



ARCHIE WEIR

It is with great sadness that we have learned of the death on 9th April of Archie Weir at the age of 96. During the Second World War Archie served with distinction in RAF Bomber Command. Both Joyce and Archie have been very involved in our Association since the 1980s and, although less frequent attendees recently, Joyce was still able to participate in last year's exchange visit. Our sincere condolences are offered to the family.

The Civic Reception - Saturday, 9th June.

The Town's formal and traditional Civic Reception for our French visitors will take place on the Saturday, 9th June at Ivanhoe College, North Street, Ashby at 11.00 am in the Dining Hall. It will be hosted by Ashby-de-la-Zouch Town Council. All members are cordially invited to attend. There will be refreshments and it will conclude at 1.00 pm. Ample Car Parking is available

PHOTO COMPETITION



Following the success of last year's Twinning Calendar the committee has decided this year to invite competitive entries for the 2019 calendar from all members. Deadline for submission of photos : 30th September. Entries will be judged at the October committee meeting with the winning photo being used for the front cover – the photographer will win a bottle of association wine.

Photos will also be selected for each individual month, with each photo used having a credit for the photographer. Photos can be submitted for anything relevant to the Association and do not need to involve the June visit. Photos to be sent to Alan Briggs electronically in pdf or Jpeg format at: willesley@tiscali.co.uk.

Bits & Bobs

What a pity it was that so few of us were able to take part in the "Bits & Bobs" evening on Friday 27th April at the Congregational Church in Ashby because those who couldn't make it missed out on a really interesting and enjoyable time.



Del and Bob Neil presented us with a mind-boggling range of some twenty tools, implements and artefacts, which we had to identify and record. It wasn't easy! The top score was just 12½. There were items from all sorts of aspects of life and most of them had us scratching our heads.

We enjoyed a very agreeable buffet supper and glass of wine and the usual raffle was held before the evening came to an end we departed happy and so much the wiser for our encounter with the objects of yesteryear. Many thanks to all who participated.

A Walk in the National Forest

On a warm and sunny Sunday morning, 20th May, a small group of our members gathered at Conkers Waterside for the start of a short circular walk within the New National Forest. Setting off along the canal towpath we arrived at Moira Furnace to discover the Ashby Canal Festival in full swing with a good number of people in attendance, enjoying some canoeing and other land based activities. Pressing on towards Donisthorpe we entered the Woodland Park and continued along the Ivanhoe Way before heading back to Waterside.

There we were joined by several other members of the Association and together we sampled a traditional Sunday Roast lunch at the Carvery, enjoying good food and conversation in good company. Many thanks to Elaine and Kay for arranging the event.

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.

2018 FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Thurs 7th-Tues 12th June: Visit from Pithiviers.
Saturday, 14th July: Bastille Day Pétanque @ Kings Arms, Coleorton. (***Booking Form below***).
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.

Social Lunch Programme

I have arranged the following venues and if you would like to come, **please let me know** just so I can give them 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 - 26 July 2018 - The Vine, Bath Street, Ashby de la Zouch

12.30 - 1 August 2018 - Smisby Arms, Smisby

12.30 - 25 September 2018 - Zumanis, Market Street, Ashby de la Zouch

12.30 - 31 October 2018 - Bull & Lion, High St, Packington

12.30 - 16 November 2018 - The Vine, Bath Street, Ashby de la Zouch

I look forward to seeing you. *Ann Shilton*



BASTILLE DAY PETANQUE (Saturday 14th July)

This event will take place on 14th July and, again, be held at the Kings Arms, Coleorton. Open for drinks and practice at 11.30 am. Lunch at 12.30 pm, Bangers & Mash with Onion Gravy (Vegetarian option). Games start at 2.00 p.m. and the total cost is £9.00 per head. Bookings to Joan as quickly as possible but no later than Saturday 7th July.

Please book ☐ places for the Bastille Day Petanque at £9.00 each. I enclose cheque for £ _____.

Please indicate if Vegetarian Option required*: ☐ Please note number required.

Name: Tel. Number:

Address:

E-mail address:

Please return with cheque payable to the Ashby/Pithiviers Association **by Saturday, 2nd July** to
Joan Foster, 2, Ashby Road, Osgathorpe, Loughborough, Leics., LE12 9SR.