

Newsletter No. 3, 2017



Fantastic Fuchsias

What a useful and informative evening we spent with Brian Storer on Friday, 21st April, when he came to the Ashby Congregational Church to give us an inspiring talk on Fuchsias as well as some other gardening tips. In addition to answering lots of questions on the topic of fuchsias, Brian regaled us with anecdotes of his own gardening history and experiences as well as going through the practicalities of taking cuttings and general care of fuchsias in particular. He also distributed several different varieties in order to raise funds for charity. To round off the evening we enjoyed a light supper of cheese and paté, washed down with a glass or two of fine French wine. A most enjoyable evening for one and all! There is a short video on the Association's website.

The Biennial Dinner

This year's convivial Pithiviers biennial dinner took place on Friday, 19th May 2017 at the Queen's Head in Belton in their delightful function room.

After grace was said by Sandra Adkin they provided us with a delicious meal and the wine slipped down easily. We can safely vouch for their Fish Pie, which was beautiful to look at as well as delicious, and their Chocolate Mousse with Raspberry Sorbet for dessert was sublime. The Steak and Kidney Pie met with great praise too, along with the Eton Mess, and those who had Cheese & Biscuits were also well pleased.

The Loval Toast was proposed by Keith Youles, the Chairman's address was done by Margaret Barnett, and thanks were extended by Alan Briggs - and the sweepstake on the length of Margaret's speech was won by Joan Foster!



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THE 2017 PROGRAMME FOR PITHIVIERS

We are all set for the visit to Pithiviers and those taking part will have received full details and the final cost for immediate payment. We look forward to an exciting trip and will report back to members in the July newsletter. Below is the full programme.

Wednesday 14 June: Departure from Ashby and journey to Rheims for overnight stay.

Thursday 15 June:	Visits around Rheims and onward journey in the afternoon to Pithiviers. Arrival in Pithiviers and welcome by the host families.
Friday 16 June:	Visit to a mushroom farm in the Loire Valley near Montrichard.
Saturday 17 June:	Vin d'Honneur at 10.30 in Pithiviers. Twinning Reception with Caribbean festival and games at Echilleuse near Puiseaux (12 miles away).
Sunday 18 June:	Mass at St. Salomon church (optional). All day with host families.
Monday 19 June:	Visit to "France in Miniature" at Elancourt near to Rambouillet (1h30 from Pithiviers). This is a theme park featuring models of well-known landmarks from around France. Return to Pithiviers.
Tuesday 20 June:	Departure for Ashby.

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14th-20th June:	Visit to Pithiviers.
Saturday 15th July:	Pétanque @ Kings Arms, Coleorton. (Booking Form on back page.)
Wednesday 2nd August:	Croquet Taster Evening. (Booking Form on back page.)
Friday 22nd September:	Tales of the Titanic @ the Congregational Church, Ashby.
Saturday 28th October:	Harvest Hoe Down @Packington Memorial Hall.
Monday 13th November:	Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 6th December:	Christmas Walk and Lunch

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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There are still two vacant places on the Executive Committee.

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

BASTILLE DAY PETANQUE (Saturday 15th July)

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This now well-established and popular event will take place on 15th July and will be held, again, at the Kings Arms, Coleorton. It will be open for drinks and practice at 11.30 with lunch at around 12.30, which will be pie and mash or a vegetarian option. Games start at 14.00 and the total cost is £8.50 each. Booking form, below. Please get your bookings to Sandra as quickly as possible but no later than Saturday 8th July.

CROQUET TASTER EVENING - Wednesday 2nd August

Again, as guests of Ashby Croquet Club, we will meet on their lawns at Moira Miners Welfare Sports Ground, Bath Lane, Moira at 18.00 for 18.30. Even beginners will learn 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 Halfway House, Donisthorpe. The total cost is $\pounds 12$ each or $\pounds 5.50$ for the croquet alone and $\pounds 6.50$ for the meal alone. Those who don't wish to play can meet us at the Halfway House for supper at 20.00. To book, please complete the form, below, and send to Linda as soon as possible but no later than Thursday, 27th July.

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Please book places for the Bastille Day Pétanque at £8.50 each. I enclose cheque for £
If you require vegetarian meals please indicate how many:
Name: Tel. Number:
Address:
E-mail address:
Please return with cheque made payable to <i>"Ashby Pithiviers Association"</i> by <u>Saturday 8th July</u> to Sandra Adkin, The Nook, 14, Main Street, Swannington, LE67 8QJ .
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each or places for Supper only at £6.50 each. I enclose cheque for £
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