



ASHBY-PITHIVIERS TWINNING ASSOCIATION



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THE HOE DOWN

The Hoe Down barn dance was a real success with *Double Capers* providing the music and the caller - they did a sterling job in directing the near 70 participants to do-si-do, promenade, back-to-back, step to the left/step to the right and swing, with no real damage to toes or life and limb, but with lots of hysterical laughter!! It was good fun, along with a supper of a "pulled" pork cob together with a delicious choice of either cheesecake, fruit crumble or chocolate cake, which



we later endeavoured to dance off.

There was a splendid range of raffle prizes and a young guest called "Summer" helped draw the prize-winning tickets with help from Joan and Linda. Hopefully a new recruit for the future.

The evening passed all too quickly and everyone seemed to leave on a "high" with smiles, having had such an enjoyable time.



**And a Happy New Year
To all our Members**

The Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Association was held on Monday 20th November in the Ivanhoe Social Club. Twenty members attended with Margaret Barnett in the chair, who gave a report of the year's activities. She thanked fellow officers and Executive Committee members for their support and outlined various social and fundraising events as well as details of the visit to Pithiviers. Treasurer, Alan Briggs being out of the country, his annual financial report was distributed and read out confirming the present healthy state of funds. A small increase in subscription rates was agreed for next year. It is £12.50 for individuals and £19.00 for families and groups. Anne Donegan, the Membership Secretary reported on the current membership position, which has declined somewhat over recent years and is now causing concern for the future. She counselled the need to consider means of recruiting new members.

Executive Committee

Election of officers and committee

members was uncontested. All officers and 7 of 10 committee members are in place leaving 3 vacancies. See overleaf.

Constitutional Amendment

A constitutional amendment was proposed by the Executive. Tony Green put forward an addition requiring the Executive to provide the method of sharing the cost of the visit to Pithiviers



prior to the AGM in the year before the visit. Following considerable discussion, Tony withdrew his amendment, given that the method of calculation would be in the newsletter inviting members to participate in the visit. The original proposal ("*The biennial delegation to*

Pithiviers must be totally self-financing. The visit costs must be shared by all those who participate in the visit, whether travelling with the "official" group or independently, in a way agreed by the executive committee") to be added to the final clause in "Section 6. Finance") was then passed with 16 votes in favour and none against.

Other Business

David Harris spoke of his success in establishing links between the four Ashby primary schools and Ivanhoe Academy, upon which he was congratulated and Sue Strong asked if the Association had adopted any policies, such as safeguarding, data protection, etc. The Chairman stated we had not but would be prepared to consider any drafts she might submit.

The Future

Next year's activities, including the June visit from Pithiviers, are already being planned.

A short video is on the website.

THE NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

Les Aldrich Linda Brown Geoff Cort Wendy Fry David Harris Ann Shilton Peter Wilkinson

Town Council Representative: Cllr. Mary Tuckey

There are still three vacancies on the Executive Committee.

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

2017/2018 FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 6th December:

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

Saturday 13th January:

Quiz Night @ Ashby Congregational Church. (*Booking Form below*)

February:

Beetle Drive. (*Details in January newsletter*)

7th-12th June:

Visit from Pithiviers.

Social Lunch Programme

Over the last year the Ashby/Pithiviers Twinning Association has done (in addition to the monthly PTVA events) a few impromptu social lunches for members to meet up at various pubs/restaurants in and around the Ashby area. At each event a donation of £1.50 towards the Association is given when you first arrive, and you then select what you would like to eat/drink and enjoy a sociable and convivial lunch and at the end pay for what you have had. I hope you can come, and also if you have any venues you would like to visit in the future please let me know.

I have arranged the following lunch venue and if you would like to come, please let me know just so I can let them know the numbers.

Ann Shilton: ann.shilton@tesco.net or telephone: 01283 225066 (leave a message if I am not around).

12.30 Thursday, 25 January 2018 - Zumanis, Market Street, Ashby.

I look forward to seeing you. *Ann Shilton*

CHRISTMAS WALK & LUNCH

Wednesday 6th December, 2017

There are still places for this popular annual event. Why not take advantage and get in touch with Elaine Shaw right away to book your place at the festive board? At just £9.00 each it has got to be the best deal this Christmas! You can contact Elaine at ptva@hotmail.co.uk or telephone: (01530) 564077.

Quiz Evening - Saturday 13th January, 2018

It's time for the return of the ever popular quiz evening to be held at Ashby Congregational Church at 19.00 for a 19.30 start. There will be a supper of home-made soup, crusty bread and cake but please bring your own drink and glass. A bottle of Pithiviers wine is the usual valued prize. The cost is £9.00. To book, please complete the form, below and send it to Margaret no later than **Wednesday, 10th January.**

Please book ☐ places for the January Event at £9.00 each. I enclose cheque for £ _____.

Name: Tel. Number:

Address:

E-mail address:

Please return with cheque payable to *Ashby/Pithiviers Association* to Margaret Barnett,
8, Grange Road, Newhall, Swadlincote, DE11 0SZ by 10th January.