



ASHBY-PITHIVIERS TWINNING ASSOCIATION



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SEPTEMBER

CROQUET TASTER EVENING



The annual event, was held this year on Wednesday 6th August. The weather was good and we spent a pleasant evening

sport.

Play was followed by a tasty meal of fish at the, now customary, Half Way House in Donisthorpe, where we were joined by more members. A great evening!

Good play and good company. Many thanks to the Croquet Club and to all who organised it and took part.

A short video can be seen on the Association website.



on the fine croquet lawns of the Ashby Croquet Club. For many of us this represented a return— or even an annual visit but there were also newcomers experiencing the delights and demands of the ancient

AN EVENING OF JAZZ

Attendance at this event on Saturday 13th September was, to say the least, very disappointing. It was intended to be our major fund-raiser this year but, instead lost money!



from a modest snack to a rather more elegant repast.

At the halfway point a raffle was drawn and



This was an even greater pity since the band, *Bill Smith's Strictly Swing Quartet*, was a real treat and kept us royally entertained throughout the evening with a mixture of standard swing, guitar classics and vocals.

The event was held at Packington Memorial Hall and many of us brought along a little something to sustain us. This varied



a number of excellent prizes were won.

Certainly the disappointment of the fund-raising side was somewhat mitigated by the pleasure of an entertaining evening spent in the company of friends and many thanks to all who took part and especially those who organised and ran the event.

There is a short video on the website. See what you missed!

Photographing Wild Life

A talk by Dr. Martin Vaughan

7:30 pm Friday 24th October at Smisby Village Hall

A most interesting talk by this well-known retired doctor based on his lengthy experience of wild life photography and at a venue very close to Ashby that we haven't used before.

The price is just £6:00 each and there is a booking form on the back page.. Look forward to seeing you there.

Christmas Walk & Lunch - Wednesday 10th December

Bookings can now be made for the ever popular Christmas Walk & Lunch. Peter Wilkinson is organising an interesting new 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. Lunch will begin at 12.15. Booking form on the back page. Cheques should be made payable to Ashby-Pithiviers Association and sent to Elaine Shaw **no later than 30th November**. This event is always well subscribed so book early to avoid disappointment.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING CONVENING NOTICE

The Annual General Meeting of the Association will take place, at **19.30 on Monday 17th November at The Cottage (St. Helen's Churchyard) Ashby-de-la-Zouch**. 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 are now overdue, all members should ensure they have paid to protect their voting rights. Thanks to those who already have. A further membership form is included on the back page.

2014 FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Friday 24th October:	Dr. Martin Vaughan: Photographing wild life. (<i>Booking on back page</i>)
Monday 17th November:	Annual General Meeting at the Cottage (St. Helen's).
Wednesday 10th December:	Christmas Walk and Lunch. (<i>Booking on back page</i>)

THE 2015 TRIP TO PITHIVIERS

As previously indicated and following a general survey of members it has been decided next year to follow the example of our French friends and take an extra day for the visit, leaving on Wednesday 17th June and staying overnight at a hotel in northern France. This would enable us to make a visit on Thursday morning before going on to Pithiviers. Nothing is yet firmly decided but as 17th June, 2015 marks the exact 200th anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo we are looking into the possibility of making a visit there for what will, undoubtedly be serious celebrations to mark this momentous event in European history.

Obviously there will be additional costs and we have endeavoured to calculate this (as far as is possible without knowing exact numbers). As it will be necessary to make a commitment to a hotel as well as the coach company we must also ask for a commitment from members to the tune of £30 per traveller as a non-refundable deposit and hope you will understand this necessity at this early date in terms of calculating the viability of this new format. As usual we recommend each traveller to make the necessary insurance arrangements in case of the need to cancel because of illness.

There is a booking form on the back page to be returned with the deposit. Based on the modest increase in coach fare over the price we paid in 2013 and assuming there will be approximately the same number of people, the total cost is likely to be in the region of £200. You will be asked to pay the balance nearer to the time of the visit. All figures are necessarily approximate and depend on the number of travellers.

The Booking Form and deposit must be returned to Joan Inchley **by 1st December, latest.**

Please book ☐ places for Dr. Vaughan's Talk at £6.00 each. I enclose cheque for £ _____.

Name: Tel. Number:

Address:

E-mail address:

*Please cut out and return with cheque made payable to "Ashby Pithiviers Association" to Margaret Barnett, 8, Grange Road, Newhall, Swadlincote, DE11 0SZ by **Monday 20th October**, 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 Elaine Shaw, 187, Nottingham Road, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, LE65 1DP by **29th November**, latest.

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).

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Individual: £10.00

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Family: £15.00

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Group: £15.00

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Junior: £1.00

Name: Address:

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.

2015 PITHVIERS VISIT - BOOKING FORM

**Delete as appropriate*

Number of people in your party:

Are you a smoker? YES/NO*

(We have already arranged to stay with:)

I enclose a cheque for non-refundable deposit £ _____ (£30 per traveller)

Name: Telephone:

Address:

E-mail address:

Complete & return to Joan Inchley, 2, Ashby Road, Osgathorpe, Loughborough, LE12 9SR by **1st December, latest.**