



WINDERMERE – DIESSSEN TWINNING ASSOCIATION

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Dear Members and Friends,

Late Autumn Newsletter

Whilst this year has been busy and successful with exchange Twinning events, I have also had a busy time with my family and other commitments, so I apologise for the delay in bringing you up to date with past and future plans.

In May, an official visit together with Windermere Town Mayor Leith Hallatsch and his wife, in celebration of our 20th year of Twinning with Diessen was enjoyed with the usual generous hospitality and organised visits to the many places of interest in their beautiful area as well as traditional events. Shortly after our return, the annual visit by Diessen's Carl Orff School saw over 40 students exploring our surroundings and enjoying a social evening of activities at Lakes School, again supported by the Mayor and Mayoress.

As Chairman of Twinning together with the Mayor and Mayoress, I was invited in July to an interesting event with the visit by the Northern Counties German Consul General to the Merz Barn in Elterwater in celebration the 70th Anniversary of the residence in Ambleside by the German artist Kurt Schwitters and his use of the Merz Barn as a studio. Many of his works are now exhibited in the Armitage Museum, as well as at a museum in Germany.

Early August saw a group from Diessen staying at the Hawksmoor Guest House for a week exploring the varied cultural heritage of our area including the Wordsworth locations, Brantwood, the Merz Barn and two of the concerts from the Lake District Summer Music Festival programme. After a welcome evening on arrival, the group also enjoyed some walks in the glorious weather, and finally departed after a farewell buffet hosted by our own Members.

Last year some Members got together and enjoyed a 'Warming Winter Lunch' at the Flying Pig and we are arranging for a similar event on Friday 24th November from 12.00 noon, so please let me know by 20th November if you would like to join this social occasion, so I can book numbers accordingly.

Once again we will be joined by the choir from St Martin and St Mary's Primary School at our Advent event at the Marchesi centre on Saturday, 2nd December from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. so please do come along and support our young pupils and their families for the start of the Christmas Festivities.

Kind regards

Jenny Borer

