



ASHBY-PITHIVIERS TWINNING ASSOCIATION



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JANUARY



Christmas Walk and Lunch

Yet another successful year for this annual event. It was well-attended with around 30 members partaking of the excellent fare, a good third of whom sharpened their appetite with the walk beforehand. The weather was overcast but not disagreeable and the conversation amongst old friends flowed as freely as the Christmas cheer. Many thanks to Elaine and the staff at the Mount Pleasant for the usual fine food and organisation. *There is a short video on the website.*



Putting the Message About

Jane and Allan Briggs have been taking up the challenge to get the Association better known and recognised around the town, especially amongst younger people, by taking stalls at some of the primary schools' Christmas Fairs and distributing membership literature. This year their offer was taken up by both Burton Road C



of E and Hilltop and the response was encouraging. Together with the tireless efforts of David Harris to involve our secondary schools with those in Pithiviers we are hoping this year may finally mark a re-kindling of enthusiasm amongst the up-and-coming generations of the town for the international twinning spirit.

The January Quiz

As usual there was an excellent turnout for this popular event held this year, 21st January, at the Congregational Chapel on Kilwardby Street, Ashby. A challenging and fun-packed evening was garnished with a tasty supper of filled rolls, soups and cakes at half time and much good humour and camaraderie. It gave a healthy boost to our funds aided by a well-supported raffle. Many thanks to Carole and Keith Youles for an excellent quiz and to everyone supporting this fundraising event. Your commitment and generosity is much appreciated in contributing to a successful and enjoyable evening.



THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chairman	Margaret Barnett	Tel: 01283-552636	e-mail: mhbarnrtt8@yahoo.co.uk
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Committee Members:

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

There are still three vacant places on the Executive Committee.
If you would like to become a member, please contact Margaret or Elaine, above.

Request from the Treasurer

To avoid problems with our bank could we please ask that when sending cheques to the Association you always make them payable to: "**Ashby Pithiviers Association**".

Many thanks.

Pat & Geoff's Drop-in

The drop-in this year was rather sparsely attended but those who came along were certainly able to indulge in some pleasant reminiscences, whilst imbibing of the Christmas cheer and a modest contribution was made to our coffers.

2017 FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, 18th February: Beetle Drive @ Thringstone Community Centre (***Booking Form below.***)
Saturday 25th March: Panel Games Evening @ Smisby Village Hall (***Booking Form below.***)
May: Biennial Dinner (***Details to be announced.***)
14th-20th June: Visit to Pithiviers (***Booking Form below.***)
Saturday 15th July: Pétanque @ Kings Arms, Coleorton
Saturday 21st October: Main Fund-raising Event (***Details to be announced.***)
Monday 13th November: Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 6th December: Christmas Walk and Lunch

The Beetle Drive

Saturday 18th February - 19.00 for 19.30 at Thringstone Community Centre.

Lots of fun assembling the insect in this fine old traditional English game! Friendly competition with an accompanying equally fine old English fish & chip supper. Bring your own drinks and glasses. Just fill in the form on the back page, and send it off to Sandra together with the £8.50 per head charge to arrive **no later than Sunday 12th February**, as numbers are limited. Hope to see you there!

Panel Games Evening

Saturday 25th March - 19.00 for 19.30 at Smisby Village Hall

This new event proved very popular last year. Whether you're an extrovert who loves the lime-light, an introvert who hates it, or somewhere between, you can contribute to your team's success! It's the battle of "reds v blues" with all attendees joining one or the other team. Inspired by a variety of panel games on TV and radio, each round is based on a different show for an evening of light-hearted quizzing and laughter! Bring your sense of humour and your own drinks and glasses – we'll provide the chilli supper and motive for merriment! Price £10 per person. Please book with Elaine by Wednesday, 22nd March.

THE 2017 TRIP TO PITHIVIERS

Once again we will be taking an extra day for the visit, leaving on Wednesday 14th June and staying overnight at an hotel in northern France. This would enable us to leave later in the morning and visit somewhere interesting on Thursday en route to Pithiviers. Nothing is yet firmly decided but we are currently researching some options.

Obviously there will be additional costs and we have endeavoured to calculate this (as far as is possible without knowing exact numbers). As it will be necessary to make a commitment to an hotel as well as the coach company we must also ask for a commitment from members to the tune of £30 per traveller as a non-refundable deposit and hope you will understand this necessity. **As usual we recommend each traveller buy the necessary insurance in case of the need to cancel because of illness.**

A booking form is below to be returned to Margaret with deposit **as quickly as possible**. Based on quoted coach fare and assuming approximately the same number of people as last time, the total cost is likely to be in the region of £300. You will be asked to pay the balance nearer to the time of the visit. All figures are necessarily approximate and depend on the number of travellers.



The Beetle Drive

Please book ☐ places for the the Beetle Drive at £8.50 each. I enclose cheque for £ _____.

Name: Tel. Number:

E-mail address:

Please return with cheque for "Ashby Pithiviers Association" to Sandra Adkin, The Nook, 14, Main Street, Swannington, LE67 8QJ.

Panel Games Evening

Please book ☐ places for the Panel Games Evening at £10.00 each. I enclose cheque for £ _____.

Name: Tel. Number:

E-mail address:

Please return with cheque for "Ashby Pithiviers Association" to Elaine Shaw, 187 Nottingham Road, Ashby LE65 1DP

2017 PITHIVIERS VISIT - BOOKING FORM

**Delete as appropriate*

Number of people in your party: Are you a smoker? YES/NO*

(We have already arranged to stay with:)

I enclose a cheque for non-refundable deposit £_____ (£30 per traveller)

Name: Telephone:

Address:

E-mail address:

Please return with cheque payable to Ashby Pithiviers Association to Margaret Barnett, 8, Grange Road, Newhall, Swadlincote, DE11 0SZ by 28th February.