



# ASHBY-PITHIVIERS TWINNING ASSOCIATION



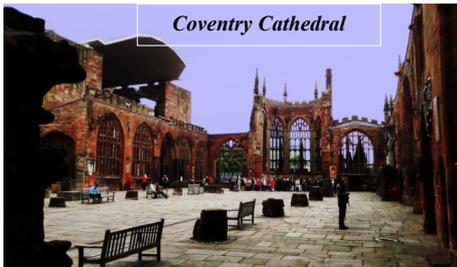
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## The Visit from Pithiviers: 7th - 12th June, 2018

Our guests arrived in good order at Ivanhoe College at 6.30 pm on Thursday 7th June to be met by their hosts. Then on Friday, we visited the city of



Coventry Cathedral

Coventry. Firstly we were taken around the New and Old Cathedrals by expert guides who provided interesting information and aspects that the casual visitor would otherwise miss. Then we enjoyed a splendid lunch at The Undercroft restaurant, consisting of good traditional British bangers and mash with bread pudding to follow. After lunch we were allowed access into the 14th century guild hall, now a venue for weddings, banquets and receptions. What a hidden gem.

The weekend opened, Saturday morning, with the Civic Reception, this year again



The Civic Reception

organised completely by the Town Council and one of the best we have provided. It was, however, unfortunate that there was no official representative from the Pithiviers Municipality. In the evening the Twinning Dinner was held



The Twinning Dinner

in Belton at the Queen's Head. An excellent meal was followed by Jim, the ever-popular "singing postman" by now as well-known and appreciated by our French guests as ourselves!

On Monday we took our visitors to Melton Mowbray. The visit included a



The "Singing Postman"

visit to the Dickenson & Morris' famous Pork Pie shop where we had a demonstration of the pie-making process and a tasting. (Those on the front of the audience got more samples!) We also visited Melton Cheeseboard for a tasting of English cheeses including of course, our wonderful Stilton.



Melton Mowbray

We had booked lunch at The Crown at

Old Dalby. Gallons of Pimms, a magnificent barbeque in the garden and dessert of Chocolate Brownie were



The Barbecue

rounded off with tea or coffee and then we made a "back lanes" journey back to Ashby but not before we took afternoon tea at the Alpaca Farm at Snarestone.



The Alpaca Farm

On Tuesday morning (at a relatively "civilised" hour) we said "farewell" to our friends with a promise to meet, again, next year in Pithiviers.



See you next year!

A brief video of the visit can be viewed on our website.

## Bastille Day Pétanque

Unfortunately we were obliged to cancel this event due to lack of support.

## Social Lunch Programme

These lunchtime meetings are now becoming a popular and regular feature. The most recent was held at The Vine in Ashby and was very well attended. The format is ideal. Ann Shilton has selected a number of local eateries which offer an attractive lunch in pleasant surroundings and - most important of all - in the presence of good company; fellow members of the Association with whom you spend an agreeable couple of hours in conversation. You pick what you want from the menu and pay for it at the end of the meal. Every participant contributes £1.50 to the Association so our funds benefit as well. It's a winning formula! For the future programme Ann has arranged the following venues:

**12.30 - 29 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**

If you would like to come, **please let her know** so she can give them the numbers: [ann.shilton@tesco.net](mailto:ann.shilton@tesco.net) or telephone: 01283 225066 (leave a message if she is not around). Hope you can come, and also if you have any venues you would like to visit in the future please let her know.



## LEARN/IMPROVE YOUR FRENCH – IN ASHBY

New member, Jane Wilde, will be launching a new programme of French classes at St Helen's Community Heritage Centre (SHCHC) in September. Jane's passion for French started when she was involved in an exchange visit to the Jura at the age of 13 - and has continued throughout life which has included living in Toulouse for two and a half years.

She teaches beginners to advanced level in small groups of around eight adults per class. The focus, in all classes is on useful French conversation, with an emphasis on developing confidence in using the language. There are no exams!

The course at SHCHC will be introduced with a taster session from 7pm – 8pm on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> Sept. The 10 week course then runs weekly from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> Sept from 6.30 – 7.45 pm (excl half term).

Anyone interested in this course, or other courses at a higher level, can contact Jane on 07925 170728 or [jane@languageforfun.org](mailto:jane@languageforfun.org). She is also running beginners Spanish classes with a Peruvian national as teacher.

### The French Circle

A great way to keep up your French is also the French Circle, which meets each month for reading articles and chat about current affairs. Everyone welcome! Contact David Fill on 01530 560228 or Geoff Cort on 01530 413770 for more details.

## 2018 FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- Sunday, 19th August:** Afternoon Tea @ Osgathorpe (**Booking Form on page 3**).
- Saturday, 8th September:** "Last Night of the Proms" @ Linton (**Booking Form on page 3**).
- Friday, 19th October:** Karl's Bavarian Oompah Band @ Moira Community Centre. (**Booking: page 3**).
- Monday, 26th November:** Annual General Meeting.
- Sunday, 16th December:** Christmas Walk and Lunch @ Mount Pleasant, Repton.

## Afternoon Tea at Osgathorpe

The social event on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August, previously advertised as a lunchtime BBQ, has been revised as Afternoon Tea – the venue is still Joan and Alan Foster's house (2, Ashby Road, Osgathorpe LE12 9SR). Starting at 4pm – 4.30pm you can expect a variety of sandwiches and other savouries, cream scones, tea or coffee and, in tribute to our French friends, a glass of wine. There may even be some giant versions of games to play if you wish – or you can just chat.

This is the first event of our fund-raising for the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary visit in two years time so we hope as many members as possible will participate. If you can't attend personally but are able to play your part in the fund-raising, a donation of a cake or scones would be much appreciated. Contact Joan to let her know how you can help.

Bookings (back page), with payment of £10 per person payable to "Ashby/Pithiviers Association", to Joan by 12<sup>th</sup> August please.

## Last Night of the Proms

Come to Linda Brown's house (The Old Vicarage, Main Street, Linton DE12 6PZ) on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September to celebrate that most British of cultural events – the Last Night of the Proms. We'll provide a finger buffet, drinks and the music, you provide your own chair or rug to sit on – and together we'll create a great patriotic atmosphere which will be made even more special if you dress in red, white and blue. Union Flags welcome!

The evening will start at 7.30pm and costs £10 per person. Bookings (back page) with payment of £10 per person made payable to "Ashby/Pithiviers Association", to Linda by 1<sup>st</sup> Sept.

**NOTE : if you are booking for both the Afternoon Tea and Last Night of the Proms, please feel free to send both booking forms and payments to Joan.**

## **Ve have Vays of Making you have Fun!**

Tickets are now available for our biggest fund-raising event of the year – a Bavarian Oompah Evening at Moira Village Hall starting at 7.30pm on Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> October. Each year we create a main fund-raising event which we hope will be of interest not only to members but also friends and locals. The cost to the Association of hosting the 2018 visit was over £66 for each of the 47 French visitors – as 2020 is our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary we expect an even bigger group than normal and, of course, we shall have to make it a very memorable occasion, so costs will be much higher. That being the case, we strongly encourage ALL members, particularly those who participate in the exchange in whatever capacity, to support this event in whatever way you can - by attending, encouraging your friends to attend, giving a donation if you are not able to attend and/or providing raffle prizes.

Karl's Bavarian Oompah Band, who are based locally but perform throughout the UK, will provide the music after we have indulged in a German supper of Frankfurter hotdogs with onions and baked beans, followed by Black Forest Gateau or Apfelstrudel. Please bring your own drinks and glasses.

It promises to be a great evening for only £15 per person including supper. Tickets are available from any committee member or through the post (see booking form). They are also available to the public from Ashby Tourist Information Centre. If you are able to display a poster to help promote the event please contact Elaine who will be happy to supply as many as you can display.

**NOTE : if you are booking for the Oompah Evening as well as either the Afternoon Tea and/or Last Night of the Proms, please feel free to send the booking form and payment with your booking for the earlier event.**

Please book  places for Afternoon Tea at £10.00 each. I enclose cheque for £ \_\_\_\_\_.

Name: ..... Tel. Number: .....

Address: .....

E-mail: .....

Please cut out and return with cheque made payable to "Ashby/Pithiviers Association" to Joan Foster, 2, Ashby Road, Osgathorpe, Loughborough, Leics., LE12 9SR **by 12th August.**

Please book  places for the Last Night of the Proms at £10.00 each. I enclose cheque for £ \_\_\_\_\_.

Name: ..... Tel. Number: .....

Address: .....

E-mail: .....

Please return with cheque made payable to "Ashby/Pithiviers Association" to Linda Brown, The Old Vicarage, 40, Main Street, Linton, DE12 6PZ **by 1st September.**

Please book  places for the Bavarian Oompah Evening at £15.00 each. I enclose cheque for £ \_\_\_\_\_.

Name: ..... Tel. Number: .....

Address: .....

E-mail: .....

Please return with cheque payable to Ashby/Pithiviers Association to Margaret Barnett, 8, Grange Road, Newhall, Swadlincote, DE11 0SZ **by Friday 5th October.**

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Membership renewal is due from 1st September. We would much appreciate you signing up as soon as possible to aid administration. There is a renewal form below to be sent with appropriate cheque payable to *Ashby/Pithiviers Twinning Association*

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

I/We enclose membership subscription for the year 1st September, 2018 to 31st August, 2019.

*\* 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.