

## Christmas Walk and Lunch

This year's walk began in the car park by Hartshorne Church Hall. About 15 of us set off well wrapped up and wearing stout footwear. The weather was quite mild for December although recent heavy rain made the going muddy in places. We passed a number of places of interest beginning with Limehouse Dam which in days gone by supplied the village with water. After a steady uphill climb we reached the plaque giving details of the ancient settlement of Daniel Hayes. Later the path lead downhill into Sharp's Bottom, a pleasant wooded area with a stream and a lake. The final section ran across two fields with the landmark of the tower of



St Peter' Church leading us back to the car park. Then it was time to change our muddy boots before driving the few miles to Repton. There we were greeted at the Mount Pleasant Inn by the sight of a warm fire and the welcoming smiles of our non-walking friends. We then all tucked into the usual excellent Christmas Lunch and the conversation and in many cases a modicum of alcoholic refreshment

ensured that the season was celebrated with appropriate good fellowship. After the meal a presentation was made to Joe Shaw in recognition of his work in organising this event so successfully over many years.

## The January Quiz



We had a great turn-out for this year's quiz with around 40 contestants. We convened at Smisby Village Hall and at the half way point broke for an excellent supper of soup, sandwiches and dessert. The top three teams were very close but the final victory went to the Tractor Boys and Sandra Adkins graciously accepted the prize of a couple of bottles of wine on their behalf.



Once again, thanks are due to Carole and Keith Youles for preparing the quiz, to Margaret for supervising the catering and to her numerous helpers, who produced and served the meal. Also thanks to the many members who took part to help boost our funds as well as enjoying a very pleasant social evening. There is a short video on the Association's website.

## 2015 FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**Saturday, 21st February:**

**Sunday, 22nd March:**

**Friday, 17th April:**

**Saturday, 9th May:**

**Wed 17th-Tues 23rd June:**

**Saturday, 11th July:**

**Wednesday, 5th August:**

**September:**

**Saturday, 3rd(?) October:**

**Monday, 16th November:**

**Wednesday, 9th December:**

Scrabble & Pizza Evening at The Cottage (*Booking Form on back page*)

Ashby Treasure Hunt (*Booking Form on back page*)

Biennial Dinner (*Separate Booking Form to be issued in February*)

Bluebell Walk

Visit to Pithiviers.

Bastille Day Pétanque

Croquet Taster Evening

To be decided

To be decided (*Possibly Barber Shop Quartet or Ukulele Group*)

Annual General Meeting

Christmas Walk and Lunch

**Scrabble Evening**  
**Saturday, 21st February - 19.30 at St. Helen's Cottage, Ashby-de-la-Zouch**

An evening of competition using one of the nation's favourite games together with a pizza supper and a glass of wine all for the very reasonable price of £8.00. Come along and join the fun!

Booking form below. Please complete and return it to Joan by Wednesday 18th February.

**Ashby Treasure Hunt**  
**Sunday 22nd March at 14:30 to 15:00.**

This is the treasure Hunt prepared last year, which we had to postpone. Starting and end points are 27, Burton Road, the home of Pat and Geoff Cort. Guaranteed: an exciting and demanding trip around our home town with an agreeable tea and lots of friendly conversation to finish. Cost per person is £8.00. Please book by Wednesday 18th March to facilitate catering.

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Peter Meadows   Winnie Meadows   Bill Pratt (Honorary President)  
Cllr. Geraint Jones (Town Council Rep.)

**THE 2015 TRIP TO PITHIVIERS**

The hotel has now been booked at Arras for the night of Wednesday 17th June and we will be visiting the monument and memorial at Vimy Ridge the following morning before starting off to Pithiviers. Currently we have 31 people in the main coach party and several others making their own way to Pithiviers. Although a given number of hotel rooms have been booked at Arras it may still be possible to join the main coach party if you have not yet signed up - BUT it is now essential to do so very quickly.

**Scrabble & Pizza Evening - Saturday, 21st February**

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

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

E-mail address: .....

Please complete & return to Joan Inchley, 2, Ashby Road, Osgathorpe, Loughborough, LE12 9SR  
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