



ASHBY-PITHIVIERS TWINNING ASSOCIATION



Newsletter No. 6, 2013

website: www.ashbydelazouchtwinning.co.uk

NOVEMBER

"OUR FLOSSIE"

On Saturday 19th October we enjoyed a spectacular evening at Packington Village Memorial Hall when we were entertained by "Our Flossie" who took us on a memorable musical trip down memory lane, where she deployed her considerable vocal and quick-change talents in reviving songs and performances of the 1950s, 60s and 70s to the great

gratification of an audience of over 70. The atmosphere was cordial and very receptive to the nostalgic journey, in which many of us were happy to join (even with an only rudimentary recollection of the words of the songs!).

The location, Packington Hall, as usual offered a congenial setting for a social

get-together as we chatted amicably at our tables and enjoyed an ample ploughman's supper both before and after the performance. The selection of cheese, paté, etc. washed down with a little something appropriate from the bar ensured a convivial ambience and was rounded off very nicely at the end of

the evening with an impressive selection of desserts.

Besides the obvious pleasure gained the evening raised a welcome addition to our funds for the visit of our French friends next year and a raffle with an excellent range

of prizes contributed admirably to this. So many thanks are due

to all those involved in the planning and organisation of this first-class evening from both the social and financial point of view.

As usual, there is a short video of the evening posted on the Association website.



"Our Flossie"



The Main Hall



... and Afters!



To all our
Members

The Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Association was held on Monday 18th November once more in the residents' lounge at Brown Court. Some 20 members attended.

Joan Inchley, the Chairman, reported the year's activities, highlighting the variety achieved. She thanked her fellow

officers and executive committee members for their support. Treasurer, Peter Wilkinson gave his report confirming the current generally healthy state of funds. It was proposed that the annual subscription rate next year would again remain unaltered.

Executive Committee

The election of officers and committee members for the next 12 months was uncontested and details appear on page 2 of this newsletter. All officers are in place and 9 out of the 10 committee members, leaving one vacancy.

The Future



A Friendly Chat

The coming year's activities are already being planned and, of course, it includes the biennial visit from Pithiviers in June, 2014.

A brief video of the AGM may be seen on the Association's website at:

www.ashbydelazouchtwinning.co.uk



The Chairman's Report

THE NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chairman	Joan Inchley	Tel: 224494	e-mail: joan.inchley@talktalk.net
Vice-Chairman	Geoff Cort	Tel: 413770	e-mail: ptva@talktalk.net
Secretary	Elaine Shaw	Tel: 564077	e-mail: ptva@hotmail.co.uk
Treasurer	Peter Wilkinson	Tel: 414689	e-mail: ptwilk@talktalk.net
Membership Sec.	Anne Donegan	Tel: 01283 760348	e-mail: adonegan@btinternet.com

Committee Members:

Sandra Adkins Linda Brown Barry Clarke Tony Green David Harris Peter Meadows Winnie Meadows
Carl Read Ann Shilton Bill Pratt (Honorary President)
Richard Bebbington (Town Council Rep.)

There is still one vacant place on the Executive Committee.
If you would like to become a member, please contact Joan or Elaine, above.



JEAN RICHARD - A Tribute from Joyce Weir

It is with great sadness that we have to inform you of the death of our good friend from Pithiviers on November 1st.

We first met his daughter, Nathalie, 30 years ago through Ian Shaw and the Youth Exchange and joined the Adult Exchange soon after, so we go back a long way. Our girls now have families of their own. We always stayed with Annie and Jean and they always stayed with us, as

they did the year before last but we have been unable to go to Pithiviers since 2009 and have missed the trips very much. Jean and Annie were fantastic hosts, as no doubt some of you will remember well. More than that, they were dear friends, almost family, we shared so many happy memories. He will be sadly missed but very fondly remembered.

Our love and prayers are with Annie and family at this difficult time.

Joyce and Archie Weir.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 11th January, 2014: Quiz Evening at Brown Court (*Booking form below*)
12th-17th June, 2014 Visit from Pithiviers

A full annual programme will be announced in the January newsletter.

QUIZ EVENING - Saturday 11th January, 2014

Yes, it's time for the return of the ever popular quiz evening to be held, again, at Brown Court at 19.00 for a 19.30 start. There will be a buffet supper but please bring your own drink and glass. A bottle of Pithiviers wine is the usual valued prize. The cost is £7.50. To book, please complete the form, below and send it to Joan as soon as possible but no later than **Monday, 6th January.**

Please book ☐ places for the Quiz Evening at £7.50 each. I enclose cheque for £ _____.

Name: Tel. Number:

Address:

E-mail address: Please tick if vegetarian food required: ☐

Please return with cheque payable to *Ashby/Pithiviers Association* to
Joan Inchley, 2, Ashby Road, Osgathorpe, Loughborough, LE12 9SR by 6th January.