

ASHBY-PITHIVIERS TWINNING ASSOCIATION

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SEPTEMBER

JOAN CRANE

With much regret we announce the death on 10th August of Joan Crane, one of the last remaining founder members of the Association, who had served as an officer for many years. She and husband, Arthur have been frequent visitors to Pithiviers and hosts to French visitors at home. They were well-known and popular in Pithiviers and she will be greatly missed by all her friends on both sides of the Channel. We extend our deep and sincere condolences to Arthur and family in this sad loss.

FRANCIS PIN

We regret to announce the death in early August of an old friend from the Pithiviers Twinning Association, Francis Pin, who with wife, Simone, visited us on numerous occasions over the years and entertained us during visits to Pithiviers. Ernest good company he will be sadly missed. We did, however, have the opportunity of seeing his cheery face one last time at the twinning lunch in Pithiviers in June. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Simone and all the family.

CROQUET TASTER EVENING

Once again we passed a splendid evening on Wednesday 17th August with Ashby Croquet Club and at a buffet afterwards at the Moira Miners' Welfare.



This year we had an exceptionally good turnout of 23 members starting play at 18.30 and going through to 20.00 when we retired to eat.

With so many players we split into some six groups, playing short games and exchanging partners frequently to

help get everyone into the game. For the several newcomers it

was a novel and entertaining experience and for those of us who are regular attendees it helped re-ignite the pleasures of yesteryear and lubricate some rusty "skills".

At the end of play we moved to the Miners' Welfare Club to enjoy the most welcome buffet that had been prepared for us and talk over the evenings activities. Everyone had a good time and even the weather was kind to us providing a warm and pleasant evening's exercise for all.



Ride or Walk to Picnic

Sunday 4th September saw yet another successful trial of a new event for us. A picnic was held in the garden of the home of Joan and Mike Inchley after participants had taken a walk or a cycle ride around the local area to work up an appetite. The event was well-attended by over twenty members and the weather - which had appeared threatening at first - was especially kind to us. Elaine Shaw with Pat and Geoff Cort were the only cyclists and took advantage of the nearby Cloud Trail to spend a pleasurable hour and a half "in the saddle". Whilst a rather larger number took the ramble on foot around the local footpaths before everyone returned to "Chateau Inchley" for a first class picnic with a fine collection of both savouries and sweets, washed down with something more reminiscent of France! A great time was had by all and thanks are due to Joan, Mike and helpers for a wonderful "end of summer" evening among friends.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Friday 21st October:

Wednesday 9th November:

Friday 18th November:

Wednesday 8th December:

21st-26th, June 2012:

Biennial Dinner at the Bay Tree, Melbourne. (*Booking form, herewith*)

AGM at venue to be announced in Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

Santa at Sunnyside Garden Centre, Ibstock. (*Booking form, herewith*)

Christmas Walk and Lunch. (*Booking form, herewith*)

Visit from Pithiviers. (*Dates changed at the request of the Pithiviers association*)

Biennial Dinner: Friday 21st October at 7 pm.

This year the biennial dinner will be held at the Bay Tree restaurant in Melbourne. Although the price is £27.50 each this restaurant has a very high reputation as you may see from the gourmet menu, attached. Please return the booking form on the back page to Joan Inchley **no later than 14th October.**

MENU

a demitasse of home made soup

to start

thinly sliced Loch Duart long cut smoked Scottish salmon garnished with pink grapefruit segments and tossed garden leaves

or

duck and chicken liver parfait garnished with marinated black cherries in Cointreau
crispy toasts

or

butternut squash risotto with
a sprinkling of toasted pine nuts and a parmesan crisp
....ideal for vegetarians

Main Course

poached Loch Duart Scottish salmon with champ
escalope Loch Duart Scottish salmon seasoned and lightly poached: presented
with champ potatoes **or**

roasted loin of 'Packington pig' complemented by an apple compote and a grain
mustard cream sauce

Packington pig is a rare outdoor breed from Staffordshire and totally free range **or**

pepper chicken breast with vignarola
a taste of Italy – breast of corn-fed chicken, lightly peppered presented with a
beautiful mixture of fresh vegetables and pancetta finished with a little chicken
stock **or**

vegetarian dish.....

portabella mushroom with a twice baked cheese soufflé garnished with marinated
vegetables

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fresh vegetables and potatoes of the day

Sweet Destiny

cheese plate

featuring a selection of wonderful English and 'soft' continental
cheeses: accompanied by crisp celery sticks, French bread or
savoury biscuits

or

fresh 'late crop' strawberries 'drizzled' with Crème de Fraises
des Bois and topped with double cream
oh! so simple!

or

bay tree icky sticky toffee pudding and vanilla ice cream
a warm pudding smothered in delicious toffee sauce :
complemented by vanilla ice cream

or

lemon, lemon, orange.....
lemon posset with a lemon sorbet served with a finger of home
made orange cake

coffee and cream
home made chocolates

Santa at Sunnyside - Friday 18th November

An event not to be missed!! - A great opportunity to see Santa fly in at Sunnyside Garden Centre, Ibstock + a two course hot meal with a glass of wine in the Daffodil Cafe + the chance to do some Christmas gift shopping after closing time. Tickets, adults and children, £10 per person. Children up to the age of 12 get a gift from Santa. Open to all the family so don't miss the chance to bring along the children and the grandchildren – the more the merrier!

You can view Santa flying in by going to You Tube and putting in Santa at Sunnyside although I suspect this does not do the event justice. By all accounts even the adults go 'Wow'. Please return the booking form on back page to Joan Inchley **no later than 11th November.**

Christmas Walk & Lunch —Wednesday 7th December

Bookings can now be made for the ever popular Christmas Walk & Lunch. Peter Wilkinson is organising the walk and details may be obtained from him on 01530 - 414689. The cost of the lunch, as usual at the Mount Pleasant, Repton is £7.75 each. It will begin at 12.15. Booking form on page 5. Cheques should be made payable to Ashby-Pithiviers Association and sent to Joe Shaw **no later than 30th November.** This event is always well subscribed so book early to avoid disappointment.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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| Chairman | Geoff Cort | Tel: 413770 | e-mail: ptva@talktalk.net |
| Vice-Chairman | Bruce Mitchell | Tel: 413600 | e-mail: beastfife@aol.com |
| Secretary | Joan Inchley | Tel: 224494 | e-mail: joan.inchley@talktalk.net |
| Treasurer | Peter Wilkinson | Tel: 414689 | e-mail: ptwilk@talktalk.net |
| Membership Sec. | Nita Pratt | Tel: 412544 | e-mail: BILL1920NITA@aol.com |

Committee Members:

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|---------------------------------|---|---------------|----------------|
| Sandra Adkins | Les Aldrich | Barry Clarke | Sylvie Gough |
| Peter Meadows | Elaine Shaw | Anne Thompson | Peter Thompson |
| Bill Pratt (Honorary President) | Mary Tuckey (Town Council Representative) | | |

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING CONVENING NOTICE

The Annual General Meeting of the Association will take place, at **19.30 on Wednesday 9th November at a venue in Ashby-de-la-Zouch to be announced**. This newsletter is the convening notice for the AGM, with timetable for nominations and submission of proposals and constitutional amendments. Minutes of the last AGM are below. Copies of the Charter and current Constitution are available on request or on the Association's website. Postal votes are available in the case of contested elections but only fully paid-up members will be eligible to vote.

As membership subscriptions were due on 1st September, all members should ensure they have paid to protect their voting rights. A further application form is included on page 5.

A G E N D A

- 1) Apologies
- 2) Minutes of 2010 AGM (herewith)
- 3) Matters Arising from the Minutes
- 4) Chairman's Report
- 5) Treasurer's Report
- 6) Appointment of Auditor
- 7) Membership Secretary's Report
- 8) a) Proposed Constitutional Amendments
b) Any Other Proposals
- 9) Annual Subscription Rate

- 10) Election of Officers and Committee for 2011/2012
- 11) Any other relevant Business.

A G M TIMETABLE

- 1) All nominations, proposals and amendments (duly proposed and seconded) to be received no later than **19th October, 2011**.
- 2) **26th October, 2011** Circulate all members with nominations (advising details of postal vote), proposals and amendments.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Officers

Chairman Vice-Chairman
Secretary Treasurer
Membership Secretary

Executive Committee Members

Up to 10 members (in addition to the 5 officers listed, left) may be elected to the Executive Committee. Current officers and Executive Committee members are eligible for re-election if they so wish. (See above for current members).

A nomination form appears on page 2 of this newsletter. Nominations, duly proposed and seconded, after obtaining the agreement of the nominee, must be received by 19th October, 2011. Those received thereafter will be invalid unless there are vacant posts or Executive Committee memberships, in which case they may be received up to and including the evening of the meeting. In this case nominees will be elected on the basis of first nominated and no election will take place. In the case of contested elections, ballot papers will be available at the AGM. Details of voting entitlement are in the Constitution, a copy of which is available on request and on the Association website: ashbydelazouchtwinning.co.uk. Fully paid-up members unable to attend the meeting may have a postal vote which must be in the Chairman's possession by the start of the AGM. Postal votes are not allowed for proposed Constitutional amendments or any other proposals as debate on these may lead to amendments on the evening to which absent members would not be privy.

MINUTES of Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday November 9th 2010

at The Royal Hotel, Ashby at 7.30 p.m.

1 Present: Joan Inchley Geoff Cort Bill & Mary Sherwood Sandra & David Adkins Gill & Carl Read Peter Wilkinson Joe & Colleen Shaw Nita & Bill Pratt Bruce Mitchell Elaine Shaw Kirsty Cort Sylvie Gough Ann Thompson Les Aldrich Wally Instrall

2 Apologies: Mike Inchley Carole & Keith Youles Winnie & Peter Meadows Kay Gosling Marilyn & Julian Baker Joan Robson Pat Maltby Peter Thompson Marilyn Aldrich

3 Minutes of last meeting: proposed by Joan Inchley seconded by Joe Shaw & carried

4 Matters arising: None

5 Chairman's report: Geoff Cort paid tribute to the Committee and others who had made the visit in June such a success. He also paid tribute to all those on both sides of the Association who sadly have died during the course of the year.

6 Treasurer's report: Bill Sherwood presented a statement of accounts. A question was raised about lack of costs reported for admin. Geoff Cort asked all who incurred costs on behalf of the Association to claim those expenses or declare them as a donation to Association funds. The report was proposed by Elaine Shaw, seconded by Ann Thompson and carried.

7 Appointment of Auditor: Bill Sherwood reported that Mr C. Hutchinson was prepared to act as auditor again. He was proposed by Bill Sherwood, seconded by Joe Shaw and carried.

8 Membership Report: Joan Inchley reported that the present membership stands at 26 family, 16 single, 4 honorary and 1 group. We have 3 new family subscribers and 2 singles. Full report was attached.

9 Constitutional amendment: Geoff Cort submitted an amendment on behalf of the Executive Committee as follow;

"5. Governing Body and Officers

(a) The officers of the Association

Insert after "The elected officers of the Association shall be a Chairman, Vice- Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Secretary, all of whom shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting" the following sentence: "In the event of no nomination being received for Membership Secretary, this role shall be combined with that of Secretary of the Association"

He explained this would help make Committee meetings quorate when members sometimes were unable to attend. The amendment was proposed by Geoff Cort, seconded by Sylvie Gough and carried unanimously.

10 Subscription Rate: The present rate is £15 for Family membership, £15 for groups, £10 for single membership and £1 for juniors. Bill Sherwood proposed that no change to this rate was required this year. This was seconded by Kirsty Cort and carried unanimously.

11 Election of Officers: Geoff Cort vacated the Chair and Bill Pratt, Honorary president, took the Chair. He thanked Geoff Cort for another splendid year of leadership and this was echoed from the floor. Bill announced that no election was needed for the officers as they were elected unopposed as follows;

Chairman Geoff Cort : Vice-Chairman: Bruce Mitchell : Secretary Joan Inchley : Treasurer Peter Wilkinson : Membership Secretary : Nita Pratt. Other members of the Executive committee are Barry Clarke, Kirsty Cort, Sylvie Gough, Elaine Shaw, Ann Thompson, Peter Thompson. As there were vacancies remaining on the committee Sandra Adkins was proposed by Joan Inchley and seconded by Ann Thompson. Peter Meadows was proposed by Bill Sherwood and seconded by Joe Shaw and both of these were carried unanimously.

12 Any Other Business: Colleen Shaw commented on the lack of publicity over the 50th Anniversary celebrations for the Association during the year. Geoff Cort responded by saying that that this was not for the want of trying by the Committee. Press releases had gone out on numerous occasions, a display of 50 years of Twinning had been placed in the library, a window dressing competition had been held in the town as well as posters advertising various events had shown our 50th anniversary logo. However, the only press coverage we got was on purely political grounds when the press were informed of our not being given and financial support especially in our Anniversary year. Wally Instrall commented on the poor access to the French Books in the library. Les Aldrich was thanked for the 2010-2011 membership cards which he had designed and printed. A letter of thanks will be sent to the Royal Hotel for the use of the room FOC for this meeting

The next Executive meeting to be held on Tuesday December 14th 2010 at the Ivanhoe Club. The meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

NOMINATION FORM FOR OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

| <u>Post:</u> | <u>Incumbent:</u> | <u>Nomination:</u> | <u>Proposer:</u> | <u>Seconder:</u> |
|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Chairman | Geoff Cort | | | |
| Vice-Chairman | Bruce Mitchell* | | | |
| Secretary | Joan Inchley * | | | |
| Treasurer | Peter Wilkinson* | | | |
| Membership Secretary | Nita Pratt | | | |
| Committee Member | | | | |
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*** Indicated willingness to stand again.**

This nomination form must be received by **Joan Inchley**, 2, Ashby Road, Osgathorpe, Loughborough, Leics., LE12 9SR by **19th October**. Additional nominations, proposals and constitutional amendments, on a separate sheet, must be received by the same date. All Nominees must have agreed to stand and they, their proposers and seconders must be fully paid-up members.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

I/We enclose membership subscription for the year 1st September, 2011 to 31st August, 2012.

Please indicate which subscription category applies to you. (See Constitution clause 3).

☐ Individual: £10.00
 ☐ Family: £15.00
 ☐ Group: £15.00
 ☐ Junior: £1.00

Name: **Address:**

..... **Post Code:**

Telephone Number: **E-mail address:**

Please cut out, fill in and return this form, soonest, together with appropriate cheque payable to *Ashby/Pithiviers Association* to Nita Pratt, 6, Rotherwood Drive, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Leics., LE65 2JD.


Please book ☐ places for the Christmas Lunch at £7.75 each. I enclose cheque for £

I will/will not* take part in the Walk. **Name:**

**Please delete as appropriate*

Tel. Number: **e-mail:**


Please cut out and return with cheque made payable to "*Ashby Pithiviers Association*" to **Joe Shaw**, 35, Upper Packington Road, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Leics., LE65 1ED by **30th November, latest.**

 Please book ☐ places for the Biennial Dinner at £27.50 each. I enclose cheque for £ _____.

☐ *Please tick if you want a vegetarian meal. Name:

Tel. Number: e-mail:

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 **14th October, latest**.

 Please book ☐ places for Santa at Sunnyside at £10.00 each. I enclose cheque for £ _____.

☐ *Please tick if you want a vegetarian meal. ☐ *Please indicate number of children under 12.

Name:

Tel. Number: e-mail:

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 **11th November, latest**.