



WINDERMERE – DIESSEN TWINNING ASSOCIATION

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Dear Members and Friends,

Early Summer Newsletter

We have certainly all had some difficult times in the past , but nothing that has prepared us for the situation that we have now been in for nearly two months with restrictions on travel and social distancing requirements preventing all meetings, events and activities taking place world- wide due to Coronavirus.

Our AGM on 12th March was followed by a very positive meeting discussing the arrangements for the various activities planned for this year , only to have the announcement on the next day that we would be going into a shut down position on the following Friday, with all that this has entailed.

Sadly, this has now meant the cancellation of all activities for this year, including the annual Carl Orff School exchange visit at the end of March, and with our own schools being closed the return trip for Lakes School student will also be affected, together with our planned trip for some Members to go to Diessen in May for their International Pottery Festival followed by the Blasergruppe's intended visit to Windermere at the end of May, for which we were arranging a comprehensive programme for them to play their music at various local venues.

I have kept in contact with our friends in Diessen by email who have also had similar restrictions affecting their own communities. However we have all agreed to look forward to being able to continue our activities in the future when things are able to be re-arranged, which at the moment is difficult to predict, but we are considering leaving it until next year before we make any new plans, in the hope that it will all have settled down by then.

Twinning has provided many benefits for many people in the past, so we are keeping positive about future activities that we can look forward to with our friends in Diessen. In the meantime, for those Members who were unable to attend the AGM, when Annual Subscriptions of £10.00 became due I would be pleased if you would send a cheque made out to Windermere Twinning Association to our Treasurer, Joan Jones, Briarways, Spooner Vale, Windermere Cumbria, LA23 1AU..

Many thanks, keep safe and keep well,

Jenny Borer

