



# ASHBY-PITHIVIERS TWINNING ASSOCIATION



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JANUARY

## Ian Shaw



We were sorry to learn of the sudden death of Ian Shaw over the Christmas holidays. Ian was responsible for the student exchange for nearly two decades, assisting hundreds of young people from Ashby and Pithiviers to visit each other “en famille” and both improve their language ability and learn about the culture of their exchange partner’s country. Although not a member in recent years, Ian remained in touch with many of the students who participated in the visits he organised and with his counterparts in Pithiviers.

His parents, Joe and Colleen are Life Members of the Association and his sister, Elaine, is Secretary.

## Christmas Walk and Lunch

A merry band of 19 Twinners and friends gathered at the festively decorated Repton Mount Pleasant for the Christmas Lunch Celebration. As it was held on a Sunday we shared the venue with other diners which added to the seasonal atmosphere. As usual we had a long group table.

Crackers were pulled, jokes shared some old, some new! Friends caught up with one another and shared their Christmas plans. The lunch was a delicious turkey carvery enjoyed by all. The tempting dessert display saw many people indulge in afters. We rounded the meal off with the inclusive tea or coffee.

Accompanying photographs of this jolly and replete group were taken by Alan B. Ann T organised the thank you collection for Michelle and her staff. Margaret thanked all for attending and wished everyone Season's Greetings. Thanks to Elaine who organised



## The January Quiz

Quiz evenings have always been popular with our membership and Saturday 19th January, our first social and fund-raising event of 2019, was no exception. Indeed it must have been up there in the record charts with an attendance very close to 50 people. Not only that but we were delighted to see a whole lot of new faces as well as the welcome “regulars”.

This year the questions were set by Jane and Alan Briggs, who offered us a startling new formula! This consisted of 7 rounds of 10 questions each based on a colour of the rainbow and with multiple choice answers. The twist was that each round contained one answer, which was not merely wrong - but impossible. Correctly identifying this “land mine” earned an extra two points. However offering it as a legitimate answer reduced the score for that entire round to zero! This certainly evened up the odds more than a little and, with around eight teams taking part, made for an exciting evening.

At half time we broke for an excellent supper of various soups, followed by different desserts and the raffle prizes were drawn. The final result of the quiz was very close and even the booby prize was awarded and received in good spirit thus getting our 2019 events off to a most enjoyable start.

Many thanks to everyone who participated and especially to those who organised the evening, prepared the questions, the food and ran the raffle to ensure we all had a good time as well as swelling the Twinning coffers.

## THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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### 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.**

## 2019 FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**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. (*Booking: Back page*).  
**April:** "Landmine" Quiz (Details in next newsletter).  
**May:** Biennial Dinner (Details in next newsletter).  
**5th - 11th June, 2019:** Visit to Pithiviers.

## The Balloon Debate

**Saturday 16th February - 19.00 for 19.30 at St. Helen's Heritage Centre, Ashby.**

The February fundraiser/social event is a balloon debate.

Eight members have very bravely agreed to take on the roles of 8 celebrities from the past or present day who find themselves together in the basket of an imaginary hot air balloon as it drifts perilously toward a mountainside.

Someone has to be jettisoned to save the balloon. Each character has to persuade you to save them from this terrible fate.

Eventually the balloon lands with the sole survivor- who will it be?

Do come along and have your say, it should be a very entertaining evening for just £10.00 each to include a glass of wine and choice of hot pie supper.

Just fill in the form on the back page, and send it off to Margaret together with the cheque by **Wednesday 13th February**. Hope to see you there!

## **Panel Games Evening**

**Saturday 23rd March - 19.00 for 19.30 at St. Helen's Heritage Centre, Ashby**

This event is now becoming a regular feature in our annual programme. Whether you're an extrovert who loves the lime-light, an introvert who hates it, or somewhere between, you can contribute to your team's success! It's the battle of "reds v blues" with all attendees joining one or the other team. Inspired by a variety of panel games on TV and radio, each round is based on a different show for an evening of light-hearted quizzing and laughter! Bring your sense of humour and your own drinks and glasses – we'll provide the chilli supper and motive for merriment! Price £10.00 per person. Please book with Elaine **by Wednesday, 20th March**.

### Social Lunch Programme

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

***12.30 - Wednesday, 27th February, 2019 - Alpaca Park & Tearoom, Snarestone***

***12.30 - Tuesday, 12th March, 2019 - The Cross Keys, Worthington Lane, Newbold, Coleorton***

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



## THE 2019 TRIP TO PITHIVIERS

Once again we will be taking an extra day for the visit, leaving on Wednesday 5th June and staying overnight at an hotel in France. This would enable us to leave later in the morning and visit somewhere interesting on Thursday en route to Pithiviers. Nothing is yet firmly decided but we are currently researching some options.

Obviously there will be additional costs and we have endeavoured to calculate this (as far as is possible without knowing exact numbers). As it will be necessary to make a commitment to an hotel as well as the coach company we must also ask for a commitment from members to the tune of £30 per traveller as a non-refundable deposit and hope you will understand this necessity.

As usual we recommend each traveller buy the necessary insurance in case of the need to cancel because of illness.

A booking form is below to be returned to Margaret with deposit as quickly as possible. Based on quoted coach fare and assuming approximately the same number of people as last time, the total cost is likely to be in the region of £350. You will be asked to pay the balance nearer to the time of the visit. All figures are necessarily approximate and depend on the number of travellers.

### The Balloon Debate

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

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

E-mail address: .....

*Please return with cheque for "Ashby Pithiviers Association" to Margaret Barnett, 8, Grange Road, Newhall, Swadlincote, DE11 0SZ by 13th February.*

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

E-mail address: .....

*Please return with cheque for "Ashby Pithiviers Association" to Elaine Shaw, 187 Nottingham Road, Ashby, LE65 1DP by 20th March.*

### 2019 PITHVIERS VISIT - BOOKING FORM

Number of people in your party: .....

(We have already arranged to stay with: .....)

I enclose a cheque for non-refundable deposit £ \_\_\_\_\_ (£30 per traveller)

Name: ..... Telephone: .....

Address: .....

E-mail address: .....

*Please return with cheque payable to Ashby Pithiviers Association to Margaret Barnett, 8, Grange Road, Newhall, Swadlincote, DE11 0SZ by 28th February.*