



# ASHBY-PITHIVIERS TWINNING ASSOCIATION



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## The Visit from Pithiviers: 12th - 16th June, 2014

Our Pithiviers friends arrived, on the evening of Thursday 12th June, having been around the Houses of Parliament with local MP, Andrew Bridgen.



*The trip to Chatsworth*

followed by a visit to Chatsworth House, for lunch and a visit to the house and grounds. Afterwards on the way home they spent a time in Bakewell and were each presented with a Bakewell Pudding as a stunning (if brief) memento!

Saturday morning saw the commencement of "official" proceedings with a delegation of three members of the newly-elected Pithiviers council (including mayor, M. Philippe Nolland) as well as our own new mayor, Cllr. Andrew Badger and the constituency MP attending the Civic Reception at Woodcote Primary School, pupils of



*Chatsworth House*

On Friday they and an Ashby group set off for the Peak District to begin with a tour around Poole's Cavern near Buxton,



*The Civic Reception*



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*The Chairmen's Speech*



*The Barn Dance*

which beguiled us with a number of French songs including the Marseillaise. The Pithiviers Municipal delegation also joined us at the twinning meal and Barn Dance in the evening, where we were ably entertained by "Calling Time" and a great time was had by all

Sunday began for those who wished with Mass at "Our Lady of Lourdes" RC church, after which the rest of the day was for hosts and guests to renew or found friendships.

On Monday the programme started with a leisurely drive to Woodlands Garden

centre, where we enjoyed a very traditional British lunch of roast beef and apple crumble following a unique



*Woodlands Garden Centre*

opportunity to visit the vast glass houses at the site. In the afternoon we moved just a few miles to the Bosworth Battlefield Centre with the chance to see the exhibits and walk the pathways, as well as benefitting from an unexpected falconry demonstration.

Finally, at the crack of dawn on Tuesday morning we waved our friends off at the Royal Hotel to face what turned out to be



*Bosworth Battlefield Centre*

a very long journey home! However we trust that they - like we - were sustained by pleasant recollections of yet another memorable visit.



A brief 10 minute video is available on the Association's website.

# The Bastille Day Barbecue

Around 30 people took part on Saturday 12th July. This year we were at a completely new venue, the Kings Arms, Coleorton. After

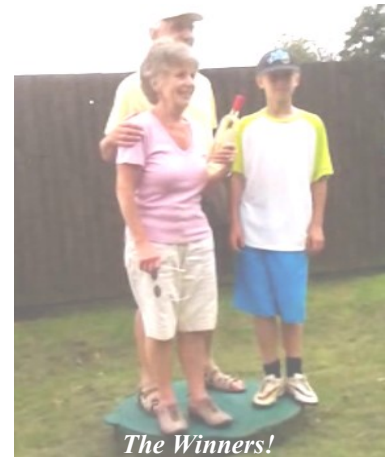


*The Competition*

an initial problem concerning lunch (or the absence of it!) we got down

to the business in hand and the competition between was fierce! Joan and Ann Shilton were the organisers and the weather was once more kind to us.

Despite the organisational hiccup (not down to the Association), this is probable the best venue we have yet found for petanque. The winners were the Team of Carole and Keith Youles and grandson Jacob, who walked off with the prize of Pithiviers wine. Many thanks to all involved in this (as usual) enjoyable afternoon. A short



video is available on the Association's website.

## Dr. Alain Russell

It is with great sadness that we advise you of the recent death of Dr Alain Russell at the age of 98. Those of you who have been members for some years will remember Alain during his many years as President in the 1970's. He was a devoted and loyal twinner and a pillar of the Association in Pithiviers for many years. He will be greatly missed by members on both sides of the channel. Our thoughts are with his family and friends at this sad time.

## THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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### Committee Members:

Sandra Adkins Margaret Barnett Linda Brown Barry Clarke Tony Green David Harris Peter Meadows  
Winnie Meadows Ann Shilton Bill Pratt (Honorary President)  
Cllr. Geraint Jones (Town Council Rep.)

### Please note: Early Warning of the dates for next year's visit to Pithiviers: 18th - 23rd June, 2015

We are considering extending this by one day to break the outward journey, stay overnight en route and possibly arrange visit(s) to place(s) of interest. We will be consulting you on this in due course and would value your opinion.

## 2014 FORTHCOMING EVENTS

<b>Wednesday, 6th August:</b>	Croquet Taster Evening.
<b>Saturday 13th September:</b>	Jazz Evening at Packington Memorial Hall. ( <i>Booking form, herewith</i> )
<b>Friday 24th October:</b>	Talk by Dr. Martin Vaughan. ( <i>Booking form with September newsletter</i> )
<b>Monday 17th November:</b>	Annual General Meeting at the Cottage (St. Helen's).
<b>Wednesday 10th December:</b>	Christmas Walk and Lunch.



### Jazz Evening Saturday 13th September.

This is our big fund-raiser of the year. An evening of gentle swing with **Bill Smith's Strictly Swing Quartet**. Bring your own picnic/buffet/supper. Book a table so you can share with friends or book a couple of seats and make new friends! Cost is £8 per head. Bar is available. Please note you are **not** allowed to bring your own drinks. Coffee or tea will be available at the interval. Doors open at 7:00 pm for concert start at 7:30 pm. Tickets available from Committee members or telephone Joan Inchley on 01530 224494.

*Music from the 20's to the 60's*  
*Music to tap your feet to*  
*Music to jog your memory*  
*Music to sing along to*  
*Featuring vocals by Jo Smith*

*The Guitars are Bill Smith and Ros Milburn*  
*Clarinet and Saxaphones or Robin Mason*  
*Bass by Bob Boucher*

### 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 below to be sent with appropriate cheque payable to *Ashby/Pithiviers Association* to Anne Donegan.

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Please book ☐ places for the Jazz Evening at £8.00 each. I enclose cheque for £ \_\_\_\_\_.

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

Address: .....

E-mail: .....

Please cut out and return with cheque made payable to "*Ashby/Pithiviers Association*" to Ann Shilton,, 16a, Lincoln Way, Midway, Swadlincote, Derbys., DE11 7LB.

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### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

I/We enclose membership subscription for the year 1st September, 2014 to 31st August, 2015.  
*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: .....

E-mail address: .....

Please cut out and return with cheque made payable to *Ashby Pithiviers Association* to Anne Donegan, 41, Park Road, Moira, Swadlincote, Derbys., DE12 6BJ.