



WINDERMERE – DIESSEN TWINNING ASSOCIATION

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Dear Members and Friends,

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Early Summer Newsletter

What strange spring weather we have been having – last week was like early summer and today my poor tulip tree which was in full glorious bloom has been affected by overnight frost and is all browned off!

I was particularly hoping that all the trees would be in full bloom to welcome the group of 13 visitors from Diessen who will be staying at the Hawksmoor Guest house from 6th to 10th May. However, it is anybody's guess as to what weather we will have during their visit, when we have two full days of tours arranged to Hutton in the Forest and Muncaster Castle, and a day in Coniston with a trip on Gondola, as well as free time for shopping and enjoying our locality.

As a social event we will be having an evening meal with our visitors at Beresford's Restaurant to which all our Members are welcome. A copy of the menu will be sent separately for the two course meal including tea or coffee for £15.50 and will be open at 6.45pm for 7.00 pm meals

For ease of catering we need to advise the chef of numbers and menu choices by Wednesday evening 6th May, so I would be pleased if you would let me know as soon as possible if you will be able to join us with your choice of meals either by email or telephone as above. Drinks will be available through the bar and a sweet course can be added on the day for £3.95 if desired.

We are pleased to know that Tony is now back home at Fairfield with Liz and is continuing to make a good recovery after his recent spell in hospital. We have always been fortunate to have our Summer Garden Party in their beautiful grounds, and this year I am delighted to say that Tony and Liz have again offered to host our main fund raising event on the afternoon of Saturday, 20th June, from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Once again there will be garden games, stalls, raffle and tombola with Pimms and strawberries and cream teas for our usual adult entrance of £5.00. Please make every effort to come and join us for a pleasant afternoon with friends and families welcome.

Since our AGM in March at the Marchesi Centre which was attended by 16 members, your committee has been busy with arrangements for the visitors coming from Diessen and also for the forthcoming trip to Diessen at the end of May.

With Peter Bayliss and his saxophone quartet 'Take 4' who have been invited to play in a number of concerts in Diessen, we have eleven people going out altogether, to enjoy both the music and the surroundings at this particularly beautiful time of year.

There was a joint event on 24th and 25th April at Kendal Town Hall with the five local Twinning Organisations joining together to raise the profile and benefits of twinning with a public exhibition of information about our individual partner towns, about which there should be an article in the Westmorland Gazette. Whilst the event did not result in many people becoming new members, we learned a lot from each other and the people who came to visit, many of whom were members in their own towns elsewhere, so it was a useful exercise. Many thanks go to the members of the committee who put together and manned our excellent stall for the two days.

All for now - hope to see you soon, Don't forget to send your menu choices if you can come to the evening on 8th May!

Regards,

Jenny Borer