



# ASHBY-PITHIVIERS TWINNING ASSOCIATION



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## Photographing Wild Life Around Ashby

**Towards the end of October an illustrated talk by Dr. Martin Vaughan entitled 'Photographing Wildlife around Ashby' took place at Smisby Village Hall, a new venue for the Association where members and friends enjoyed a glass of wine on arrival.**

Dr. Vaughan recounted his early footsteps into wildlife photography on his retirement with humorous narrative and marvellous images. We learned of some of the tricks of the trade which resulted in exceptionally 'natural' shots, the standard of magazine



shoots. His endless patience, ingenuity and tenacity fittingly resulted in him gaining a distinction from the Royal Photographic Society with subject categories of birds, flowers and insects.

The whole presentation made all the more remarkable as most of the work was captured locally, astounding us at the variety and beauty of wildlife that abounds on our own doorstep.

Interval refreshments were a deliciously varied savoury buffet provided by members and a replenished glass of wine.

To conclude this enjoyable evening the prize draw was won by Alan. Joan then thanked Dr Vaughan for his most engaging presentation and he accepted the thank you gift of wine.

## Update on the 2015 June Visit to Pithiviers

At present it seems that there will be 25-30 of us for next year's visit to Pithiviers. It is proving difficult to find rooms at a hotel near Waterloo for the night of 17th June (not surprising in view of the bi-centenary of the battle) so we are now also considering an alternative visit of historical significance to somewhere like Vimy Ridge and the memorial to the signing of the Armistice in the forest of Compiegne, both of which are close to our route to Pithiviers. More news in the next newsletter.

## The Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Association was held on Monday 17th November at The Cottage in St. Helen's precinct. It was attended by around 20 members.

The Chairman, Joan Inchley, reported on the year's activities, making the strong point that the



The Chairman's Report

loss arising from the Jazz Evening indicated the need for more members to get involved with fundraising. She thanked fellow officers and executive committee members for their support. Treasurer, Peter Wilkinson gave his report confirming the current generally healthy state of funds. Although it was proposed that the annual subscription next year would again remain unaltered a proposal from the floor to increase it to £12 for single members and £18 for family and associates was carried overwhelmingly.



A Social Chat

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 with 7 of the 10 committee members, leaving three vacancies.

## YOUR NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

<b>Chairman</b>	Joan Inchley	Tel: 224494	e-mail: joan.inchley@talktalk.net
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### Committee Members:

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

**There are still three vacant places on the Executive Committee.**

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



**and a Happy New Year to all our members**

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 24th January, 2015: Quiz Evening at Smisby Village Hall (*Booking form below*)  
17th-23rd June, 2015 Visit to Pithiviers  
*A programme will be announced in the January newsletter.*

### QUIZ EVENING - Saturday 24th January, 2014

It's time for the popular quiz evening to be held, this time, at Smisby Village Hall at 19.30. There will be a soup and sandwich supper but please bring your own drink and glass. A bottle of Pithiviers wine is the usual valued prize. The cost is £8.00. To book, please complete the form, below and send it to Joan as soon as possible but no later than **Monday, 12th January.**



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

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

Address: .....

E-mail address: .....

Please return with cheque payable to *Ashby/Pithiviers Association* to  
Joan Inchley, 2, Ashby Road, Osgathorpe, Loughborough, LE12 9SR by 12th January.