



ASHBY-PITHIVIERS TWINNING ASSOCIATION



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BEETLE DRIVE

Friday 23rd February saw a small select band of us at the Thringstone Community Hall for the Beetle Drive. Three tables of four competed for the honours as the dice rolled furiously and winners and losers from each table migrated up or down as fortune dictated.



Margaret kept us in order and at half time we broke off for an excellent repast of fish and chips from the neighbouring award-winning fish shop and the customary raffle.

With a wide spread of luck and scores the evening concluded with Pat Cort taking away the coveted prize of Pithiviers wine but Ann Shilton, too, mitigated any disappointment on receiving a charming photo frame as a booby prize. Many thanks to everyone who took part.



PANEL GAMES EVENING

Once again we indulged in the now regular Panel Games evening on Saturday 24th March at the refurbished "Cottage" now the St. Helen's Heritage Centre. Elaine and Kay had prepared and adapted the various games for us and just under 30 of us took part in the customary Blue and Red teams.

Working our way through a variety of TV game shows, including *Pointless*, *A Question of Sport*, *Countdown* and *Would I Lie to You* the points stacked up and the competition mounted with the victory going finally to the Blue team. At half time there was a break for a supper of Chilli and cakes besides a well

-supported raffle. It was especially good to welcome both returning and new members to this enjoyable social occasion and thanks go to everyone who organised it and participated.



Draft Statements and Policies

In accordance with modern practice and legal requirements the Executive Committee has now produced a range of draft statements and policies covering the area of Health and Safety, Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults and Equality and Diversity. These will be submitted for official adoption at the November AGM and will then be available on our website (above) or in hard copy from the Secretary.

DATA PROTECTION

Likewise we are adopting a Data Protection Policy since new legislation will soon be in force to protect further aspects of personal data. This could involve the use of photographs taken of you in the normal course of our recording and reporting Association events, which are then published in our regular newsletters, on the Twinning website or for other publicity purposes. Most members, of course, have no objection to such random use of photographic material but if you do object we ask you to communicate this to the photographer or in writing to a member of the Executive Committee, who will then report the request to the full committee and thereafter every effort will be made to comply.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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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.

Bits & Bobs - Friday 27th April

An unusual and entertaining evening presented by Bob and Del Neill. Come to Ashby Congregational Church at 19.00 for 19.30 to discover some eccentric gadgets; some things new - some things old - some things wooden - some things gold! The fascinating challenge is to determine what they are and what purpose they serve. We are providing a light supper with tea and coffee but bring your own drinks and glasses. Cost is a mere £9.00. Please send booking form to Margaret by **Monday 23rd April**.

A Walk in the National Forest - Sunday 20th May.

The walk will be a couple of miles on footpaths within the Forest, led by Kay Gosling, followed by lunch at Conkers Waterside. An excellent carvery is the main offer – but alternatives are also available. If you are not able to participate in the walk, hopefully you will still join us for lunch! Advance payment of £9.00 for the lunch is for the main course and includes a small donation to the Association funds towards our hosting costs in June. You will pay Waterside directly for any drinks or additional courses. Walkers to meet in Conkers Waterside car park for departure at 10.30hrs. We shall then all meet in the restaurant for lunch at 12.45. A strict deadline of receipt of booking form and full payment is **Saturday 5th May** as numbers have to be confirmed to Conkers Waterside and, once confirmed, will be chargeable.



Social Lunch Programme

I have arranged the following venues and if you would like to come, **please let me know** just so I can let them know the numbers: ann.shilton@tesco.net or telephone: 01283 225066 (leave a message if I am not around). I hope you can come, and also if you have any venues you would like to visit in the future please let me know.

12.30 Tuesday, 17 April 2018 at The Bull & Lion, Packington

I look forward to seeing you. *Ann Shilton*

DETAILS OF THE TRIPS AND SOCIAL EVENTS PLANNED FOR THE 2018 VISIT

There is a booking form for English members on the back page. The overall plan is, as follows:

Thursday 7th June

19.30 Arrival of Pithiviers party at the Royal Hotel. Telephone “cascade” call out once we have estimated time of arrival.

Friday 8th June

08.30 Leave Ashby for the journey to Coventry. Tours of old and new Cathedrals. Lunch at Guildhall Undercroft Restaurant followed by tour of the Guildhall. Free time to explore adjacent area including Herbert Art Gallery and Museum.

17.30 Return to Ashby.

Saturday 9th June

11:00 Civic Reception at Ivanhoe College, Ashby (subject to confirmation) then day free with host families until ...

19.00 for 19.30 Twinning Dinner @ Queen’s Head, Belton. [Tomato & Mozareko Salad/Roast Beef/Sherry Trifle/Wine & Coffee]

Sunday 10th June

10.00 Optional Service at St. Helen’s Church then day free with host families.

Monday 11th June

08.30 Leave Ashby for Melton Mowbray. Visit to local pork pie maker & cheese shop then Heritage Walk. Travel to The Crown Inn, Old Dalby for lunch. En route back to Ashby *a little rural diversification!*

Tuesday 12th June

Time to be confirmed (but very early) Pithiviers party leave Ashby for the return journey.

Please Note: All times are, of course, approximate.

2018 FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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| Friday, 27th April: | “Bits & Bobs” @ Ashby Congregational Church. (Booking Form back page). |
| Sunday, 20th May: | Walk in the National Forest & lunch @ Waterside. (Booking Form back page). |
| Thurs 7th-Tues 12th June: | Visit from Pithiviers. (Booking Form on back page). |
| Saturday, 14th July: | Bastille Day Pétanque @ Kings Arms, Coleorton. |
| Sunday, 19th August: | Lunchtime BBQ @ Osgathorpe. |
| Saturday, 8th September: | “Last Night of the Proms” @ Linton. |
| Friday, 19th October: | Karl’s Bavarian Oompah Band @ Moira Community Centre. |
| Monday, 26th November: | Annual General Meeting. |
| Sunday, 16th December: | Christmas Walk and Lunch @ Mount Pleasant, Repton. |

Bits & Bobs

Please book places for The "Bits & Bobs" Evening at £9.00 each. I enclose cheque for £ _____.

Name: Address:

Tel: E-mail address:

*Please return with cheque payable to Ashby/Pithiviers Association to Margaret Barnett, 8, Grange Road, Newhall, Swadlincote, DE11 0SZ by **Monday, 23rd April.***

A Walk in the Woods Booking Form

Please book places for the Woodland Walk & Lunch at £9.00 each.

I will/will not* be going on the walk. I enclose cheque for £ _____.

**Please delete as appropriate.*

Name: Tel. Number:

E-mail address:

*Please return with cheque payable to "Ashby Pithiviers Association" to Elaine Shaw, 187 Nottingham Road, Ashby LE65 1DP by **Saturday, 5th May.***

2018 Visit Booking Form

Because space for Ashby members may be limited hosts, as usual, will have priority and a concessionary price for all events. These prices are shown, below, in black, non-hosting members prices in **red**. Please return the completed form by **Friday, 11th May.** Places will be allocated on a strictly first-come-first-served basis.

2018 Visit Booking Form

Please book _____ places for the Friday visit to Coventry @ £25.00/**£27.00** each = £ : .

Please book _____ places for the Saturday Twinning Dinner @ £25.00/**£27.50** each = £ : .

Please book _____ places for Monday Melton Mowbray Trip @ £21.50/**£23.00** each = £ : .

I enclose a cheque made out to Ashby/Pithiviers Association for a total of £____:____.

Name: **Address:**

Telephone: **e-mail address:**

*Please return with cheque payable to Ashby/Pithiviers Association to Margaret Barnett, 8, Grange Road, Newhall, Swadlincote, DE11 0SZ by **Friday 11th May.***