



WINDERMERE – DIESSEN TWINNING ASSOCIATION

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Dear Members

Re: Post AGM and Easter newsletter

The recent warmer weather is again encouraging spring flowers to open up in our gardens, and the trees are at last beginning to unfurl new leaves to provide the green canopy we all enjoy, and Easter brings us hope that there will be further improvements to 'normality' so we can look forward to enjoying the wonderful countryside that surrounds us.

My thanks go to all our members who took part in the 'paper' AGM and I am attaching the minutes of the 'meeting' as prepared by Adrian as Secretary, from which you will see that we have a stalwart group of fourteen individual members and very pleasingly, three corporate members - Windermere and Bowness Chamber of Trade, St Cuthbert's School and Lakes School - still in support. I would also like to thank those members who sent letters and emails with various suggestions for future activities once we can return to some form of 'normality'.

We are also in a sufficiently comfortable financial position to be able to welcome future visitors with our usual hospitality, even though we have not requested grants from the Town Council for the last two years of enforced inactivity. My thanks go to Joan for keeping our books straight for so long and for Adrian for taking on this additional role for the future.

As advised in my spring newsletter we do have one possible event on the horizon in that the long awaited and much postponed visit from the Blasergruppe members will now hopefully take place in spring 2023 as a celebration of 25 years of Twinning. It was a wise decision that was taken to plan so far ahead, so we hope that by then we will have recovered more stability from Covid both here and in Bavaria.

One other event that is taking place this year, is the celebration of 175 years of the Oxenholme to Windermere Lakes Line railway. The Lakes Line Rail User Group are having events at various places along the line, and there is to be a Windermere community event in the Ladyholme Centre on Friday and Saturday 22nd and 23rd April., from 10.00am to 4.00pm. As many Twinning visitors have made use of the line with its connection to Manchester Airport, we have been invited to join in with a display table for information about Twinning, and we will also be having a small tombola to attract attention!

Due to other commitments, both Joan and I will be manning our display table on Saturday 23rd April ONLY, so please do come along to show your support for both Twinning and LLRUG members who have been working tirelessly for the upkeep of our Lakes Line for 35 years or more.

In the meantime, I have had several positive responses regarding the idea of getting together for a lunch or afternoon tea. This will be discussed by the committee, with a view to an event later in June, so watch out for more information in the not too distant future! It may also be the opportunity for us to welcome one new member who has joined us since the AGM.

I will be sending an email to the new committee members in Diessen to keep them informed of our current situation here, and will keep you informed when we hear from them in due course.

Please keep in touch with any ideas or suggestions for future activities – I look forward to hearing from you.

Kindest regards,

Jenny