



ASHBY-PITHIVIERS TWINNING ASSOCIATION



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SEPTEMBER

CROQUET TASTER EVENING

We were again made very welcome by members of the Ashby Croquet Club on their superb lawns at Moira. Although few in number members enjoyed some excellent coaching. As skills were remembered and refined the games became tactical and quite competitive.

In keeping with the summer weather this year we were accompanied by drizzle which eventually became light rain. So players and spectators alike were glad to retire to the warm atmosphere of the Half Way House at Donisthorpe where we caught up with each others' news over a well earned drink.

Everyone indulged in the excellent fish and chip supper to round off an enjoyable evening.

Thanks to Winnie Meadows and Linda Brown for organising this event.

TALES OF THE "TITANIC"

Something of a departure from our normal events took place on the evening of Friday, 22nd September when we met at Ashby's Congregational Church to hear a lecture from Jake Billingham on the famous and tragic ship, "Titanic". A blustery evening seemed entirely appropriate for the event!



Jake is very much a young man on a mission and explained to us how his fascination with this subject had originally come about and subsequently developed. He has clearly researched it in great detail and was able to regale us with many facts and anecdotes about the famous vessel and its sister ships, *Olympic* and *Britannic*, many of which, despite the celebrity of the ship and the tragic events for which it has become infamous over the last 100 years or so were quite new to us or upon which he was able to shed new light.

The tale was interrupted at the moment of impact of the notorious iceberg to permit a break for refreshments in the form of a buffet of cheese, paté, etc. and a glass of wine with the usual raffle after which Jake took up the story of the actual sinking and its aftermath. It really was a revealing and, indeed, entertaining evening that went down well! Many thanks to Jake (and his father, who diligently controlled the slideshow) and to everyone involved in the organisation and catering. *A short video of this event can be found on the website.*



2017 FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 28th October:

Harvest Hoe Down @Packington Memorial Hall. (*Booking Form overleaf.*)

Monday 20th November:

Annual General Meeting @ Ivanhoe Social Club.

Wednesday 6th December:

Christmas Walk and Lunch @ The Mount Pleasant Inn, Repton.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING CONVENING NOTICE

PLEASE NOTE: The Annual General Meeting of the Association will now take place one week later than originally planned at **19.30 on Monday 20th November at the Ivanhoe Social Club.** A separate convening notice will 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.

A Harvest Hoe Down **Saturday 28th October at Packington Memorial Hall**

Join the fun and frolics with **Double Capers** for a really good evenings entertainment. This is our major fundraising event of the year and tickets are now available from Margaret and committee members at £12.50 (£10.00 for children under 14) to include refreshments. There will be a licensed bar at the hall. Doors open at 19.00 and the fun begins at 19.30. Members' support for this event is vital to ensure our funds will cover next year's visit so can we please ask you all to come along and pull out all the stops to ensure an outstanding attendance.

There is a booking form below to be returned to Margaret by 21st October.

Christmas Walk & Lunch Wednesday 6th 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 ☐ adult places at £12.50 each ☐ children's places at £10.00 each. for the Harvest Hoe Down

I enclose cheque for £ _____.

Name: Tel. Number:

Address:

E-mail:

Please cut out and return with cheque made payable to "Ashby/Pithiviers Association" to Margaret Barnett, 8, Grange Road, Newhall, Swadlincote, DE11 0SZ **by 21st 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, 2017 to 31st August, 2018.

Please indicate which subscription category applies to you. (See Constitution clause 3).

☐ Individual: £12.00* ☐ Family: £18.00* ☐ Group: £18.00* ☐ 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.