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SKITTLES EVENING

Our first Skittles Evening for some time was held in February at the Odd House in Snarestone. Twenty two members and friends assembled for a friendly but keen competition.

After a couple of rounds we adjourned for a meal consisting of such traditional favourites as faggots, chips and peas. The evening was rounded off by a knockout competition in which steadily increasing levels of skill were required. The winner's prize was of course a bottle of Pithiviers wine. The winner was Alan Briggs and the lowest scorer was his wife. Jane!

The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all the participants and it was also a financial success thanks in large measure to the raffle run by Jane Briggs. Marilyn Aldridge won the raffle prize of a girlie night in - and she also won the 20p eliminator round.

Many thanks to Sandra for organising it and to everyone who took part.

We raised £50 for our funds thank you to everyone who supported this event.

PANEL GAMES EVENING

On Saturday evening, 19th March, we held a completely new and ambitious event. This was a competition evening based upon popular TV game shows. The venue was Smisby village hall where some 24 of us gathered to begin proceedings. Elaine Shaw had devised the set-up with the help of Kay Gosling and we were divided into two teams: red and blue for the course of the evening. Starting with Pointless, we moved



through Only Connect and via A Question of Sport to accumulate points as we progressed. The questions were well-balanced and well thought out and a serious team effort was called for to make the grade. At half-time there

was a break for an chilli-con excellent carne with a variety of some tasty desserts and the raffle was drawn before battle was resumed and the red team were finally declared the victors. It really was a most enjoyable evening and our hearty thanks



go out to Elaine and Kay for their valiant efforts in devising and organising affairs as well as to all the ladies who, as usual, did a first class job of catering and generally arranging the venue and preparing it for an excellent social evening together - as well as boosting our funds. A short video of the evening can be found on line via our website.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Committee Members: Sandra Adkins Alan Briggs Linda Brown Geoff Cort Wendy Fry David Harris 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.

Remembering Bill - Friday 15th April

We are planning to devote this evening to memories of Bill Pratt, one of the earliest members of the Association and, for a long time, our Honorary President, who passed away just a short while ago. He was a great collector of wines and spirits and his widow, Nita, has kindly donated his collection to the Twinning to help in our fundraising so there will be a tombola at £2.00 per ticket (payable on the night) at which everyone will be a winner! The evening will centre around a quiche, new potato and salad supper followed by a dessert at a cost of just £8.00 each and the event will be held in the new venue of the Congregational Church just off Kilwardby Street (opposite Holy Trinity Church) at 19.00 for 19:30. Please reply to Margaret by Monday 11th April.

A Walk in the National Forest - Sunday 15th May.

Following a very successful informal walk and lunch in the National Forest last year, we are including a repeat performance. The walk will be a couple of miles on footpaths within the Forest, led by Kay Gosling, followed by lunch at Conkers Waterside. An excellent carvery is the main offer - but alternatives are also available. If you are not able to participate in the walk, hopefully you will still join us for lunch! Advance payment of £9 for the lunch is for the main course and includes a small donation to the Association funds towards our hosting costs in June. You will pay Waterside directly for any drinks or additional courses. Walkers to meet in Conkers Waterside car park for departure at 1030hrs. We shall then all meet in the restaurant for lunch at 12.45hrs.



DETAILS OF THE TRIPS AND SOCIAL EVENTS PLANNED FOR THE 2016 VISIT

There is a booking form for English members on the back page. The overall plan is, as follows:

Thursday 9th June, 2016

19:30 Arrival of Pithiviers party at the Royal Hotel.

Friday 10th June, 2016

08:00 Leave Ashby for the journey to Ironbridge. Visit the Iron Bridge then Blist Hills museum with Victorian street and shops Morning coffee and lunch on site. 16:30 Leave for return journey to Ashby and Civic Reception.

Saturday 11th June, 2016

All day free with host families.

Sunday 12th June, 2016

10.00 Optional Service at St. Helen's Church. 13.00 Twinning Lunch in the form of a traditional British Christmas Dinner.

Rest of the day free with host families.

Monday 13th June, 2016

10.00 Leave Ashby for Chesterfield. Visit to Cathedral and Hardwick Inn with lunch. 14.30 Leave for visit to Denby Pottery. 16:30 Leave for return journey to Ashby.

Tuesday 14th June, 2016

06:00 Pithiviers party leave Ashby for the return journey.

Please Note: All times are, of course, approximate.

Friday, 15th April: Sunday, 15th May: Thurs 9th-Tues 14th June: Saturday, 9th July: Wednesday, 3rd August: Saturday, 3rd September: Saturday, 22nd October: Monday, 14th November: Wednesday, 7th December:

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2016 Visit Booking Form Because space for Ashby members may be limited hosts, as usual, will have priority and a concessionary price for all events. These prices are shown, below, in black, non-hosting members prices in red. Please return the completed form by <u>Monday 9th May</u>. Places will be allocated on a strictly first-come-first-served basis.

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Please book	places for the Friday visit to Ironbridge @ £31.00/£33.00 each	= £ : .
Please book	places for the Sunday Twinning Dinner @ £21.00/£23.00 each	=£ : .
Please book	places for Monday Chesterfield Trip @ £28.00/£30.00 each	=£ : .
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<u>Telephone:</u>	<u>e-mail address:</u>	
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