



ASHBY-PITHIVIERS TWINNING ASSOCIATION



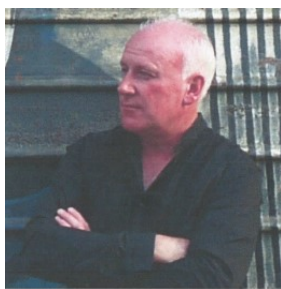
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NOVEMBER

60s NIGHT

On Saturday 22nd October we held our major fundraiser of 2016 at Packington Memorial Hall, in the form of Jim Robertson, *The Singing Postman*, before an audience of over 90.



Jim, who had already wowed our French visitors at the "mock" Christmas Dinner during their June visit to us, turned in another first-class performance for the large assembly at Packington, serenading us with a wide variety of ballads, popular numbers and harmonies calculated to stoke up nostalgia and pleasant memories from an era of outstanding music. Quite a number of us (especially amongst the

ladies) were even moved to venture onto the dance floor to relive the pleasures of yesteryear!

At the midway point there was a break to serve a supper of typical 60's food of sandwiches and buffet items followed by home-made apple crumble and cream, which featured as part of the evening's entertainment and that was also the point at which we took the opportunity to celebrate the 90th birthday of Joe Shaw, one of our oldest, most stalwart members and an honorary life-member of the Association.

Joe was also pressed into drawing the raffle tickets, the large-scale purchase of which had done much to enhance the funds raised this evening. It proved a highly successful event and has set us in good stead to provide the funds necessary for the next visit from Pithiviers in 2018.

Packington Memorial Hall, again offered a congenial setting for this social get-together and 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. It also marked the last event to which Joan Foster was able to welcome our visitors as Association Chairman and we are all pleased that she was able to bow out on such a high.



A short video of the evening is on the Association website.



The Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Association was held on Monday 14th November at the Ivanhoe Social Club, which also kindly provides us with regular monthly meeting facilities free of charge. Around 15 members were in attendance.



Joan Foster, retiring Chairman, reported on the year's activities. She thanked her fellow officers and executive committee members for their continued support and hard work, briefly outlining the various social and fundraising events as well as details of this year's Pithiviers visit.

The retiring Treasurer, Peter Wilkinson, submitted his report showing the healthy state of funds, despite providing for a French visit this year and highlighting the need to raise important sums if we are to maintain our traditional level of hospitality in the future. It was accepted that the annual subscription next year would remain unaltered.

Anne Donegan, Membership Secretary reported on the current membership position, which has not changed

significantly since last year.

Officers and Executive Committee

The election of officers and committee members for the next 12 months was uncontested. Details appear on page 2 of this newsletter. Margaret Barnett takes over as Chairman from Joan, who is now vice-chairman. Alan Briggs takes over as Treasurer and Peter Wilkinson joins the Executive Committee, as does Pat Cort leaving three vacancies. Margaret thanked Joan for her hard work and presented her with a bouquet of flowers.

The Future

The coming year's activities are already in course of planning, which includes our biennial visit to Pithiviers in June. There is a short video on the website.

THE NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chairman	Margaret Barnett Tel: 01283-552636	e-mail: mhbarnrtt8@yahoo.co.uk
Vice-Chairman	Joan Foster Tel: 01530-224494	e-mail: joan.inchley@talktalk.net
Secretary	Elaine Shaw Tel: 01530-564077	e-mail: ptva@hotmail.co.uk
Treasurer	Alan Briggs Tel: 01530-414934	e-mail: willesley@tiscali.co.uk
Membership Sec.	Anne Donegan Tel: 01283-760348	e-mail: amdonegan@btinternet.com

Committee Members:

Sandra Adkins Linda Brown Geoff Cort Pat Cort Wendy Fry David Harris Peter Wilkinson
Cllr. Mary Tuckey (Town Council Representative)

There are still three vacant places on the Executive Committee.

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



CHRISTMAS WALK & LUNCH

Wednesday 7th December, 2016

Just a reminder of this popular annual event. There are still places available. At just £9.00 each it must be the best Christmas deal around. Contact Elaine Shaw on (01530) 564077 or ptva@hotmail.co.uk to make your booking and join in the festivities!

2016/17 FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, 7th December:	Christmas Walk and Lunch.
Saturday, 10th December:	Christmas Drop-in at Pat and Geoff Cort's.
Saturday, 21st January, 2017:	Quiz Evening (<i>Booking Form below.</i>).
Saturday, 18th February:	Beetle Drive @ Thringstone(?).
Saturday 25th March:	Panel Games Evening @ Smisby.
April:	Biennial Dinner.
14th-20th June:	Visit to Pithiviers.

THIS YEAR'S PITHIVIERS VISIT

Once again we are planning an additional day starting on Wednesday 14th June to allow for visit(s) before our arrival in Pithiviers (*this time, hopefully, with a working coach!*). Can you please advise Margaret Barnett as soon as possible if you intend to join the party. There will be an official booking form with the January, 2017 newsletter but, in the meantime, we need some idea of numbers.

PAT & GEOFF'S DROP-IN **Saturday 10th December, 2016**

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 10th December. There will be tea/coffee, mince pies and a festive drink as well as the chance of a cheery chat with other members. Please make a donation of £5.00 each towards Association funds. 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!*



RAFFLE PRIZES

As you will be aware, we hold raffles throughout the year at our various social and fund-raising events, all of which can contribute substantially to our necessary finances. So if anyone has anything suitable for raffle prizes we would be most grateful if you could drop them off to Pat Cort at 27, Burton Road, Ashby to ensure our supplies are constantly replenished. Even if you are a member who can't normally take part in the various events, this is an ideal way to "do your bit" and contribute to the Association's coffers and objectives.

QUIZ EVENING - Saturday 21st January, 2017

It's time for the ever popular quiz evening to be held at the Congregational Chapel in Ashby-de-la-Zouch at 19.00 for a 19.30 start. There will be a raffle and buffet supper of soup, filled 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 each. Please complete the booking form below and send it to Sandra no later than **Monday, 16th 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 Sandra Adkin,
The Nook, 14, Main Street, Swannington, LE67 8QJ by 16th January.