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MARCH

THE DOMAINE JONES TALK

On Wednesday evening, 12th March we had the pleasure of hearing a talk by long-time members, Robert and Elizabeth Jones on their daughter's vineyard in south-west France.

Around 15 members attended at the Ashby Museum in North Street where we were treated to a most informative and enjoyable tale of how Kate, their daughter, who had begun her contacts



with France through the Twinning's old Exchange Youth scheme. had first become involved in the French wine trade and then moved on to develop her own vinevard in the region of Perpignan.

Obviously a particular

highlight of the evening was the opportunity to taste the product, which proved a delight to the taste-buds: hardly surprising since the Domaine Jones wines have won prizes and high accolades from international experts in the field. For those



members interested but unable to come along information is available and orders may be placed through Robert Jones. E-mail admin@ashbydelazouchtwinning.co.uk for his contact details.

Many thanks to Robert and Elizabeth for a most entertaining evening, to Ann Shilton for organising the event and to all members who attended. A short video of this event is available on the Association website.

PETER THOMPSON

It is with deep regret that we must report the death, on Monday 3rd March after a long illness, of former Vice Chairman, Peter Thompson. Peter and wife, Ann, have been Twinning stalwarts for many years, both serving on the Executive Committee until recently. They were regular visitors to Pithiviers and also hosts, so they were well known on both sides of the Channel. Peter was actively involved in local politics, was twice mayor of Ashby and for many years he was an enthusiastic local scout leader. Sadly his illness had much reduced their involvement of late but he will be greatly missed by his many friends and acquaintances both here and in Pithiviers. The funeral was held at St. Helen's church on Monday 17th March. There were no flowers but donations should be made payable to "The Heart and Lung Foundation" and sent to Springthorpe's at Castle Lodge, South Street, Ashby LE65 1BR with details on the back of the cheque confirming it is in respect of Peter Thompson. We extend our deepest sympathy to Ann and family on their sad loss.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chairman Vice-Chairman Secretary Treasurer Membership Sec. Joan Inchley Tel: 224494 Geoff Cort Tel: 413770 Elaine Shaw Tel: 564077 Peter Wilkinson Tel: 414689 Anne Donegan

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Committee Members:

Sandra Adkins Linda Brown Barry Clarke Tony Green David Harris Peter Meadows Winnie Meadows Ann Shilton Bill Pratt (Honorary President) Richard Bebbington (Town Council Rep.) There are still two vacant places on the Executive Committee.

If you would like to become a member, please contact Joan or Elaine, above.

(Slightly after) Easter Egg Hunt - Sunday 27th April



15:00 beginning in Saint Helen's churchyard. The Easter Treasure Hunt will take place, starting in Saint Helen's churchyard. There will be an amble around the centre of Ashby, with clues for you to identify the answers and compete to win the prize!

The hunt will finish at the "Greens" house (**Braehead, Prior Park Lane, Ashby-de-la-Zouch**) at around 16.30. All competitors will then enjoy a splendid afternoon tea.

The cost is £6.00/head and the booking form, on the back page, should be sent to Tony Green along with payment by Tuesday 22nd April.

A Walk in the Bluebell Woods - Saturday 10th May.

Take advantage of the season to stroll through the Bluebell Woods close by the home of Gill and Carl Read in Whitwick, where you can also enjoy tea and scones all for the modest price of just ± 5.00 each. We will be setting off from 118, St. Bernards Road, Whitwick at 14:30 and hope to see you there! **Booking form on back page**.



DETAILS OF THE TRIPS AND SOCIAL EVENTS PLANNED FOR THE 2014 VISIT

There is a booking form for English members on the back page. The overall plan is, as follows:

Thursday 12th June, 2014

19:30 Pithiviers party arrive from London.

Friday 13th June, 2014

08:00 Leave Ashby for the journey to Buxton. Visit Pools Cavern (for a tour) in Buxton Country Park. **11:30** Leave Buxton for Chatsworth House and lunch of chicken and chocolate roulade followed by a tour of the house with a welcome meeting/ introductory talk. **16:30** Leave Chatsworth to go to Bakewell, where they are free to roam. On return to the coach they will receive a Bakewell Pudding.

Saturday 14th June, 2014

11.00 Civic Reception at Woodcote School (Moneyhill Estate) then free with families until17.30 to 22:30 Twinning Hog Roast/Barn Dance at Pool Farm, Melbourne. "Calling Time" band will provide live music.

Sunday 15th June, 2014

10.00 Optional Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes RC Church. Rest of the day free with host families.

Monday 16th June, 2014

10.00 Leave Ashby for Woodlands Garden and Shopping Centre (near Hinckley). Lunch of roast beef, apple crumble and custard. **14.30** Leave for Battle of Bosworth Visitor Centre for indoor and outside tour followed by afternoon tea or coffee.

Tuesday 17th June, 2014

06:00 Pithiviers party leave Ashby for the return journey.

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Sunday, 27th April:	Easter Egg Hunt around Ashby. (<i>Booking Form on the back page</i>).	ž		
Saturday 10th May:	Bluebell Walk. (Booking Form on the back page).	ž		
Thurs 12th-Tues 17th June:	Visit from Pithiviers.	÷.		
Saturday, 12th July:	Bastille Day Pétanque.	ž		
Wednesday, 6th August:	Croquet Taster Evening.			
Saturday 13th September:	Jazz Evening at Packington Memorial Hall.	~~~		
October:	Possible Beetle Drive.			
Monday 17th November:	Annual General Meeting.	xxxxx		
December:	Christmas Walk and Lunch.	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~		

2014 Visit Booking Form

Details of exact timings will be included in the May newsletter but because space for Ashby members may be limited hosts, as usual, will have priority and a concessionary price for all events. These prices are shown, below, in black, non-hosting members prices in red. Please return the completed form by <u>Monday 12th May</u>. Places will be allocated on a strictly first-come-first-served basis.

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		2014 Visit Booking Form				
	Please book	places for the Friday visit to Derbyshire @ $\pounds44.00/\pounds46.00$ each	=£ : .			
	Please book	places for the Saturday Twinning Dinner @ £20.00/£22.00 each	=£ : .			
	Please book	places for Monday Bosworth Trip@ £23.00/£25.00 each	=£ : .			
	I enclose a chequ	e made out to Ashby/Pithiviers Association for a total of	£:			
	<u>Name:</u>					
	Telephone:e-mail address:					
	Please return with cheque by Monday 12th May to Joan Inchley, 2, Ashby Road, Osgathorpe, Loughborough, Leics.,					
	<i>LE12 9SR</i> .					
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	I enclose cheque for £					
	Name:	Address:				
	Tel:	E-mail address:				
	Please cut out and return with cheque made payable to "Ashby Pithiviers Association" to Tony Green, Braehead, Prior Park Lane, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Leics., LE65 1BH by Tuesday 22nd April .					
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	Bluebell Walk Booking Form					
	Please book places for the Bluebell Walk at £5.00 each. I enclose cheque for £					
	Name:					
	E-mail address:					
	Please cut out and return with cheque made payable to "Ashby Pithiviers Association" to Gill Read, 118 St Bernards Rd Whitwick LE675GW by Wednesday 7th May.					