

Windermere – Diessen Twinning Association

The Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 31st March 2012
at the Marchesi Centre Windermere – 2pm – 4pm

The Chairman, Jenny Borer, welcomed 14 members and friends.

1. Apologies for absence:

T. Blaney, B. and L. Haywood, S. Ricketts, M. Wane, A. Dainton, H. Ogden, H. McFarlane-Wenzel, Rev and Mrs R. Barker.

2. Minutes of the AGM on 25th March 2011:

Proposed – L. Blaney. Seconded – A. Pearson and agreed as a true record

3. Matters arising from the minutes:

No matters arising not covered by Agenda items.

4. Chairman's Report:

The Chairman went through the written report of the year's events, visits and future events which had been given to Members on arrival. Peter Bayliss commented that Quarterdeck had played for Miss Diessen on her visit to Windermere. Proposed – J. Jones, Seconded – P. Bayliss, - All accepted.

5. Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Norman Borer, went through the accounts for the year ending 31st December 2011 and confirmed that we had a year-end balance of £3,484-86 including Windermere Town Council grant of £750 which was gratefully acknowledged. A letter of thanks will be sent to Geoff Robson for the audit. The Treasurer noted that there had not been much expenditure this year, but accumulated funds would be needed for next year for hosting several group visits from Diessen already being planned.

Proposed – M. Rigg, Seconded – R. Park, - All accepted

6. Election of Officers:

As no other proposals were put forward the Officers were re-elected for 2012/2103: Chairman: Jenny Borer, Treasurer: Norman Borer, Minutes Secretary: Joan Jones. Proposed - B. Yates, Seconded - H. Jones - All agreed. Vice Chairman and Secretary posts remain vacant.

The Chairman said that she may be wishing to step down next year and consideration should be given to selecting a new Chairman for 2013

7. Election of Committee Members

After 10 Years on the Committee. Mgr Slattery has tendered his resignation and was presented with a planter of flowers with grateful thanks for his valuable contribution to Twinning. All other members were re-elected. Proposed – J. Borer, Seconded - Joan Jones. All agreed..

8. Future events and visits:

A group from Diessen will be coming at the end of May to visit seven of our local important houses and gardens, and tours have been arranged with Mountain Goat for the two days. The walking group with Zoja will be staying at Ambleside YHA for a few days afterwards.

The Blasergruppe celebrates its 50 year anniversary in 2012, and will be playing at St Herbert's Church Mass and on the Glebe followed by a Jubilee Concert at Lakes School with Burneside Brass and Kendal Concert Band, on Monday 28th May, and some hosted accommodation will be required, and various inclusive events will be organised, including a BBQ.

Six students from the Ammersee Gymnasium will also be at Windermere School and have been placed for work experience in local companies with assistance from the Chamber of Trade.

There will be a British Week in Diessen this year at the end of September to which Members and friends will be welcomed.

9. Membership / Subscriptions:

Member numbers had dropped following the visit to Oberammergau from 50 in 2010 to 40 in 2011.

It was agreed that the annual subscription would remain at £10 per person, renewable at the AGM, which helps to cover printing and postage and the necessary Public Liability Insurance costs for when we organise events

10. Correspondence:

All matters had been dealt with earlier in the meeting.

11. Any other business:

Date of next Committee Meeting – Wednesday, 16th May 2012.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 3.25pm, thanking everyone for their attendance. General discussion and questions followed with 'Afternoon Tea' including scones and cakes kindly provided from Brambles Tea Room being served.