

ASHBY-PITHIVIERS TWINNING ASSOCIATION



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THE BEETLE DRIVE

On the 18th February we gathered at the Thringstone Community Centre for an evening Beetle Drive. There was a very good turnout and the action was fast and furious with Sandra ringing her bell to commence each of the ten frantic rounds. Mid evening we broke off to enjoy a fish and chip supper from the awardwinning establishment over the road before starting up again to complete the proceedings.

In the final analysis it was Gill Read who scored the most points in a closely fought competition and who, therefore, walked away with the prize of a bottle of wine from Pithiviers. We all had a thoroughly good time and many thanks are due to the social committee and all of those responsible for planning and organising the event. There is a short video on the website.

PANEL GAMES EVENING

After the popularity of this event last year we decided to repeat the success so on Saturday evening, 25th March, we held the competition, based upon popular TV game shows, again. The venue was Smisby village hall and around 30 of us took part. Elaine Shaw and Kay Gosling ran the set-up of two teams: red and blue for the course of the evening. Using Pointless, A Question of Sport, Who Dares Wins and Countdown points were acquired. The questions were challenging and the serious team effort occasionally bordered on the highly competitive to edge closer to the winning post. At half-time there was a break for an excellent chilli-con carne with a variety of tasty desserts and the raffle was drawn before battle recommenced when the blue team were declared winners (reversing last year's result!). Again it was a most enjoyable evening thanks to all those who participated and entered into the

spirit of competition but especially to Elaine and Kay for devising and organising affairs so well and to all the ladies who,

as usual, did a first class job of catering, arranging the venue generally preparing it for an excellent social gettogether as well as boosting the funds. A short video of the evening can be found line via website.



Lunch time events to boost camaraderie and funds!

Congratulations to Ann Shilton, who has recently re-joined the Executive Committee and also taken it upon herself to organise a series of lunches about once a month round and about the area, where those available can get together for a friendly chat and also contribute to the Association's coffers. It's an idea which had a slow start but is now catching on nicely so we look forward to many more of them over the coming months. For more details contact Ann on 01283 225067 or ann.shilton@tesco.net.

2017 FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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It is to be announced). "Fantastic Fuchsias" @ the Congregational Church, Ashby. (Booking Form on back page.) Friday 21st April:

Friday, 19th May: Biennial Dinner @ The Queen's Head, Belton. (Booking Form on back page.)

14th-20th June: Visit to Pithiviers.

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 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Committee Members:

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

There are still two vacant places. If you would like to become a member, please contact Margaret or Elaine, above.

"Fantastic Fuchsias" - Friday, 21st April

A lively and informative talk by retired horticulturalist Brian Stoner, who has a particular interest in fuchsias. Evening includes a light supper all at £7.50.

Venue: Ashby Congregational Church, Kilwardby Street. Time: 7.30 pm. Please return booking form below to Margaret by Tuesday 18th April.



2017 BIENNIAL DINNER (Friday 19th May: 6.30 for 7.00 pm.)

At The Queens Head, 2, Long Street, Belton, Loughborough, Leicestershire LE12 9TP.

This year our biennial dinner will be held at the above hostelry in the charming village of Belton (not far from East Midlands Airport). It comes well-recommended by members who have eaten there. We ask all members who wish to attend to book as early as possible since we must book on a first-come-first-served basis and, as usual payment must be made up front to reserve places.

The cost is £20.00 for this important social event in our calendar and booking forms should be returned to Joan <u>not later than Monday 15th May.</u> When returning this booking form and your cheque, please also ensure that you fill in the menu requirements, to facilitate a smooth and prompt service for all on the night.

"Fantastic Fuchsias" Booking Form

We look forward to seeing you there.

Please book places for "Fantastic Fuchsias" at £7.50 each. I enclose cheque for £
Name: Tel. Number:
E-mail address:
BIENNIAL DINNER BOOKING FORM
Please book places for the Biennial Dinner at £20.00 each. I enclose cheque for £
Name: Tel. Number:
Address:
E-mail:
<u>Please indicate, below, your choice of meal with number required:</u> (Menu selection must be made at the time of booking. Booking is only valid with payment and must be received by <u>Monday 15th May</u> .)
Starters: Soup Or Paté Mains:
Luxury Fish Pie* Or Steak & Kidney Pie* Or Vegetarian Option (V)
*Both served with vegetables Desserts: Choice, as yet to be selected. Followed by Coffee.
Please return completed form with cheque made payable to Ashby Pithiviers Association to Joan Foster, 2, Ashby Road, Osgathorpe, Loughborough, Leics., LE12 9SR.