



## Skittles Evening

Saturday evening, April 27th saw the return by the Association to the Odd House, Snarestone for a sociable evening gathering for a game of skittles in their traditional alley and a pub meal. Eighteen people assembled and a very fair and equitable way of choosing teams was followed (i.e, whichever side of the long table you were seated on denoted which team you belonged to!) with Karen Underwood and Les Aldrich being team captains. This seemed to work well as the teams won a game each and drew the decider.

The meal was eaten halfway through the proceedings. All agreed it was enjoyable fayre. One or two people even found room for a pudding!

A lively knockout challenge was then played and the overall winner was David Underwood, who was presented by Margaret with the traditional prize of a bottle of Pithiviers wine.

Many thanks to all who supported this evening, to Jane, David and Karen, who kept scores and to all who helped with replacing the skittles.

## Tea and Cakes

On the afternoon of Saturday May 4th the Association provided tea and an impressive array of typical English cakes for a group of French visitors to St. Helen's church. David Harris welcomed them. A pleasant time was spent discussing such topics as the recent fire at Notre Dame and we were able to tell them of the Twinning link with Pithiviers. Some of their group associated the name with the regional speciality, "Pithiviers tarte" but were not sure of the town's location. Many thanks to all, who provided beverages and the wonderful display of cakes, which were appreciated by the visitors and their hosts.

## The Biennial Dinner

The venue for this year's Biennial Dinner was Willesley Park Golf Club. There was a mix of members and guests, catching up with each other before the proceedings began.

Peter Wilkinson was the master of ceremonies for the evening. Keith Youles said grace. An enjoyable and substantial 3 course meal with coffee followed. Peter proposed the Loyal Toast.

As is tradition at the Biennial Dinner a book was opened at one pound a go to guess how long the Chairman would speak; nearest to win the kitty.

The chairman thanked all officers and members of the committee for their dedication and commitment. She touched on activities and events which had taken place over the last two years, including the hosting of the successful twinning visit by Pithiviers in 2018. She commented that fundraising remains increasingly challenging but praised the loyal core of members who are exceptionally supportive of the Association's fundraising efforts. She mentioned the forthcoming visit when Pithiviers will be celebrating the formation of their twinning committee in 1959. The speech was just over 4 minutes long, the kitty being won by Alan Foster.

Anne Donegan proposed the Twinning Toast.

The chairman concluded by offering thanks to Elaine for liaising with the Golf Club, Joan for planning the evening, Winnie for the delightful table flowers, the Golf Club for the venue and enjoyable food, all who played a part in the proceedings and all who attended to make it such an enjoyable and worthwhile evening.



## Social Lunch Programme

For the future programme Ann Shilton has arranged the following venue at 12:30:

**Tuesday, 25 June 2019 at Cross Keys, 9 Worthington Lane, Newbold Coleorton, Leics**

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 call: 01283 225066 (leave a message if she isn't there).

## 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.**

## THE 2019 PROGRAMME FOR PITHIVIERS

We are all set for the visit to Pithiviers and those taking part will have received full details and the final cost for immediate payment. We look forward to an exciting trip and will report back to members in the July newsletter. Below is the full programme.

**Wednesday June 5th :** Travel with Roberts Coaches to Dover. Lunchtime crossing to Calais. Onward journey to Beauvais for overnight stay.

**Thursday June 6th:** Travel to Giverny for visit to Monet's house and gardens. Early evening arrival in Pithiviers.

**Friday June 7th :** Day visit to Guedelon Castle and St. Forgeau Castle.

**Saturday June 8th:** Civic celebrations. Morning reception. Evening meal and cabaret. New Ashby Mayor and Mayoress to attend (Cllr. Graham Allman and wife, Charmaine).

**Sunday June 9th:** Family day with hosts.

**Monday June 10th:** Visit to printing works at Malesherbes.

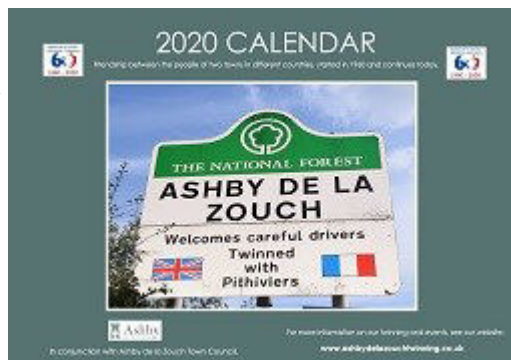
**Tuesday June 11th:** Au revoir to our hosts. Journey in reverse, calling in at *La Belle Etoile* for lunch. Afternoon crossing to Dover. Evening arrival back in Hugglescote.

Our gift to our friends is a hand-crafted bird bath for the garden of the Mairie by *Artisan of Ashby*.

We wish all travellers a safe visit. Many thanks to all committee members, who have worked so hard to arrange this visit in very trying circumstances.

The 2020 calendar of Ashby, which has been financially supported in part by Ashby Town Council is now available to purchase. The price of £7 represents great value. All profits will go towards funding the activities during the visit in 2020 of our friends from Pithiviers, when the Association will celebrate 60 years of Twinning between the two towns. The calendar will be on sale at future events. Thanks to Ann Shilton for taking the photographs and members of the committee for their input and help with proof reading, etc. also the Town Council and Town Clerk, Jack Fargher for his input and support.

**BREAKING NEWS**



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Pithiviers Twinning



## The New Logo

As you will be aware, 2020 is the 60th anniversary of our twinning with Pithiviers - an achievement of which we and our many predecessors may be extremely proud. As with our Golden Jubilee in 2010 we are marking this auspicious occasion with a new logo, designed by Elaine Shaw, our Secretary and one of our longest-serving members, and approved by the Association's Executive Committee. As from the next, July, newsletter it will be replacing the current "50 years" logo on our masthead and be used in all appropriate documents, publicity, etc. (including the 2020 calendar, above).

## 2019 FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**5th - 11th June, 2019:**

**Saturday 13th July:**

**Sunday 18th August:**

**Saturday 21st September:**

**Saturday 26th October:**

**Monday 25th November:**

**December:**

Visit to Pithiviers.

Annual Pétanque @ The Birch Tree, Bardon. (*Booking form: below*)

Afternoon Tea @ Osgathorpe. (*Booking form: below*)

Cheese and Wine evening @ St Helen's Heritage Centre.

Quiz with cider and sausage supper @ St Helen's Heritage Centre.

Annual General Meeting @ Ivanhoe Social Club, Ashby.

Christmas Walk and Lunch @ Mount Pleasant, Repton.



### BASTILLE DAY PETANQUE (Saturday 13th July)

This now well-established and popular event will take place on 13th July and will be held, this year, at the Birch Tree, Bardon traffic island. It will be open for drinks and practice at 11.30 with lunch at around 12.30. Games start after lunch and the total cost is £10.50 including lunch, games, tea or coffee. Booking form, overleaf. Please make sure you pay at the time of booking (as we have to pay a deposit to the venue). Send booking form to Joan as quickly as possible but **no later than Friday 5th July**.

### AFTERNOON TEA AT OSGATHORPE - Sunday 18th August

As guests of Joan and Alan Foster, we meet on their lawns at 2, Ashby Road, Osgathorpe LE12 9SR at 3 pm for a pleasant social exchange and Sunday tea. The cost is £10 each. To book, please complete the form, overleaf, and send, with payment, to Joan as soon as possible but **no later than Saturday, 10th August**.



Please book ☐ places for the Bastille Day Pétanque at £10.50 each. I enclose cheque for £ \_\_\_\_\_.

*Please note your menu choice and the number of each meal required:*

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All-Day Breakfast

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Scampi & Chips

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Quiche of the Day

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

Address: .....

E-mail address: .....

Please return with cheque made payable to "Ashby Pithiviers Association" **by Friday 5th July**  
to Joan Foster, 2, Ashby Road, Osgathorpe LE12 9SR.



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

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

Address: .....

E-mail address: .....

Please return with cheque made payable to Ashby Pithiviers Association **by Thursday 27th July**  
to Joan Foster, 2, Ashby Road, Osgathorpe LE12 9SR.