



WINDERMERE – DIESSEN TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Mrs Jenny Borer ~ Chairman
Wynbeck
Rayrigg Road
Windermere
LA23 1EY
Tel: 015394 44995
email: jsborer@tiscali.co.uk

14th October 2019

Dear Members

Autumn Newsletter

Whilst this year has been successful with Twinning events, I have also had a busy time with my family and other commitments, so I apologise for the delay in bringing you up to date with past and future plans.

In May, the annual visit by Diessen's Carl Orff School saw over 40 students and teachers who we greeted on their arrival at Ambleside YHA, before enjoying a week of beautiful weather spent exploring our surroundings and visiting various local places of interest. Sadly, due to low numbers, the return visit from Lakes school did not take place this year, but it is hoped that with a higher intake expected next year more students will be able to visit our Twin Town.

Good weather in June, again greeted a group of thirteen visitors from Diessen, coming for a week's stay at the Hawksmoor Guest House, to partake in a programme of activities including a visit to Lakes School which they found interesting and praised the variety of activities and subjects that are offered to students. Specially arranged trips with Mountain Goat included visits to Walney Island Nature Reserve, Barrow Dock Museum, then by train to Carnforth Station, and a day tour of Yorkshire Dales, Castle Bolton, and Wensleydale Creamery for cheese tasting!

Local events included a visit to the newly opened Jetty Museum, a strawberries and cream tea aboard the new electric boats, courtesy of Windermere Aquatic, and a final evening get together for a traditional Sunday roast at Beresford's Restaurant along with Windermere Town Council's new Mayor, John Saunders and his wife. On departing early on Monday with Mountain Goat transport the group stopped off in the centre of Manchester for a City Bus Tour of our major Northern City before going on to the airport to fly home. My thanks go to our own members who assisted with any of these arrangements and accompanied our visitors on some of the outings.

Although the weather was less kind in August we were pleased to see Hannes and Petra Sanders who had rented a house near Windermere for a family holiday. Hannes was Chairman of the Association in Diessen in the early days and several of our long time members were pleased to meet up with them to enjoy reminiscing over past events and visits. Whilst they were here Hannes made a special visit to the Jetty Museum and on speaking with the Manager discussed the idea of possible opportunities for short term staff placements for young adults from Diessen, a notion that he will follow up in due course.

Forward dates for your diary include our usual Advent event at the Marchesi Centre at 2.00pm on Sunday 1st December with the St Martin and St Mary's Primary School Choir. This is always an enjoyable Community event attended by parents and grandparents, reminding us of the Christmas story and the start to the festive season.

On Friday 6th December, we are arranging a get together for a festive lunch at the Lamplighter Restaurant for which more details will be sent in due course, but please note the date, and let me know now if you will be able join in so I can advise likely numbers,

Plans already in hand for next year include six members of the Blasergruppe coming here from 12th to 16th May to stay with hosts, and play music in various venues to be arranged, details of which will be advised nearer the time.

Later in May, departing on Wednesday 20th and returning on Monday 25th May – flights are yet to be confirmed with Lufthansa - a group visit to Diessen coinciding with the Pottery Festival means that plans for accommodation will have to be booked very early – Joan and myself and Peter have already made accommodation arrangements, so anyone who is interested in going, please contact me for further details as soon as possible on receipt of this letter.

So – now looking forward to hearing from you please !

Kindest regards,

Jenny

