



ASHBY-PITHIVIERS TWINNING ASSOCIATION



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Remembering Bill

On Friday 15th April it was a pleasure to get together at the new venue of the Congregational Church on Kilwardby Street in Ashby to remember and commemorate our late Honorary President, Bill Pratt. The occasion was far from sombre, as Bill would surely have wished it, and a number of the "old timers" took the opportunity to share their memories and recollections of our much-missed colleague and



friend. We enjoyed a pleasant supper of quiche and salad plus a variety of delicious desserts and then turned to the tombola made possible by the generosity of Bill's widow, Nita, who attended and had kindly donated his collection of wines and spirits to boost the Association's funds. The whole evening passed off very agreeably and, in addition to Nita, thanks are due to Jane and Alan Biggs, Wendy, Joan, Margaret, Sandra and everyone who helped with the organisation and the kitchens as well as all who came along and took part in the tombola. The cash injection was most welcome and timely and added even more pleasure to a poignant evening. A short video is on the website.

The Civic Reception -Friday 10th June.

The Town's formal and traditional Civic Reception for our French visitors will take place on the Friday after their arrival at The Royal Hotel on their return from the trip to Ironbridge at 6.45 pm. It will be hosted by Ashby-de-la-Zouch Town Council. All members are cordially invited to attend. There will be tea, coffee and light refreshments.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chairman	Joan Foster	Tel: 01530224494	e-mail: joan.inchley@talktalk.net
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Treasurer	Peter Wilkinson	Tel: 01530414689	e-mail: ptwilk@talktalk.net
Membership Sec.	Anne Donegan	Tel: 01283760348	e-mail: amdonegan@btinternet.com

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.

2016 FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Thurs 9th-Tues 14th June:	Visit from Pithiviers (<i>Members visit booking form back page</i>).
Saturday, 9th July:	Bastille Day Pétanque (<i>Booking form back page</i>).
Wednesday, 3rd August:	Croquet Taster Evening (<i>Booking form back page</i>).
Saturday, 3rd September:	"An Evening with ...". <i>To be arranged.</i>
Saturday, 22nd October:	60s Night with "The Singing Postman" at Packington Memorial Hall.
Monday, 14th November:	Annual General Meeting.
Wednesday, 7th December:	Christmas Walk and Lunch.



BASTILLE DAY PETANQUE (Saturday 9th July)

This now well-established and popular event will again take place on 9th July and will be held, again, at the Kings Arms, Coleorton. It will be open for drinks and practise at 11.30 am. Lunch at 12.15 pm, which will be a choice of Bangers and Mash or Fish and chips or Gammon, egg, pineapple and chips. Games will start at 2.00 p.m. and the total cost is £10.50 per head. Bookings to Joan Foster. Please get your bookings in as quickly as possible but no later than Saturday 2nd July.



Please book ☐ places for the Bastille Day Petanque at £10.50 each. I enclose cheque for £ _____.

Meal Choices*: ☐ Bangers & Mash ☐ Fish & Chips ☐ Gammon, Egg, Pineapple & Chips

**Please note number required.*

Name: Tel. Number:

Address:

E-mail address:

Please return with cheque payable to the Ashby/Pithiviers Association by Saturday, 2nd July to Joan Foster, 2, Ashby Road, Osgathorpe, Loughborough, Leics., LE12 9SR.



CROQUET TASTER EVENING - Wednesday 3rd 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 **Wednesday 27th July**.



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

☐ places for Supper only at £6.50 each. I enclose cheque for £ _____.

Name: Tel. Number:

Address:

E-mail address:

Please return with cheque payable to Ashby/Pithiviers Association to Margaret Barnett, 8, Grange Road, Newhall, Swadlincote, DE11 0SZ by Wednesday, 27th July.