

## Chairman's Letter for AGM on 17th. March 2010

**Our 12th. Annual General Meeting! \*\* CHANGES ARE AFOOT \*\* We still need your support!**

My October Newsletter gave details of our activities from March to September 2009 so I will just mention the pleasant Social Evening we held at the Burnside Hotel in November. It was good to meet, eat and chat!

**In this letter I want to look forward.** The AGM will see the standing down from the committee, of Shirley, Eve, Lee, Brenda and myself. We, with the other committee members, have served the Town Twinning for many years..some of us since it started in 1998..and it has been a privilege to be part of it and to see it develop and grow. But new ideas are afoot and the time ahead looks to be interesting too.

Just a taste of what is in the pipe-line as we know at the moment:

### **SCHOOL VISITS.....**

**21<sup>st</sup>.-28<sup>th</sup>. March:** Students from the Diessen Gymnasium.

**25<sup>th</sup>.-29<sup>th</sup>. April:** Carl Orff Volksschule.

**2<sup>nd</sup>.-9<sup>th</sup>. May:** Students from St. Anne's School going to Diessen.

**15<sup>th</sup>.-22<sup>nd</sup>. May:** Lower Sixth from Gymnasium.

**July:** Lakes School Group to Diessen.

**22<sup>nd</sup>.-25<sup>th</sup>. May:** We will welcome the Blasergruppe again. As usual they will be 'playing around' but the highlight of their visit, and a date for your diary, is a.....

### **Concert in the Lakes School on Monday 24<sup>th</sup>. May at 7.30 pm.**

It will be a combined concert .. the Blasergruppe, the Burnside Brass and the Kendal Concert Band. It should be a good evening .....a unique experience for the bands and for us!!

The Blasergruppe will also be playing during Mass at St. Herbert's R.C. Church on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>. May.

Ten Ambleside and Windermere Lions will be visiting Diessen in July.

There is to be an English Week in Diessen in September. More details about this will be available when they are known.

The Committee members are: Chairman Miss Sheila Ricketts \* Vice-Chairman Mrs Jennifer Borer  
Secretary Mrs Shirley Taylor \* Treasurer Mr. Norman Borer  
Miss Rosemary Park; Mr. Peter Bayliss; Mrs Joan Jones; Mrs Lee Haywood; \* Mrs Joan Stocker;  
Mrs Hazel Macfarlane-Wenzel; Mr. Tony & Mrs Liz Blaney; Mrs Brenda Busschau; \*  
Chamber of Trade: Mrs Eve Blatchley; \*  
Churches Together: Mgr. Frank Slattery;  
The Lakes School: Mrs Jermaine Willan;  
Ex-officio Member: Mayor of Windermere..Mr. W.A. (Bill) Smith.

\* denotes those standing down.

Please come to the AGM with your nominations/suggestions to replace these members, or feel free to volunteer yourself to be part of the new committee.

So much is being planned, and I'm sure the Twinning will go from strength to strength. The committee have always worked well together and with you, the members, and all the support from local traders etc. Twinning has progressed well over the twelve years. It will, I'm sure, continue to grow.

Please come to the AGM. It will be the usual format.....basically a social gathering where information re. Twinning will be available, and we'll share experiences of our visits. There will be 'Cheese/biscuits and drinks' and a Raffle. AGM business will be done as part of the proceedings.

I know you will support if you possibly can. Please feel free to introduce someone new to Twinning on this occasion. Come along and share your ideas for your Twinning.

I look forward to seeing you on **17<sup>th</sup>. March at the Burnside Hotel @ 7.30 pm.**

May I personally, thank you all for all your support. I wish the Town Twinning many more years of fun and friendship with our friends in Diessen.

**THANK YOU AGAIN**

**Sheila Ricketts      Chairman**