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Dear Members and Friends,

A year has passed together with many a milestone, the biggest for us was the Brexit vote, how this fiasco will end is easily recognised, just have a look in your horoscope, then you will be at the same knowledgeable standard as many British politicians.

Just have a cuppa and wait for the storm to settle. Everything will be fine later.

The trends toward the right wing is very disturbing for me, have we still not learnt that national egoism only leads an unsocial status in the country with groups of people being segregated, seen as second class. The USA seems to have joined this band wagon as well, although it could also be just a single person who wants to change everything and not all will be positive, as happened in the prohibition era of the USA, let's hope the democracy works this time in the USA. The world seems to be taking steps backwards instead of forwards, Are we not inhabitants of this world? We were all born with nothing and nothing can be taken with you when you leave this world, no matter which religion you belong to. Even if you experience a 'terror attack' in your own country, as here in Germany in Berlin. My plea to you is just live in peace and show respect not only for your neighbour but for all mankind no matter which clothing, race or colour.

Now to the DEG itself, our small cosmopolitan in the midst of Germany, we seem to be quite an exception to the rule, many clubs, organization and societies have been booking shrinking memberships, this in the contrary for us, our normal meeting room at the AWO is becoming far too small for our meetings, so that we often have to move to the largest room in the building, due to growing interest in the themes we have. Thanks to all members of the board for their unfailing support which has enabled this.

Our developments with Bath are racing forward, with so many groups being involved such as the Pètanque club in Bath, even card players from the bridge club, for those who would like to learn more about the game just look at our programme for 2017. In June 2017 we are expecting the Bath Opera and Drama Society (BODS) and together with Cortez Theatre will hold concerts with free admission from the 7th till the 9th. We have managed to find accommodation for twenty (20) members, but as they will be accompanied by three members of the twinning committee, we are looking for further accommodation, if you can help please let us know.

The HBS Heinrich Büssing Schule are also entering into a partnership with the Bath College, a very positive interaction between the towns and colleges. Two members of their staff will also be visiting us in June, again we are looking for accommodation. Please help us as you would like to be helped.

And last, but by far not least in the name of the Committee we would like to wish you all a wonderful 2017, good health, luck and fortune.

Paul Kavanagh

Programme – January - June 2017

Saturday, 14th January: Excursion to the "This was Tomorrow – Pop Art in Great Britain" Exhibition in the Kunst Museum, Wolfsburg. (See covering email for all the details) Please register for this event.

Thursday, 26th January: Annual General Meeting – see separate invitation.

Friday, 3rd February: Bridge
Michael Seiffert from the Braunschweig
Bridge and Art Club has extended an
invitation to the DEG to attend a talk about
their trip to Bath in summer 2016. A short
introduction to the game of bridge will also
be given. 8.00 pm (20.00), Gliesmaroder
Straße 128, Braunschweig. Registration for
this event is necessary please contact
paul.kavanagh.deg@gmail.com

Thursday, 16th February: Bingo
We invite you to a fun evening playing bingo
with Paul Kavanagh. The money we take in
will be the winnings, the more cards sold the
higher the prize.

Thursday, 9th March: Malta Carmela Folgosa will show her impressions of this beautiful, interesting multicultural little Southern European Island in the middle of the Mediterranean.

Thursday, 23rd March: San Salvador (English-Holy Saviour) — Ana Celia Bruns will introduce us to her home country. She will talk about the history, culture and way of life in this far away country in Central America.

Thursday, 6th April: Our Partners and Contacts in Bath We would like to introduce you to our partner groups in Bath, the Bath-Braunschweig Twinning Association (BBTA), the German Society, the City of Bath Pétanque Club, the Bridge Club and the Bath Operatic and Dramatic Society (BODS). Some members of these groups will visit Braunschweig in May and June and this evening will give you the opportunity of getting to know more about them.

Thursday, 27th April: Short Story Reading Ingrid Wolframm together with audience participation will read, analyse and comment a short story.

Thursday, 11th May: Ghana - Plan International - Our member, Katrin Landsmann volunteers for the children's organisation Plan International and had the chance to join a trip with other members of Plan to Ghana where they were introduced to various projects on water and hygiene. She will talk about her experiences and present a photo show of this fascinating country and its people and the work of Plan.

Saturday, 10th June: Summer Garden Party - Same procedure as every year (dress up in summer frocks and hats if possible). Please note: this year it will be held at the Gemeindehaus der ev. Kirche Stöckheim Kirchenbrink 3 c, 38124 Braunschweig.

Meetings take place at the AWO-Haus, Frankfurter Strasse 18, 38122 Braunschweig, unless otherwise stated. Doors open at 7.30 pm (19.30) with the main topic at 8.00 pm. Topic may be changed due to unforeseen circumstances.

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Additional regular activities in our Association:

Meet us for Brunch at the Steinecke Bakery, City Point every Thursday 11.00 am – 13.30 pm. Conversation in English. All nationalities welcome. For more information contact Katherine Küppers kur.kueppers@t-online.de

Walk-Talk - Join us on our regular walk around the Südsee! We meet Saturdays at 11.00 am at the Stöckheimer Zoo carpark, Leipziger Str. For more information contact kur.kueppers@t-online.de

Short stories reading group – For more information contact Paul Kavanagh paul.kavanagh.deg@gmail.com

Forthcoming Attractions:

25th – 29th May: Members of the Bath Bridge Club will visit Braunschweig.

06th – **10**th **June:** ca. 30 guests from Bath and Omaha, Nebraska will visit Braunschweig for the Town

Partnership Festival week. A detailed programme will follow at a later date.

Alice in Wonderland: Premiere 15.00 pm 05.03.2017 Kleines Haus (in German)

Romeo and Juliet: Premiere 19.30 pm 21.04.2017 Großes Haus

Klassik im Park: 15.00 pm 05.6.2017 – The New York Central Park feeling in our very own Burgerpark.

Kulturnacht: 10.06.2017 — Arts and cultural events at various locations in the city Braunschweig.

To support the DEG and its activities, please consider joining us by becoming a member, if you have not already done so. You can ask any of our Committee members for a Membership Form or download it here, print it out, fill it in and then hand it in. We appreciate your support. If you would like to receive our Newsletter please let us have your email address and you will be added to our mailing list.

Pay Day Reminder: Please make sure that you pay your membership fee for 2017 which is due in March.

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Letter to Hillary Clinton

Dear Hillary,

You were so convinced of victory, because - as you so often reminded the American people - you were "the most qualified" to be Commander-in-Chief and it was your birthright to be the first female president of the United States. Rumour has it, you hadn't even prepared a concession speech (rather arrogant on your part, don't you think!). Well, something else happened on the way to the election!

You paraded a former Miss Universe to accuse your opponent of mistreating women. Come on Hillary! Really! You are far too smart to have opened that can of worms and think that you would win the argument, with Bill's pec cadillos in the Oval Office for which he was duly impeached, I might add.

As it turned out, woman voters did not care. They also couldn't have cared less about you shattering the glass ceiling to be elected the first female President. You see Hillary, women voted for jobs (putting food on the table) and security for their families. Your opponent got more than 50% of the white women votes and more African American women and Latinas voted for him than any other Republican candidate before.

You blamed the FBI, CIA, WikiLeaks and Russia for your loss. No Hillary, you have no one to blame but yourself and your phoniness for losing the election. You were too busy raising funds with your rich liberal celebrity friends and millionaire donors to have noticed the plight of the working class! Oh, you even called them deplorable and irredeemable! You were completely out of touch. Aren't Democrats supposed to be the champions for the working class? Well, your opponent connected with them and, by the way, he also spent less money and achieved a better result! That's right, he is a businessman and seems to care about the bottom line.

You will probably skip the inauguration ceremony on January 20th. It will be too painful for you to watch "The Donald" take the Oath of Office. I feel for you, but even though your political career is probably over, take heart Hillary, it's still possible for your daughter Chelsea to shatter that glass ceiling or will she too be trumped by another daughter—Ivanka Trump.

Kind regards, Carmela



As the past year with its worldwide momentous events draws to a close the situation in Europe in the coming year seems to many of us filled with uncertainties. However for our twin cities the New Year has much to offer and enjoy. In particular we look forward to 3 visits from musicians from Braunschweig: Antje Sievert's Song Recital in January, the Ladies Choir from Waggum in May and the Braunschweig Cathedral Childrens Choir in June.

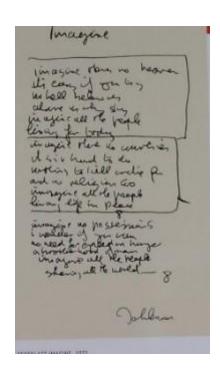
Paul Kavanagh and Jens Müller recently visited Bath to initiate an exchange of engineering students between the City of Bath College and the Heinrich-Büssing-Schule.

The Bath Christmas Market has been as lively as ever and seems to have acquired a reputation with visitors from all over the UK and even from abroad. The German influence is evident from the large quantities of glühwein and stollen being consumed!

Frohe Weihnachten und ein glückliches neues Jahr!

Martin Guest, Committee Member BBTA

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Imagine (1971)

Imagine there's no heaven It's easy if you try No hell below us Above us onlysky Imagine all the people Living for today Imagine there's no countries It is n't hard to do Nothing to kill or die for And no religion, too Imagine all the people Living life in peace You, you may say I'm a dreamer But I'm not the only one I hope someday you will join us And the world will be as one Imagine no possessions I wonder if you can No need for greed or hunger A brotherhood of man Imagine all the people Sharing all the world You, you may say I'm a dreamer But I'm not the only one I hope someday you will join us And the world will live as one

Let's hope and pray our political leaders will get it right in 2017!

