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Dear Members and Friends,



What is Europe? Are we at home in Europe? How much of Europe do we have in the front room? Is Europe only a political theatre, with all its financial problems, or a centre of values? The municipal museum in Braunschweig looked into this question amongst other things in an exhibition with the name "Europe's front room".

We were asked to provide typical English food and snacks on two days. The decision as to what had to be done was clear, we recruited the best culinary experts available in the DEG, these are Ulla, Carmela, Jane, Dagmar, Dieter, Gwyneth, Kathrin K. and Barbara who provided about 140 scones served with fresh Cornish clotted cream and homemade jams, lemon meringue pie, sausage rolls, sandwiches just to mention a few things. A very special thanks to Marion for her creation of PIMS long drinks, this was a great success. All guests were so impressed that seconds were asked for. It proved to be a good platform for the DEG to inform the visitors about our work and I am sure we shall be seeing a few new faces at our meetings. Martin Guest from the twinning society in Bath presented Glass jewellery from Aqua Glass, he turned out to be a real salesman.



Paul Kavanagh

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.

Conversation Group Programme – August - December 2018

Thursday, 16th August: Reading

Astrid Wagner will read „Mrs Moonlight“, taken from the section „The Fullness of Life“ from the book „The Seasons of Women: An Anthology“ written by Helen Norris. This section is about how women are redefining the way they think of themselves and the possibilities for the last one third of their life.

Thursday, 30th August: The women who shaped Winston Churchill - Part II

This time Eva Grimpen will focus on the adult life of the politician and the women who stood near him.

Thursday, 13th September: Early Teaching

Remember, remember! For six years, Barbara Howe taught German children aged 4 – 6 years first steps into the English language and tonight she will give an impression on how those lessons went.

Thursday, 27th September: Our member Pia Landsmann has just returned from Tanzania where she spent a gap year taken to do an internship at the Goethe Institute in Dar es Salaam.

She is going to talk about her life in this beautiful country, the challenges she was facing, her work and her numerous trips to fascinating places such as Zanzibar, South Africa, Kenya, the Usambara Mountains, National Parks with impressive wildlife and landscapes etc.

Saturday, 13th October: Exhibition:

Städtisches Museum - „Zerrissene Zeiten – Krieg. Revolution. Und dann? Braunschweig 1916–1923“ - the significance of the November Revolution for Braunschweig and the whole nation. Please register carmela53@aol.com

Thursday, 25th October: Canada - Ontario and Quebec

Karin Cohrs will give her impressions of Canada's East from her tour starting and ending in Toronto. The trip took place in October 2017 to enjoy the beautiful colours of the Indian Summer. She and her husband travelled along the Saint Lawrence River up to Quebec with stops here and there and on her way back she visited a very secluded lake, a quite touristic place, the Algonquin NP, and the Canadian Niagara Falls.

Thursday, 8th November: Nelson Mandela 1918-2013 Centenary year of his birth, Carmela Folgosa will trace the life of this iconic leader from protester, prisoner and peacemaker.

Thursday, 22nd November: Cornwall

Paul and Ulla Kavanagh will present the noble houses of Cornwall with their impressive landscape gardens.

Thursday, 6th December: 7.00 pm (19.00)

Christmas Party this year will be at the Familiensportverien Braunschweig, Parnitzweg 5, 38108 Braunschweig. Same procedure as every year. Please bring a contribution to the buffet and a wrapped gift for the raffle.

Meetings take place at, **Kulturpunkt West, Ludwig-Winter-Straße 4, 38120 Braunschweig**, unless otherwise stated. Doors open at 7.30 pm (19.30) with the main topic at 8.00 pm (20.00). Topic may be changed due to unforeseen circumstances.



The DEG Committee works very hard to come up with interesting topics for you, however we would also like to hear from you and would welcome your suggestions and preferences and if anyone would like to give a presentation please inform Paul Kavanagh or any of our committee members.

Pay Day Reminder: The membership fee for 2018 was due in March. Please also make sure that you paid your membership fee for 2017. If not, please do so as soon as possible. Nord LB IBAN DE3325050000000328039

Additional events: Carmen premieres in the Burgplatz Arena on 18.08.2018.



Trip to Bremerhaven on 7th April 2018

On 7th April, seven early risers met at the main station in Braunschweig. We were on our way to Bremerhaven to visit the German Emigration Center and caught the 7:20 train. This museum was opened in 2005 on the site of one of Bremerhaven's 19th century harbours. Many emigrants left Germany from here and it is fascinating to learn more about them. The museum is split into two parts: the first being about departure from Europe and the second about coming to live in Europe. All visitors are given a boarding pass with an electronic card to be placed on sensors at various places along the route through the exhibition, beginning in the 19th century waiting hall of a shipping line and taking you to a wharf where you see groups of people saying goodbye. One could not help wondering what their hopes and fears were. Were they all imagining a brighter, better future? Maybe they were sad at the thought of those they were leaving behind and might never see again. Next is a room containing information about those who left Germany in the last 300 years. It is interesting touching the various sensors and hearing accounts of how people had come to this stage. After that you can see and hear what life was like on board a ship crossing the ocean over 100 years ago, mainly from the viewpoint of third-class passengers whose narrow beds were laid out in long rows. You also see what it was like on a 20th century liner. As many people emigrated to the USA, the next thing you see is the Arrival Hall at Ellis Island, New York. There is also information about people who emigrated to other places including South America, Canada and Australia. The last room in this section was a very impressive reconstruction of the terminal at Grand Central Station, New York.

There is a family research centre between the two main parts of the museum. This room has lots of computer terminals where you can find out about people who have emigrated. It was very exciting to see the names of our ancestors appear on the computer screens.

The second section is about immigration to Germany from the middle of the 20th century onwards. You are given an impression of what life was like in the 1970s, and there is a 1950s style cinema showing short films about German emigrants and their descendants. Here you can follow the lives of people who have come to live in Germany, just as you can follow the biographies of people who left Germany in the first part of the exhibition. One of those described in this section became a teacher at a school in Braunschweig!

Bremerhaven is well worth a visit. As well as the German Emigration Center, there are many other interesting places to see, or you could just relax and enjoy the fresh sea air.

Ella and Gwyneth Jones

News
from
Bath

The fine weather persists and the tourists in Bath are happily photographing the sights - and each other with selfie sticks! In our garden the grass is completely brown but as long as we water we have an abundant crop of gooseberries blackcurrants and many different vegetables.

Recently many owls (fibreglass statues about 1 metre high and individually decorated by local artists) have appeared on our streets. You can see them all on line at <https://minervasowls.org> At the end of the summer they will be auctioned for charity. We even have our own 'Twinning' owl with pictures of our twin towns.

Our new mayor for this year is Cllr. Patrick Anketell-Jones. His theme for the year is the Environment. Our twinning association has a particular interest in a global ban on plastic pollution as well as encouraging more tree planting in our city

I am looking forward to participating in the Living Europe Exhibition next week. I shall be in Braunschweig from 21 to 31 July and I shall be bringing a selection of small items hand made in the Aqua Glass workshops for display and sale.

Martin Guest

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