



ASHBY-PITHIVIERS TWINNING ASSOCIATION



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SEPTEMBER

CROQUET TASTER EVENING

Luckily the croquet evening in August began in fine calm weather. Players chose mallets and partners then each group was paired with a coach from the club to be instructed in the finer points of the game. Our spectator group watched proceedings from the club shelter.

After a few games, as friendly rivalries played out across the lawns, it was time to think of



supper and as if to emphasise that supper was calling a heavy drizzle set in.

The group retired to the Halfway House to meet up with members who joined players to enjoy the now legendary fish and chip supper which lived up to all expectations being hearty and delicious.

Thanks to Linda and Winnie for organising and everyone who supported this event.

THE SWANNINGTON MILL VISIT



Saturday 12th September saw a group of us braving the bracing morning weather to trek across Swannington to visit the old mill. Led by the intrepid Gill Read, the route took those of us who didn't know the village

well through some surprising scenery, which included fields of maize (as high as an elephant's eye!) just like walking through a sugar cane plantation.

We were somewhat relieved when finally we reached the mill and sat down around the picnic table for a well-earned respite.

Then following the cross-country trail back to the home of Sandra and David Adkin we managed to miss the rain right up until the very last moment. In fact a lot of the walk took place beneath sunny skies, which provided us with a wonderful panorama of the local scenery.

Finally we settled down to coffee, wine and a welcome lunch of hot dogs with an indulgent variety of delicious desserts, whilst everyone chatted amicably and relaxed. *There is a short video of the event on the Association's website.*



2015 FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, 24th October:

Monday, 16th November:

Wednesday, 9th December:

Saturday, 19th December:

The Grand Dads Barbers Shop Quartet. (*Booking Form on page 2*)

Annual General Meeting at The Cottage.

Christmas Walk and Lunch. (*Booking Form on page 2*)

Christmas Drop-in at Pat and Geoff Cort's.

The Grand Dads Barbers Shop Quartet Saturday 24th October at Packington Memorial Hall

This is our major fundraising event of the year and tickets are now available from Joan and committee members at £12.50 each to include a ploughman's supper and dessert. There will be a bar at the hall. Doors open at 7pm and the concert starts at 7-30 pm.



The Grand Dads Barbershop Quartet formed in the Spring of 2011. They are all experienced singers from the five-times British Championship-winning Barbershop chorus **The Grand Central Chorus**, and have featured in many of their shows.

The Grand Dads Barbershop quartet were the 2014 BABS British Seniors Quartet Champions at the Birmingham Conservatoire on Sunday 16th November 2014.

As this is our main fundraising event for the French visit next year we do need everyone's support. So make sure all your friends and family know about it to ensure we can fill the hall! A booking form is overleaf.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING CONVENING NOTICE

The Annual General Meeting of the Association will take place, at **19.30 on Monday 16th November at The Cottage, St. Helens 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 were due on 1st September, all members should ensure they have paid to protect their voting rights. A further membership form is included below.

Christmas Walk & Lunch Wednesday 9th December

Bookings can now be made for the ever popular Christmas Walk & Lunch. The cost of the lunch, as usual at the Mount Pleasant, Repton, is £9.00 each. It will begin at 12.15. Booking form below. Cheques should be made payable to Ashby-Pithiviers Association and sent to Elaine Shaw **no later than 29th November**. This event is always well subscribed so book early to avoid disappointment.

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**.

Please book ☐ places for the Barber Shop Quartet at £12.50 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 Joan Inchley, 2, Ashby Road, Osgathorpe, Loughborough, Leics., LE12 9SR. (Tickets may also be obtained from any Executive Committee member.)

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

I/We enclose membership subscription for the year 1st September, 2015 to 31st August, 2016.

Please indicate which subscription category applies to you. (See Constitution clause 3).

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Individual: £12.00*

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Family: £18.00*

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Group: £18.00*

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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.