. Return via Briare sur Loire – Stopover at the port – A welcome at the Saint Hubert hostelry for a drink and pastry. Return to Pithiviers around 19:00

**Tuesday 21 June:** Departure for Ashby.

## THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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### Committee Members:

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Peter Meadows	Elaine Shaw	Anne Thompson	Peter Thompson
Bill Pratt (Honorary President)	Jim Johnstone (Town Council Representative)		

## YOUR ASSOCIATION—YOUR NEWSLETTER



This is your Association and we are keen to ensure you all participate as much as you wish. Not everyone has the time or inclination to join the Executive Committee but you may still have views or ideas that can contribute to our continuing success. You can contact any one of the officers or committee members listed above or drop a line to the newsletter. We welcome your contribution to it. Write to The Editor, c/o 27, Burton Road, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Leics., LE65 2LF or e-mail: [ptva@talktalk.net](mailto:ptva@talktalk.net). The next Newsletter will be published in May so please send your contribution by Monday 23rd May, latest. Thanks and look forward to hearing from you!



## The Association Website

The website is regularly updated, so those with Internet access can enjoy early news of activities and forthcoming events - even before they get into the newsletter! The latest newsletter can now be accessed and downloaded from the site. Hits on our site in February were 176 and for March will be around 177. The web address is:

[www.ashbydelazouchtwinning.co.uk](http://www.ashbydelazouchtwinning.co.uk)

## **“Royal Osgot” - Saturday 30th April.**

... a Garden Party for those who did not get an invitation to **the** wedding.

Venue: The home of Joan and Mike Inchley at 2, Ashby Road,  
Osgathorpe, Loughborough, Leics., LE12 9SR.

Time: 12 noon until 3.00 pm Price: £12 per head to include Champagne and canapés.

The occasion will also be celebrated with Crazy Races

Numbers are limited to 30 so please book early to avoid disappointment.



## **Treasure Hunt**

A treasure hunt as been arranged for **Sunday afternoon the 22nd May** by Joe Shaw to be followed by a buffet at the finish. The price is £10.00 each. Meet in the North Street car park at 3.00 pm. The winner will receive the usual Pithiviers bottle of wine and, of course, the enormous respect of fellow competitors. Please come along and bring a friend. Members who do not wish to take part, but would like to join “the hunters” for the buffet can do so. Joe will give details on booking.

### **“Royal Osgot” Booking Form**

Please book ☐ places for “Royal Osgot” at £12.00 each. I enclose cheque for £ \_\_\_\_\_.

Name: ..... Tel. Number: .....

E-mail address: .....

Please cut out and return with cheque made payable to “*Ashby Pithiviers Association*” to Joan Inchley, 2, Ashby Road, Osgathorpe, Loughborough, Leics., LE12 9SR. by **Wednesday 27th April.**

### **Treasure Hunt Booking Form**

Please book ☐ places for the Treasure Hunt at £10.00 each. I enclose cheque for £ \_\_\_\_\_.

Name: ..... Tel. Number: .....

E-mail address: .....

**Please Choose Option : Treasure hunt by car**

Please cut out and return with cheque made payable to “*Ashby Pithiviers Association*” to Joe Shaw, 35, Upper Packington Road, Ashby de-la Zouch, LE65 1ED by **Wednesday 18th May.**