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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 Pétanque 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 Wolfram 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 3c, 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.



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

News
from
Bath

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
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Imagine (1971)



Imagine there's no heaven
It's easy if you try
No hell below us
Above us only sky
Imagine all the people
Living for today
Imagine there's no countries
It isn'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!

Happy New Year