



WINDERMERE – DIESSEN TWINNING ASSOCIATION

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Dear Members and Friends

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Spring Newsletter

After our wonderful Christmas Advent afternoon with the choir from St.Mary and St.Martin's Primary School at the Marchesi Centre followed by Christmas and New Year festivities, January has been a month of teasing weather forecasts, so it is now good to see snowdrops coming into bloom and the prospect of longer days ahead in February.

Looking further ahead, plans are in hand for a number of events and exchanges with our twin town of Diessen, so here are some advance dates for your diaries

First of all, I would like to apologise for the short notice of the following important event for all Members and Friends, due to my having recently been away.

On Saturday, February 21st, we will be having a relaxed social get-together for Members and Friends at Brambles Tea Room, courtesy of Amanda and Kevin, in the form of a German Food and Wine Tasting evening, starting at 7.00pm. The price is £12.00 per person which includes both food and wine, and we shall be having the usual raffle for funds! To enable food and wine to be ordered, Amanda will need to know numbers by 14th February at the very latest, so please contact her at Brambles (see invitation attached) preferably together with payment, so we can know who will be coming for this enjoyable event. Since space is limited, it will be necessary to book as soon as possible, so please, check your calendars or diaries, pick up the phone to Amanda – Windermere 88738, and reserve your place, as although reservations will have to be on a first come basis, we would like to have a full house for the evening, so don't miss out!

Due to Easter being early this year, the annual visit from students of Diessen's Carl Orff School will take place at the end of March, when some 40 students and teachers will arrive on Saturday 21st March, to stay at the YHA in Troutbeck. A varied programme of trips and visits to places of interest in the Lake District will broaden the students' understanding and culture of our beautiful area, and will culminate on Tuesday 24th March when they will spend time at Lakes School and exploring Windermere and its immediate surroundings. During the last evening before departing on the Wednesday, Twinning members will be helping with refreshments and activities at a social get-together when the Carl Orff School students will meet up with those members from Lakes school who will be going on the return visit to Diessen in July. This is a very useful event, as making the initial friendships encourages the exchange of email addresses and telephone numbers for future communications between the students.

Our Annual General Meeting will take place on Friday 20th March at the Marchesi Centre at 7.00pm and as well as our Members and Friends we would welcome anyone to come along to this social evening to have the opportunity to learn more about the purposes and benefits of Twinning, and maybe even think about joining us!

We have a group friends from Diessen coming for a cultural and exploratory visit from 6th to 10th of May, and a group from Windermere visiting Diessen from 23rd to 28th May when our saxophone quartet 'Take4' has been invited to play at several venues together with their brass ensemble, the 'Blasergruppe'. **There is still time for anyone else to join this trip, so please contact me if you may be interested and would like more details.**

Finally, in case you may not have heard, we are sorry to hear that Tony Blaney has not been well and has recently been moved to Preston Hospital where he is recovering from an operation. We have sent a card from Twinning members wishing him a speedy recovery, but if anyone would like to send one individually, please do so via Liz at the Fairfield Hotel in Brantfell Road, Bowness on Windermere, to let them know that our thoughts are with them both.

Best regards,

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