

#### Bath - Braunschweig



# Twinning Association Newsletter

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Monthly meetings are held in the Mayor's Parlour in the Guildhall in Bath

Next meetings:

Friday 4 Nov 2 pm

Friday 2 Dec 2 pm

To join, contact:

Hilary Elms, Secretary BBTA

208, Old Frome Rd BATH BA2 5RH Letter from Braunschweig



Dear friends in Bath.

The DEG was delighted to welcome 7 members of the City of Bath Pétangue Club from 1st to 3rd October in Braunschweig. We enjoyed spending some lovely days together with sightseeing, shopping, a social evening with a rich buffet and barbecue, a trip to Wernigerode including a trip on a steam train going up the Brocken (the highest mountain in Northern Germany where we even threw some balls in arctic cold) and the city Pétanque tournament organised by the FSV Braunschweig on 3rd October, German Unity Day. These days were another chance to enhance the links between our cities and to strengthen our connections. Thank you for your visit, dear Pétanque players.

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www.bath-kaposvar.org

www.mayorofbath.co.uk



#### **Book Corner**

In the absence of a new book from Braunschweig, we would like to recommend "The Secrets of the Notebook" by Eve Haas, which is available in the large print section of Bath Central Library.

The book begins with an autobiographical account of the author's life growing up in Hampstead and Highgate as the child of Jewish refugees who fled



Katrin Landsmann (DEG)

#### BBTA AGM

Our AGM was held in July.

Don Withers resigned as Vice Chairman and Margaret Burrows a long standing committee member also resigned.

Jeremy Key-Pugh is now our new Vice Chairman and we welcome Judy Spencer on to the committee.

We are very sad to report that Bill Waterfield, for many years an active member of the committee passed away in July.

#### Did you know?



to Britain in 1934, and is dedicated to the memory of her grandmother Anna, who died in Theresienstadt, and to Anna's mother Charlotte and grandmother Emilie. It is however far more than a holocaust memoir, as the author's extensive genealogical research uncovers an amazing link to the Prussian (and hence British) royal family. Consequently, the book gives an insight into German history from the Napoleonic era, through the 1920s and 1930s and also through the years of the cold war.

Despite the occasional historical inaccuracy and a style which mixes romantic fiction with - as the author herself writes - the atmosphere of a novel by John le Carré, this book is immensely readable and is ultimately a tribute to the survival of a family.

Susan Feest and Judy Spencer

The Benz Motorwagen built in 1986 is generally considered to be the world's first car. It was powered by a 954 cc single cylinder 4 stroke engine and moved at 8 mph.

In 1988 Benz's wife Bertha drove the car without her husband's knowledge from Mannheim to Pforzheim and back, a round trip of 120 miles.

This scenic drive in Baden-Württemberg is now known as the Bertha Benz Memorial Route.

#### Stammtisch



If you would like to practise your German in a friendly informal atmosphere over 'Kaffee und Kuchen' come to the Stammtisch - every Wednesday throughout the year between midday and 1:00pm, in the upstairs room at Cafe Retro, 18 York Street, Bath (by Bog Island).

#### Individual Exchange visits:

are you interested in visiting Braunschweig?

perhaps staying with a family in Braunschweig?

and maybe inviting them to stay with you in Bath?

#### DEG President visits Bath

Paul Kavanagh, new President of the Deutsch-Englische Gesellschaft of Braunschweig, visited Bath on 19 September.

Over lunch at the Green Park Brasserie Paul brought us up to date with some of the DEG's plans for further exchanges. He made contact with the City of Bath Contact Barbara Heck at the DEG (see link)



### 2017 Recitals by Choirs from Braunschweig

The Ladies Choir from Waggum will visit Bath at the end of May and the St Blasius Church Childrens Choir will be in Bath at the end of June

#### Visit of Dr Christiane Blass

Dr Blass who is a
General Practitioner
in Braunschweig and
also a member of the Normannia
Rowing Club in Braunschweig visited
Bath on 27 July 2016 as guests of
Jane Giddins and Andy Hoyes of the
Bath Minerva Rowing Club.

College to form a partnership with the Heinrich-Büssing-Schule in Braunschweig to initiate a robotics project.

While in Bath he also took the opportunity to meet a member of the Bath Opera and Dramatic Society who have been invited to Braunschweig next year to give two concerts.



#### Song Recital

Wed 11 Jan 2017

Antje Siefert, mezzosoprano Sybille Hempel-Abromeit, piano George Odam, composer

Michael Tippet Centre
Bath Spa University

including works by Michael Tippet, Benjamin Britten, George Odam and many others.

details from: <a href="http://bathspalive.com">http://bathspalive.com</a>

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