



WINDERMERE – DIESSSEN TWINNING ASSOCIATION

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Dear Members and Friends.

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I do hope that everyone managed to cope through the long winter's cold and snow, but at last we are having some welcome sunshine to encourage the spring bulbs to blossom.

Currently staying at the Ambleside Hostel we have over 40 students and teachers from the Carl Orff School, so the better weather is most welcome for them to be able to enjoy visits to places of interest locally and activities at Lakes School. We are pleased that a similar group from Lakes School will once again be visiting Diessen for their exchange visit in early July.

This year is a special year, marking 20 years of our Twinning with Diessen, and we will be honoured by a visit from their Burgermeister who will be here in May together with a group of brass players from the Blasergruppe, when we will be holding a number of events to celebrate the many years of friendship and activities between both communities.

Members of the Blasergruppe will be arriving on Saturday afternoon 19th May until Tuesday 22nd May and they will be playing at several venues during their stay as well as some visits to places of interest being arranged.

We are hoping to have our main celebration event on the Glebe, with the presence of the Burgermeister and Windermere Town Mayor, on the afternoon of Sunday, 20th May, to be followed by an evening meal at the Hydro Hotel to which everyone is invited. Fuller details will follow, but please make a note of the date to be sure of joining our visitors for the day and a celebratory meal.

When we have further details of all the planned activities over the weekend I will send out details of the programme so that everyone can join in whenever possible.

As part of the 20 year celebrations to be held in Diessen, we have been invited to join together with their festivities during the weekend of 7th and 8th July, and several members have indicated that they would like to be included with a group visit to be arranged.

It is probable that a group departure from Manchester airport with EasyJet would be on Thursday 5th July at 13.25 hours with return on Monday 9th July arriving at 18.15 hours. I would like to hear from anyone else who would like to join us, so please let me know as soon as possible so flight arrangements and transport to and from Manchester Airport can be arranged, as well as residential arrangements for the weekend. Please telephone me on the number above if there is any further information required, or details needing to be discussed, for you to decide.

In the meantime, we will once again be having our AGM at the Marchesi Centre, which will be on Thursday 22nd March at 7.00p and the Agenda and other papers for this evening are being sent with this letter. Please come along and bring a friend if possible to this pleasant social evening, together with any fresh ideas for discussion regarding future activities.

Kindest regards

Jenny Borer, Chairman.