



ASHBY-PITHIVIERS TWINNING ASSOCIATION



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NOVEMBER

THE BARBER SHOP NIGHT

On Saturday 24th October we enjoyed a spectacular evening at Packington Memorial Hall in the company of *The Grand Dads*, a prize-winning Barber Shop Quartet, who performed to an audience of over 90. This is a first-class group, who entertained us with a wide variety of harmonies calculated to fill the hours with pleasant memories; a treat we had anticipated and looked forward to for some time.



The Grand Dads

Imagine then our even greater pleasure on discovering that they were joined by friends offering in one case a charming guitar-accompanied duo and the other an hilarious ex-police stand-up comedian.

Packington Memorial Hall, again offered a congenial setting for this social get-together and we enjoyed a ploughman's supper during the interval, washed down with a little something from the bar and followed by an impressive selection of desserts.

So many thanks are due to all those involved in the planning and organisation of this great evening from both the social and financial point of view.

As usual, there is a short video of the



Supper Time

evening on the Association website.



... and the supporting acts



**And a Happy New Year
To all our Members**

The Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Association was held on Monday 16th November in St. Helen's Cottage. Around 15 members were in attendance. Joan Inchley, the Chairman, being out of the country the meeting was conducted by vice-chairman, Geoff Cort, who read a report of the year's activities provided by Joan. She thanked her fellow officers and executive committee members for their continued support and briefly outlined the various social and fundraising events as well as details of this year's eventful visit to Pithiviers. Treasurer, Peter Wilkinson submitted his report confirming the present healthy state of funds but sounding the warning

that this year had not been the most successful for fundraising and highlighting the need to raise important sums if we were to maintain our traditional level of hospitality for the visit of our friends from Pithiviers every other year. Given the increase in subscription rate agreed at last year's AGM, it was accepted that the annual subscription next year would remain unaltered.

Anne Donegan, the Membership Secretary reported on the current membership position, which, despite some new members, has not altered significantly over the year.

Executive Committee

The election of officers and committee members for the next 12 months was uncontested and details appear on page 2 of this newsletter. Margaret Barnett takes over as vice-chair from Geoff Cort, who however remains as a committee member. All officers are in place and 6 out of the 10 committee members, leaving four vacancies.

The Future

The coming year's activities are already in course of planning and this includes the biennial visit from Pithiviers in June, 2016.

THE NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chairman	Joan Inchley	Tel: 224494	e-mail: joan.inchley@talktalk.net
Vice-Chairman	Margaret Barnett	Tel: 01283552636	e-mail: mhbarrett8@yahoo.co.uk
Secretary	Elaine Shaw	Tel: 564077	e-mail: ptva@hotmail.co.uk
Treasurer	Peter Wilkinson	Tel: 414689	e-mail: ptwilk@talktalk.net
Membership Sec.	Anne Donegan	Tel: 01283760348	e-mail: adonegan@btinternet.com

Committee Members:

Sandra Adkins Alan Briggs Linda Brown Geoff Cort Wendy Fry David Harris
Bill Pratt (Honorary President) Geraint Jones (Town Council Rep.)

There are still four vacant places on the Executive Committee.

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

2015/16 FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, 9th December: Christmas Walk and Lunch.
Saturday, 19th December: Christmas Drop-in at Pat and Geoff Cort's.
Saturday, 23rd January, 2016: Quiz at Smisby Village Hall. (*Booking Form below*)
9th-14th June, 2016: Visit from Pithiviers.

PAT & GEOFF'S DROP-IN Saturday 19th December, 2015

With seasonal festivities just around the corner Pat and Geoff Cort invite you to a fundraising "Christmas Drop-In" at their home, 27, Burton Road, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, any time between 11.00 am and 4.00 pm on Saturday 19th December. There will be tea/coffee, mince pies and a festive drink as well as the chance of a cheery chat with other members of the Association. The cost is £5.00 each (to be paid on the door). Just show up and join in on the day. However it would be appreciated if you could ring (01530) 413770 or e-mail patcort@talktalk.net any day beforehand to say you will be coming along to give us some idea of numbers for catering. Hope to see you there!

CHRISTMAS WALK & LUNCH Wednesday 9th December, 2015

Most unusually there are still places for this popular annual event. Why not take advantage and get in touch with Elaine Shaw right away to book your place at the festive board? At just £9.00 each it has got to be the best deal this Christmas! You can contact Elaine at ptva@hotmail.co.uk or telephone: (01530) 564077.

QUIZ EVENING - Saturday 23rd January, 2016

It's time for the return of the ever popular quiz evening to be held, again, at Smisby Village Hall at 19.00 for a 19.30 start. There will be a buffet supper of soup, bread rolls and cake 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 Margaret no later than **Monday, 18th January.**

Please book ☐ places for the Quiz Evening at £8.00 each. I enclose cheque for £ _____.

Name: Tel. Number:

Address:

E-mail address: Please tick if vegetarian food required: ☐

Please return with cheque payable to *Ashby/Pithiviers Association* to Margaret Barnett,
8, Grange Road, Newhall, Swadlincote, DE11 0SZ by 18th January.