



# ASHBY-PITHIVIERS TWINNING ASSOCIATION



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## ARTHUR CRANE

We regret to announce the death of Arthur Crane, life member of the Association and, with his late wife, Joan, one of our founder members.

Arthur recently moved to the Croydon area to be nearer his daughters. He passed peacefully away in his sleep on Wednesday 26th September. A much respected member of the local community, he was a prominent solicitor and active member of several societies besides serving for several years as County Councillor. He had an encyclopaedic knowledge of local history and published a book on a notorious local aristocratic crime.

Son John commented "*Although he always deferred to my mother's superior 'Frenchness' and so rather uncharacteristically played second fiddle, my father was a committed and enthusiastic member of the Association from its inception.*

*The nice thing about my parents' involvement with the Twinning Association was that it was an activity that they did together although their approaches differed – my mother loved France and all things French, my father had lived through two world wars and as a result was a committed European. I would be grateful if you would pass on my thanks to the Association for all the pleasure and fellowship my parents enjoyed with the Association over so many years and my best wishes for the future.*"

The funeral will take place at midday on Monday 15th October at Swebstone church in the village where he and Joan had lived for many years after leaving Ashby.

He will be sadly missed and our thoughts and condolences are with his friends and family.

## GWEN PERRY

Gwen, a long-term member, died in hospital recently after a long illness. She survived her husband Tom by just five months. Both had played a very active role in hosting visitors from Pithiviers and several times participated in the return visit to Pithiviers

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING CONVENING NOTICE

The Annual General Meeting of the Association will take place, at **19.30 on Monday 19th November at a venue in Ashby-de-la-Zouch to be announced**. A separate convening notice is being issued by the Secretary. 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 the back page.

## 2012 FORTHCOMING EVENTS

<b>Saturday, 13th October:</b>	Evening with a chocolatière ( <i>Booking form on back page</i> )
<b>Monday, 19th November:</b>	Annual General Meeting ( <i>Details to be circulated separately</i> )
<b>Thursday, 22nd November:</b>	Santa at Sunnyside ( <i>Booking form on back page</i> )
<b>Wednesday, 5th December:</b>	Christmas Walk and Lunch ( <i>Booking form on back page</i> )

### Tony Green Joins the Executive Committee.

At its August meeting the Executive committee voted unanimously to co-opt Tony Green as a full member. With Tony's co-option the Executive, for the first time in many years, is only one short of its full quota.

## **CROQUET TASTER EVENING**

This regular event, this year held on Wednesday 15th August was exceptionally well attended by nearly thirty members. Bad weather had threatened the event all day but it stayed fine for us and the new drainage system, installed by Ashby Croquet Club last year, did the job and guaranteed a great



evening's play.

As usual it was followed by a congenial meal, this year a delicious supper of fish goujons and chip butties at the half way house Donisthorpe, a new venue for us. A good time was had by all so thanks to all who participated



## **THE BARBECUE**

There was a good turn-out on Saturday 8th September, when a group of us spent a very enjoyable evening in Linda's lovely garden in the village of Linton. After a week of uncharacteristically good weather this awful summer the



evening also proved to be fine and pleasant. The food was well cooked on the barbecue by Les and Barry-many thanks to them and to all who organised and took part in this enjoyable event.

## **A Chocolate Evening - Saturday 13th October**

An interesting evening and a new departure for us. We have invited a local chocolate maker and general expert to give us a demonstration of this seductive art. It will take place in the comfortable lounge area of Brown Court on the Westfields Estate, Ashby at 7 pm for a 7:30 pm start.

The cost is £7.50 to include a glass of wine and nibbles and there will be the opportunity to purchase chocolate.

Please return the booking form on back page to Les Aldrich **no later than 10th October**.

## **Santa at Sunnyside - Thursday 22nd November**

Returning by popular demand after last year's successful introduction at Sunnyside Garden Centre, Ibstock with a choice of hot supper and pudding, a glass of wine for adults and a gift from Santa for the children. There is also the opportunity to do some Christmas gift shopping after closing time.

Tickets: adults £10.50 and children £7.50. Open to all the family so don't miss the chance to bring along the children and grandchildren – the more the merrier!

Please return the booking form on back page to Joan Inchley **no later than 15th November**.

## **Christmas Walk & Lunch —Wednesday 5th 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 £9.00 each. It will begin at 12.15. Booking form on back page. 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.

Please book ☐ places for the chocolatière at £7.50 each. I enclose cheque for £ \_\_\_\_\_.

Name: .....

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

Please cut out and return with cheque made payable to *Ashby Pithiviers Association* to Les Aldrich, 6, Willesley Road, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Leics. **By 10th October latest.**

Please book ☐ adults at £10.50 each & ☐ children at £7.50 each for Santa at Sunnyside .

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 15th November, latest.**

Please book ☐ places for the Christmas Lunch at £9.00 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.**

**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).

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

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

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

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