



WINDERMERE – DIESSEN TWINNING ASSOCIATION

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Dear Members and Friends,

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Spring Newsletter

We are having such extraordinary weather that it is difficult to decide (along with our usual spring flowers) if we should be coming into bloom, or staying tucked up somewhere in winter woollies! However, as we are already into the third month of 2019, it is time to bring everyone up to date with plans and activities to look forward to later in the year.

Rounding off 2018, we again had the children's choir of St Mary and St Martin's Primary School for our annual Bavarian Advent event which was well attended and enjoyed by all the families involved. This was followed later by an enjoyable pre-Christmas lunch get-together for Members at the Oakthorpe Hotel to start off the festive season.

Following last year's busy 20th Anniversary celebrations, both here and in Diessen, we are pleased that plans are under way for several events later in the year. In the hope that Members will wish to be involved, I am listing the various dates so you can note them in your diaries, although more detailed information will be advised for those happening nearer the time.

Firstly, I will be sending the agenda and minutes of 2018 AGM for our **Annual General Meeting** which is to be held on **Thursday March 21st at 7.00pm at the Marchesi Centre**. After the close of business we will be having refreshments and showing an interesting 'historic' video kindly loaned by Phil Hubbard, of the 1998 Inception Ceremony in Diessen when Gill Hubbard was the Chairman of Windermere Parish Council.

We are pleased that a group of some forty students and teachers from **Diessen's Carl Orff School** will once again be coming to stay at the Ambleside Youth Hostel arriving on **Sunday May 12th and departing on Thursday 14th May**. During their stay they will be visiting places of interest, and partaking of various activities, as well as spending some time at Lakes School, possibly including a get-together with some of the Lakes students for a social activity evening.

Sadly, the usual exchange visit to Diessen for Lakes School students will not take place this year due to low numbers in the year group, but it is hoped that next year, as there will be a higher intake, the visit will be resumed.

For several years now Twinning Members from Diessen have come as a group to stay at Hawksmoor for a week of exploring and enjoying the surroundings of Windermere and beyond. I am pleased to say that thirteen members will be arriving via Manchester Airport **on Tuesday, 25th June and departing on Monday 1st July**. We have received an interesting draft programme with Mountain Goat visits to our southern coastal areas and the Yorkshire Dales, although there will be a need for some fine-tuning nearer the time due to possible rail travel ideas. However, there are always plenty of opportunities for our own members to be included with some of the activities, so it would be useful to let me know if you would like to help and be involved.

Once again, as Chairman, I would like to thank the members of the Committee for their assistance, especially when fund raising is needed, together with Windermere Town Council for their grant funding to help us continue the Partnership arrangements with Diessen – am- Ammersee. Also, special thanks to our Town Mayor and Mayoress, Leith and Christine Hallatsch for their outstanding support, particularly through the 20 year celebrations.

Finally, our Treasurer Joan Jones, has asked me to remind that subscriptions are due and payable at the AGM, remaining at £10.00 individually, and can be paid to her on the evening or sent by cheque made out to Windermere/Diessen Twinning Association, to her home address: Briarways, Spooner Vale, Windermere, LA23 1AU.

Looking forward to seeing you at the AGM – please advise if you are able to attend – email or telephone as above.

Kindest regards,

Jenny Borer.

