



ASHBY-PITHIVIERS TWINNING ASSOCIATION



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NOVEMBER



and a Happy New Year
to all our Members

ANOTHER GREAT QUIZ NIGHT

On the evening of Saturday, 26th October we got together once again for a quiz at St. Helen's Heritage Centre. The format was that of another "landmine" quiz, organised by Alan and Jane Briggs and around forty members and friends attended. With 6 rounds of 10 questions each the theme was great cities of the world. The numerous teams of varying size struggled to answer a range of questions carefully crafted to reward the knowledgeable and catch out the unwary particularly in terms of avoiding the ever-present "landmine" inserted into each round. This - if wrongly chosen - could wipe out the score for that round



or - if positively identified - would bring vital extra points.

At the halfway point we broke off for a welcome and tasty supper of beans and sausage with cider and the traditional raffle was drawn. The quiz then continued until, at the end of the evening a very tight finish finally produced the winning team.

As usual it was a thoroughly entertaining and enjoyable evening and thanks are due to Alan and Jane, as well as Margaret and her team for the organisation and catering and, indeed, to everyone who participated.

POLITE REMINDER:

Please remember to make all cheques for the Association payable to "Ashby/Pithiviers Association"

The Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Association was held on Monday 25th November at the Ivanhoe Social Club with 17 members in attendance. The Chairman, Margaret Barnett, welcomed all to the meeting and thanked members of the Executive Committee for their hard work during the year. She spoke of our visit to France in June and thanked all who had been involved and Ashby Town Council for its general support and particularly for supporting our calendar project. She also mentioned arrangements in hand for the Pithiviers

visit next year, when we will be celebrating the 60th anniversary. A favourable financial report was submitted by Treasurer, Alan Briggs and



Secretary, Elaine Shaw reported on membership, which is an area where we do need to focus for the future. Thanks were expressed to Ivanhoe Social Club for their continued support of the Association in the provision of a free of charge room for committee meetings. Officers and all but one retiring member of the Executive committee agreed to stand again and were duly confirmed. There remain two vacancies for committee members.

Minutes and a brief video will be posted on the Association website.

Yvonne Decooman

Sadly Yvonne passed away on November 25th after a short illness. She had been a member of the Association for a number of years since coming to live in Ashby and has participated in the Twinning visits in both directions as well as taking part - until recently - in various social events. She was also a keen member of the French Circle for several years. She will be sadly missed by all her friends and we offer our sincere condolences to her family. The funeral will be at Bretby Crematorium on Friday, 13th December at 1.45 pm.

THE NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chairman	Margaret Barnett	Tel: 01283-552636	e-mail: mhbarnrtt8@yahoo.co.uk
Vice-Chairman	Joan Foster	Tel: 01530-224494	e-mail: joan.inchley@talktalk.net
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 - Geoff Cort - Wendy Fry - David Harris - Cynthia Hutchinson - Tom Redfern - Ann Shilton - Peter Wilkinson

Town Council Representative: Cllr. Dan Harrison

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

Subscription Fee Arrangements for New Members

The Executive Committee agreed the following new bylaw which comes into force with immediate effect.

"A pro rata rate for new members' first year of membership will be applicable whereby they will pay 100% of the annual subscription rate if joining between Sept and Dec; 80% if joining between Jan and Apr and 50% if joining between May and August. Their membership will then be subject to renewal on 1st September."

Use of Photographs

As part of its promotion and recording of activities, the Ashby-de-la-Zouch/Pithiviers Town Twinning Association takes photos. Some of these are used within its newsletter, on its web-site and in other promotional material. Members will be regularly reminded that this is the case. Anyone who objects to their photo being used is asked to advise a member of the Executive Committee. Their wish will be reported to the Executive Committee and thereafter every effort will be made to exclude that member's image from any publication.

2020 FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Friday 17th January:	Burns Night @ St. Helen's Heritage Centre. (<i>Booking form: overleaf</i>).
Sunday 16th February:	Winter Walk and Lunch. (<i>Booking form: overleaf</i>).
4th-9th June, 2020:	60th Anniversary Visit from Pithiviers.

Social Lunch Programme

For the future programme Ann Shilton has, so far, arranged the following venue:

Wednesday, 29 January 2020 - Holly Bush, Breedon-on-the-Hill, DE73 8AT.

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).





Burns Night - Friday 17th January, 2020

We shall be celebrating this traditional occasion, once again, next year and the venue, this time, will be **St. Helen's Heritage Centre, Ashby at 19.00 for 19:30.**

The cost is **£15.00**. We very much hope to see you there for this convivial evening and ask you to complete the booking form below. Please send it, together with a cheque made payable to *Ashby-Pithiviers Association*, to Joan by 13th January.

Winter Walk & Lunch - Sunday 16th February, 2020

Hats, scarves and boots on – and into the National Forest for an appetite-whetting walk before enjoying a carvery lunch. That's the offer for Sunday 16th February. Those less keen to face the outdoors can just book for lunch! The walkers will meet at Conkers Waterside Car Park at 11.00hrs for a circular walk in the Forest. We will then meet up with the non-walkers for lunch at 12.45hrs at the Waterside Restaurant.

The cost is £9 per person for a single course meal (including a compulsory donation of £1.50 towards twinning funds) which can be either the carvery or the other set meals. Drinks and any additional food will be paid by each attendee direct to the restaurant. As this is a public restaurant we have to confirm numbers so there is a strict booking deadline of Sunday 9th February.



Please book ☐ places for Burns Night at £15.00 each. I enclose cheque for £ _____.

Name: Tel. Number:

Address:

E-mail address:

Please return with cheque payable to *Ashby/Pithiviers Association* to
Joan Foster, 2, Ashby Road, Osgathorpe, Loughborough, LE12 9SR by **13th January**.



Please book ☐ places for the Winter Walk & Lunch at £9.00 each. I enclose cheque for £ _____.

☐ I will be taking part in the walk. ☐ I will NOT walk but come directly to the restaurant.

Please indicate accordingly.

Name: Tel. Number:

Address:

E-mail address:

Please cut out and return with cheque made payable to "*Ashby Pithiviers Association*" to Elaine Shaw,
187, Nottingham Road, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, LE65 1DP by **9th February**.