



ASHBY-PITHIVIERS TWINNING ASSOCIATION



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SEPTEMBER

CROQUET TASTER EVENING

A late afternoon downpour threatened the evening's enjoyment, but fortunately the rain abated before the scheduled start time. A total of 9 hardy souls turned up at the ground where we were met by the representatives of the croquet club. This caused a little concern as players take part in pairs, however there was no shortage of willing volunteers to sit out the playing and stay in the dry shelter that the pavilion offered.

Matches were arranged between two pairs of players who were advised and guided by the experience and expertise offered by the club members.

It soon became apparent that there is a side to croquet that is at odds with the image of the genteel afternoon pastime that most people have. Much of the game appears to be obstructing your opponent's ball and knocking them as far out of position as is



possible. Some of our members were more adept than others at employing this tactic.

Under the increasingly threatening skies a first round of games was completed, and after a change of opponents, the

second round commenced only to be interrupted by a sudden short shower. Play was resumed after a brief interlude and the games completed. However, the threat of more rain, and the increasingly attractive lure of the fish and chip supper at the Halfway House in Donisthorpe led to a unanimous decision to end the evening's entertainment prematurely.

f Now you can follow us on Facebook...

The "Ashby - Pithiviers Jumelage" Facebook Group. This is a page on Facebook specifically for members of the Twinning Association. It can be accessed if you are a Facebook member by going onto Facebook and typing "Ashby - Pithiviers Jumelage" (without the "" quotes) in the Search Facebook bar at the top left of the screen and pressing Enter. You will then be taken to the Group's Facebook page. Underneath the Union Flag you will find a "Join" button. Select this and the group moderator (Alan Briggs) will receive your application. He will then confirm that you are a member of the group. This may take a little time, as he will not see your request until he is actively on Facebook himself. When your request has been granted you will be notified by Facebook.

The group is a closed group, which means that only people who are members of the Facebook Group can see what is posted, or add their own posts.

2016 FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, 22nd October:	60s Night with "The Singing Postman" (<i>Further booking form overleaf</i>).
Monday, 14th November:	Annual General Meeting.
Wednesday, 7th December:	Christmas Walk and Lunch. (<i>Booking form overleaf</i>).

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING CONVENING NOTICE

The Annual General Meeting of the Association will take place, at **19.30 on Monday 14th November at a venue to be announced shortly** in a separate convening notice to be 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 overleaf.

An Evening with Peter Good

Unfortunately this event had to be cancelled.

Next Year's Visit to Pithiviers: The dates we have proposed are 15th - 20th June, 2017. We await confirmation.

A Sixties Night with Jim, the Singing Postman

Saturday 22nd 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 supper. There will be a licensed bar at the hall. Doors open at 19.00 and the concert starts at 19.30. There is a booking form below to be returned to Joan by 14th October.

Christmas Walk & Lunch Wednesday 7th December

Book now 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 1st December.** This event is always well subscribed so book early to avoid disappointment.

Please book ☐ places for the 60s Evening 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 Foster, 2, Ashby Road, Osgathorpe, Loughborough, Leics., LE12 9SR **by 22nd October.**

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 **1st December, latest.**

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

I/We enclose membership subscription for the year 1st September, 2016 to 31st August, 2017.

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.