



Newsletter No. 3, 2015

MAY

It is with regret that we announce the recent deaths of two members:

KEN HAMPSON

Ken and Marjorie Hampson were members for many years, enjoyed numerous trips to Pithiviers and always hosted until Ken's health deteriorated. His funeral took place on Wednesday 27th May at St Helen's church.

JOAN HANCOCK

Joan and Sam Hancock's involvement was more distant and we have only learnt of the news of her death since the funeral but no doubt many of the long-term members of the Association will remember Joan.

The Biennial Dinner

Friday 17th April saw around 30 of us attend this year's dinner at the new venue of the Birch Tree Inn at Bardon. Chairman, Joan Inchley spoke of recent activities and plans for the future and she thanked fellow Executive Committee members and others who had contributed to making the Association such a success..



Once again a lottery was run on the length of her speech!

The new venue was very well received and favourably commented on. It was an evening of great conviviality and much enjoyed by all attending.

A Walk in the Bluebell Woods



We were so lucky - no rain! We had blue skies and a blustery wind which was no problem. We left Gill's house and had just a short walk to the wood. As we entered, instantly there were bluebells - however, around every corner was another swathe and another photo-shot. We saw wood sorrel and celandine as well. We eventually got to the picturesque brook and pond where a mallard swam and a moor hen pecked round. From there we headed back into the wood along twisting paths, past more bluebells - and then to where some clearing and replanting had been done. We eventually came to the end of our walk hoping that this wood will remain as delightful as it is now, and returned to Gill's to enjoy scrumptious cream scones and tea, which was a lovely end to a delightful walk.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chairman	Joan Inchley	Tel: 224494	e-mail: joan.inchley@talktalk.net
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Treasurer	Peter Wilkinson	Tel: 414689	e-mail: ptwilk@talktalk.net
Membership Sec.	Anne Donegan	Tel: 01283 760348	e-mail: amdonegan@btinternet.com

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 Rep.)

There are still three vacant places on the Executive Committee.
If you would like to become a member, please contact Joan or Elaine, above.

2015 FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Wed 17th-Tues 23rd June:	Visit to Pithiviers.
Saturday, 11th July:	Bastille Day Pétanque
Wednesday, 5th August:	Croquet Taster Evening
Saturday, 12th September:	Walk to Swannington Mill followed by hot dog lunch.
Saturday, 24th October:	The Grand Dads Barbers Shop Quartet
Monday, 16th November:	Annual General Meeting
Wednesday, 9th December:	Christmas Walk and Lunch

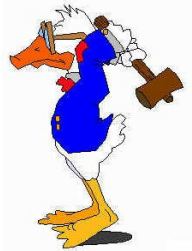


BASTILLE DAY PETANQUE (Saturday 11th July)

This now well-established and popular event will take place on 11th July and will be held at the new venue of the Kings Arms, Coleorton. It will be open for drinks and practise at 11.30 with lunch (guaranteed booked!) at 12.30, which will be bangers and mash plus a vegetarian option. Games start at 14.00 and the total cost is £7.00 each. Booking form, below. Please get your bookings to Joan as quickly as possible but no later than Monday 29th June.

CROQUET TASTER EVENING - Wednesday 5th August

Once more, as guests of the Ashby Croquet Club, we will meet on their lawns at Moira Miners Welfare Sports Ground, Bath Lane, Moira at 18.00 to start at 18.30. Even beginners will be taught enough to enjoy some 2 hours on the lawn but **FLAT SHOES ARE ESSENTIAL**. No high heels to be worn. There will then be a fish, chip and pea supper served at the nearby Halfway House, Donisthorpe. The total cost is £12 each or £5.50 for the croquet alone and £6.50 for the meal alone. Those who don't want to play can meet us at the Halfway House for supper at 20.30. To book, please complete the form, below, and send to Anne as soon as possible but no later than **Saturday, 1st August**.



Please book ☐ places for the Bastille Day Petanque at £7.00 each. I enclose cheque for £ _____.

Name: Tel. Number:

Address:

E-mail address:

Please return with cheque payable to the Ashby/Pithiviers Association by Monday 29th June to Joan Inchley, 2, Ashby Road, Osgathorpe, Loughborough, Leics., LE12 9SR.

Please book ☐ places for the Croquet Taster Evening at £12.00 each or ☐ places for Croquet only at £5.50

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Name: Tel. Number:

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Please cut out and return with cheque made payable to *Ashby Pithiviers Association* by Saturday 1st August to Anne Donegan, 41, Park Road, Moira, Swadlincote, Derbys., DE12 6BJ.