



WINDERMERE – DIESSEN TWINNING ASSOCIATION

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Dear Members and Friends,

Pre-Christmas Newsletter.

Time seems to fly by these days and here we are once again making preparations for the festive holidays which bring families and friends together with some warmth and sparkle to lighten the otherwise short days of the winter season.

To start the festive season, I hope you will all come along to our Advent event from **2.00pm to 4.00pm on Sunday 1st December at the Marchesi Centre** when once again we will be enjoying some traditional Bavarian fare and gluhwein together with a programme of seasonal music with the choir from St Martin and St Mary's School.

After Christmas, the New Year brings forward plans for activities and we have recently heard from our Diessen friends that the 'Blasergruppe' will be coming over again in 2014 to play on a number of occasions during the weekend, arriving on **7th June and departing on 10th June**, with further information about the programme being advised in due course. However, as we will be needing offers of accommodation for the band members I would be grateful if the dates can be noted in your new diaries and would be pleased to hear from anyone who may be able to act as hosts for the three nights.

Our usual school group cultural exchanges will take place again next year and a number of students continue to benefit from 'penpal' communications and individual exchange visits being arranged. Also, in October, a small group is planning to come over for walking and visits to places of interest, for whom we will be looking for comfortable B&B accommodation when we have more details.

Although individual Members continue to enjoy exchanges with Diessen friends, as yet there are no plans for a group visit for 2014, but if anyone has any ideas for a visit, or for members of a special interest group who may like to discuss the possibility of visiting our beautiful Twin Town, more information can be provided by contacting me as above. We would also like to hear from anyone else who may like to learn more about the benefits and activities of Twinning, so talk to your friends and see if they would like to come along to our Advent event as a start!

Wishing everyone all the best for the Christmas and the New Year,

Jennifer Borer