



ASHBY-PITHIVIERS TWINNING ASSOCIATION



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NOVEMBER

Peter Meadows

It is with great sadness that we announce the death on October 29th of Peter Meadows. Peter and his wife Winnie had been members of the Association for a number of years and he had served as an Executive Committee member. Both of them were stalwarts in all fund-raising events. Peter would always be the first into the kitchen with sleeves rolled up, doing the washing up. His participation waned as his health became more fragile but he was always keen to hear the news and offer suggestions for new fund-raising ideas. He will be sadly missed and we offer our condolences to Winnie and the family.

THE NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chairman	Margaret Barnett	Tel: 01283-552636	e-mail: mhbarnrtt8@yahoo.co.uk
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Secretary	Elaine Shaw	Tel: 01530-564077	e-mail: ptva@hotmail.co.uk
Membership Sec. }			
Treasurer	Alan Briggs	Tel: 01530-414934	e-mail: willesley@tiscali.co.uk

Committee Members:

Les Aldrich Linda Brown Geoff Cort Wendy Fry David Harris Cynthia Hutchinson Ann Shilton Peter Wilkinson
Town Council Representative: Cllr. Mary Tuckey

There are still two vacancies on the Executive Committee.
If you would like to become a member, please contact Margaret or Elaine, above.



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

The Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Association was held on Monday 26th November at the Ivanhoe Social Club. There were 17 members in attendance. The Chairman welcomed them to the meeting and thanked all members of the Executive Committee for their support and work during the year. She advised that the visit from our 46 French visitors in June was a success and she thanked all who had been involved either in organising and/or hosting. Particular thanks to Ashby Town Council for the excellent reception at Ivanhoe College. She advised members that the Association supports links between local schools and Pithiviers schools and had hosted a meeting of teachers recently. The social lunches organised by Ann

Shilton have been popular. In September we had a membership drive involving distribution of flyers to houses in new estates. Although it probably helped to increase our profile it has not yet assisted with the recruitment of any new members – although we have recruited 5



new members during the course of the year. We have also lost two members in Archie Weir and Peter Meadows. Fund-

raising has been challenging and she thanked all those who have supported events – we are going to have to work hard over the next two years as we will be celebrating the 60th anniversary next time the French visit us. The new newsletter will be out shortly with details of social events in the early new year – she asked members to support as many as possible. She thanked Anne Donegan who is retiring from the Executive Committee and specifically from her role as Membership Secretary after several years of hard work in this role. In closing she thanked Ivanhoe Social Club for their continued support of the Association in the provision of a free of charge room for committee meetings. *Minutes are on the Association website.*

THE OOMPAH NIGHT

The Oompah Evening began with a delicious supper of local sausages in soft rolls with onions and baked beans on the side followed by a choice of Black Forest gâteau or apple pie with cream. Everyone brought their own drinks alcoholic or otherwise depending on taste and the fun began.

What's the popular phrase? *What happens at the Oompah Night*



The Band

stays at the Oompah Night. Needless to say it was a very entertaining evening with Karl's Bavarian Band providing the music for the competing teams of Berlin and Hamburg to exercise lungs, arms and knees.

Band member Bryan, in particular, encouraged unsuspecting audience members - mostly committee members - wonder how that happened? - into various competitions and japes.

During the interval the raffle was drawn with winners choosing

from a varied selection of donated prizes.

The fun recommenced and the competition between Berlin and Hamburg intensified but in spite of the best efforts of the team leaders to spur their team to victory Karl declared a draw!!

The evening drew to a close after a short speech of thanks from Margaret.

Just to say many thanks to all members, friends and supporters who attended this event and joined in so heartily, especially to everyone who helped in any way with bookings, poster and ticket design, distribution and sale of tickets, planning event menu, shopping, cooking and serving food, preparation and tidying of hall, greeting and door, donating raffle prizes and selling raffle tickets on the night.



The Audience

2018/2019 FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- Sunday, 16th December:** Christmas Walk and Lunch @ Mount Pleasant, Repton.
- Saturday, 19th January:** Quiz Night @ St. Helen's Heritage Centre, Ashby. (**Booking: Back page**).
- Saturday, 16th February:** Balloon Debate @ St. Helen's Heritage Centre, Ashby. (**Booking: Back page**).
- Saturday, 23rd March:** Panel Games @ St. Helen's Heritage Centre, Ashby.
- 5th - 11th June, 2019:** Visit to Pithiviers.

Social Lunch Programme

For the future programme Ann Shilton has arranged the following venues:

Thursday, 31 January 2019 - Gelsmoor, Rempstone Road, Griffydham, LE67 8H.

Wednesday, 27 February 2019 - Alpaca Park & Tea Room, Main Street, Snarestone, DE12 7DB.

Tuesday, 12 March 2019 - Cross Keys, Worthington Lane, Newbold Coleorton, LE67 8PJ.

If you would like to come, **please let her know** so she can give them the numbers: annshilton16a@gmail.com or telephone: 01283 225066 (leave a message if she is not around).



Quiz Evening - Saturday 19th January, 2019

It's time for the return of the ever popular quiz evening to be held at St. Helen's Heritage Centre at 19.00 for a 19.30 start. There will be a supper of home-made soup and crusty bread but please bring your own drink and glass. A bottle of Pithiviers wine is the usual valued prize. The cost is £10.00. To book, please complete the form, on the back page and send it to Margaret no later than **Wednesday, 10th January.**

Balloon Debate - Saturday 16th February, 2019

See who survives the tense and lethal debate at St. Helen's Heritage Centre at 19.00 for a 19.30 start. There will be a home-made pie selection to choose from but please bring your own drink and glass. The prize bottle of Pithiviers wine will be hard won! The cost is £10.00. To book, please complete the form, on the back page and send it to Margaret no later than **Wednesday, 13th February.**

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).

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Individual: £12.00*

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Family: £18.00*

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Group: £18.00*

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Junior: £1.00

Name: **Address:**

Post Code: **Telephone Number:**

E-mail address:

Please return with cheque for Ashby/Pithiviers Association to
Elaine Shaw, 187 Nottingham Road, Ashby LE65 1DP.



Please book ☐ places for the January Quiz at £10.00 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.



Please book ☐ places for the Balloon Debate at £10.00 each. I enclose cheque for £ _____.

Meal Choices*: ☐ Cottage Pie ☐ Cheese & Onion Pie ☐ Fish Pie

**Please note number required.*

Name: Tel. Number:

Address:

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We need to have an idea of interested numbers for the Twinning Visit in June 2019. I am sure you will bare with us as details are finalised. The overall cost will depend on the number of people making the journey. Every effort will be made to give value for money. Please use the form, below, to indicate your interest in taking part in the Twinning Visit to Pithiviers by coach and ferry leaving Wednesday June 5th with a one night stop and a visit of interest in France en route to Pithiviers returning on Tuesday June 11th or to indicate if you will be making your own travel arrangements.



2019 PITHIVIERS VISIT

**Delete as appropriate*

***I/We will travel by coach with the main group *I/We will book my/our own travel.**

Number of people in your party:

(We have already arranged to stay with:)

Name: Telephone:

Address:

E-mail address:

Please return to Margaret Barnett, 8, Grange Road, Newhall, Swadlincote, DE11 0SZ by 10th January.