



# ASHBY-PITHIVIERS TWINNING ASSOCIATION



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JANUARY

## Christmas Walk and Lunch



On December 4<sup>th</sup> a small number of our membership set off on a nice steady walk to stimulate the appetite for the, as usual, delicious festive lunch at The Mount Pleasant near to Repton. The less energetic joined after the walk and 40 of us sat down together for lunch. Peter Wilkinson led the walking party on a circular walk of about 3 miles taking about one hour. The weather was good, not too cold, with good views right across to the Toyota factory. It was good to see some of our more senior members at the lunch, they seemed to enjoy catching up with friends and a good time was had by all.



Our thanks to Peter for leading the walk and the Shaw family for arranging the food at The Mount Pleasant.

## The January Quiz

Saturday January 11<sup>th</sup> 2014 was the date to try to revive flagging brain cells in order to win the prestigious bottle of wine in the ever-popular quiz. Nearly 50 had booked in for this event but unfortunately the dreaded winter coughs and colds took their toll so a few people were missing, perhaps as well as the room was very full and suitably noisy and enthusiastically competitive. Elaine Shaw was responsible for setting the questions and Ann Donegan ably assisted Elaine as Quiz master. Food was provided by the usual suspects (Joan and Sandra) with lots of members making cakes for dessert. The evening concluded with Alan & Brenda Robinson and Pat & David Maltby being declared the winners but the Association was the biggest winner with the event making a healthy profit to help finance the forth-coming visit of our French visitors in June. Many thanks to all those who were involved in making this a very successful and enjoyable event.

## **THE 2014 VISIT FROM PITHIVIERS - (Thursday 12th to Tuesday 17th June)**

We are busy making preparations for the visit in June. Our friends will arrive, as usual on Thursday evening, after a stop en route in London at Westminster Abbey. Friday will be spent in the Peak District which is not too long a journey. At Buxton we will visit Poole's Cavern and Solomon's Temple and then move to Chatsworth House, where we will also have lunch. The Civic Reception will be held on the morning of Saturday, 14th. Details have yet to be finalised. The Twinning Dinner that evening will be a very informal affair as we have arranged a Barn Dance! This should be great fun since we can get speeches out of the way at the start of the evening then all of us can join in! Monday will be devoted to Richard III, with lunch at Woodlands, the garden centre near Hinckley and then we move on to the Bosworth Battle Centre. They will leave very early on Tuesday morning to return to Pithiviers.

Of course many of you already have a standing arrangement with your friends in Pithiviers but would you **please** contact Joan Inchley to confirm such arrangement or to advise that you are available to host or offer hospitality to other visitors using the form, on the back page. Many thanks.

## **2014 FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

<b>Wednesday, 12th March:</b>	Domaine Jones Talk ( <i>Booking Form on the back page</i> ).
<b>Sunday, 13th April:</b>	Easter Egg Hunt around Ashby.
<b>Saturday 10th May:</b>	Bluebell Walk.
<b>Thurs 12th-Tues 17th June:</b>	Visit from Pithiviers. ( <i>Hosting Form on the page back page</i> ).
<b>Saturday, 12th July:</b>	Bastille Day Pétanque.
<b>Wednesday, 6th August:</b>	Croquet Taster Evening.
<b>September:</b>	<i>To be arranged.</i>
<b>October:</b>	Beetle Drive.
<b>November:</b>	Annual General Meeting.
<b>December:</b>	Christmas Walk and Lunch.

## THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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### 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.**

## **Domaine Jones**

**Wednesday 12th March - 19.30 at The Museum, North Street, Ashby-de-la-Zouch**

On Wednesday March 12<sup>th</sup> Robert Jones will be speaking about his Daughter's vineyard in the Languedoc region of France. The talk will take place in the Ashby Museum at 7.30p.m. and will include a slide/photographic element to illustrate his talk and YES, we are going to sample the produce! The cost is £6 per head to include a small sample of Domaine Jones wine. The booking form, below, should be sent to Ann Shilton along with payment by Friday March 5<sup>th</sup>.



### Domaine Jones Talk

Please book  places for the talk at £6.00 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  
Ann Shilton, 16a, Lincoln Way, Midway, Nr. Swadlincote, Derbys., DE11 7LB. by **Friday 5th March.**



### HOSTING FOR OUR PITHIVIERS VISITORS

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

**Telephone:** ..... **e-mail address:** .....

(a) I/We have already made arrangements to host (visitors' name): .....

(b) I/We would like to host **YES/NO\*** I/We would prefer a **Single/Couple/Neither\***  
How would you rate your French? **Good/Adequate/Basic/None\***

(c) I/We are not able to host but would like to offer a meal to visitors on:  
**Friday Evening/Saturday Lunch/Sunday Lunch/Sunday Evening/Monday Evening\***

NB Availability of guests will depend on any programme their hosts may have arranged. \* delete as applicable

Please return **by end February**, to: Joan Inchley, 2, Ashby Road, Osgathorpe, Loughborough, Leics., LE12 9SR.