



# ASHBY-PITHIVIERS TWINNING ASSOCIATION



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JULY

## Michael Inchley

We are very sad to report the death on 26th July of Mike Inchley, husband of Joan, our chairman.

As many of you will know, Mike had been seriously ill for some time, a fact that was much disguised by his ever cheerful disposition and openness. He had always been deeply involved in the legwork and backroom operations of the Twinning as well as loyally supporting Joan in her various roles and ensuring the smooth running of many a social and fundraising event. Mike was also an active member of Rotary and was recently elected president of his branch. He will be missed and remembered affectionately by his many friends and our heartfelt sympathy and condolence goes out to Joan and family at this sad time.

The well-attended funeral was on Thursday 2nd August at Bretby Crematorium.

## THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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### Committee Members:

Sandra Adkins Linda Brown Barry Clarke Geoff Cort Anne Donegan Peter Meadows Carl Read  
Ann Shilton Bill Pratt (Honorary President) Richard Bebbington (Town Council Representative)

## 2012 FORTHCOMING EVENTS

<b>Wednesday, 15th August:</b>	Croquet Taster Evening, Moira. ( <i>Contact Les Aldrich for late bookings</i> )
<b>Saturday, 8th September:</b>	Fancy Dress Party & BBQ chez Linda Brown. ( <i>Booking form on back page</i> )
<b>Saturday, 13th October:</b>	Evening chez Linda with a chocolatière ( <i>Booking form with September newsletter</i> )
<b>November:</b>	Annual General Meeting (Details to be announced) Santa at Sunnyside (Details to be announced)
<b>Wednesday, 5th December:</b>	Christmas Walk and Lunch ( <i>Booking form with September newsletter</i> )

Still time to book for the Croquet  
Taster evening on Wednesday  
15th August. Please contact Les  
Aldrich on (01530) 414448 or  
[ashbyplumbing@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ashbyplumbing@yahoo.co.uk).



### Carl Read Joins the Executive Committee.

At its July meeting the Executive committee voted unanimously to co-opt Carl Read as a full member. Carl has been a member of the Coalville twinning Association for many years and his experience will be a great asset to the committee.

## The Visit from Pithiviers - 21st - 26th June, 2012



Once again we were delighted to welcome a large delegation of 48 from Pithiviers. This year we themed the visit around the two major events taking place in our country, namely



the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the Olympic Games. On Friday we visited the Royal residence at Sandringham with lunch at the restaurant and had the pleasure of meeting old members, Mary and Bill Sherwood, who recently moved to the area.

On Saturday, after a free day with hosting families, we all assembled for a well-attended Twinning Dinner at



Sunnyside. This year we received the most welcome gift from our French partners of a large quantity of wine and after the speeches by the two new chairmen, Joan Inchley of Ashby and Chantal Cottin for Pithiviers, we were royally entertained by the Ashbeian Musical Theatre Group.

Sunday began with the church service,



this year for the first time at Our Lady of Lourdes RC Church. After lunch with host families the Civic Reception was held at the Leisure Centre in Hood Park with speeches given by, and an exchange of gifts between, our mayor, Cllr. Geraint Jones and

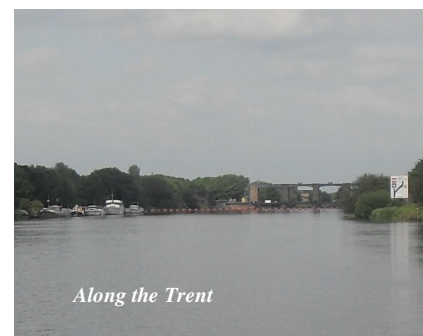


Pithiviers' deputy mayor, M. Decobert. This was followed by a range of games including cricket, darts and skittles to contribute to the scores for the (now) annual games trophy, which this year returned to Pithiviers. All French visitors and each Ashby hosting family then received a commemorative medal and we



enjoyed a splendid "cricket cream tea".

Pursuing the Olympic theme we visited Holme Pierrepont National



Water Sports Centre, also an Olympic training camp and then went to on board a river boat for a delightful cruise and lunch in excellent weather conditions.

The visit concluded very early on Tuesday morning with the departure of the French coach.

Well done to everyone who helped make the visit such a success!



### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Membership renewal is due from 1st September. We would much appreciate you signing up as soon as possible to aid administration. The rate, again, remains unchanged. There is a renewal form on the back page, to be sent with appropriate cheque payable to *Ashby/Pithiviers Association* to Les Aldrich.



# The Bastille Day Barbecue

Nearly 30 people took part on Saturday 14th July. This year we returned to our original venue at the Red Lion in Wilson, where the competition between 9 teams was fierce!

Peter Meadows took on the



*In full flight !*

daunting task of organising the event and the weather was particularly kind to us throughout the day.

At lunchtime we enjoyed a tasty barbecue before launching into the pétanque contest proper, which was

eventually won by a team of our Coalville-based members (who have yet to receive their prize of a bottle of wine, having been given



*The Scrutineer!*



*The Winners!*

only a token to match the honour of winning!).

Thanks to Peter and all those who helped and took part for making this another memorable occasion.

## Fancy Dress Barbecue Saturday 8th September.

Linda Brown is inviting us to a barbecue at her house, The Old Vicarage, 40, Main Street, Linton, DE12 6PZ. Fancy Dress is optional but would certainly enhance the fun and atmosphere of the evening. The start time will be 6.00 pm and it will go on until late! The price is a very reasonable £10.00. Please bring your own chairs and drinks. Book with Linda by **Tuesday 4th September** and let her know if you require a vegetarian option.

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

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

E-mail: .....

Please cut out and return with cheque made payable to "Ashby/Pithiviers Association" to Linda Brown, The Old Vicarage, 40, Main Street, Linton, DE12 6PZ (Tel: 01283 763506) by 4th September, latest.

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

I/We enclose membership subscription for the year 1st September, 2012 to 31st August, 2013. Please indicate which subscription category applies to you. (See Constitution clause 3).

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Individual: £10.00

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Family: £15.00

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Group: £15.00

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Junior: £1.00

Name: ..... Address: .....

Post Code: ..... Telephone Number: .....

E-mail address: .....

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