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Newsletter

Dear Members and Friends,

A total of only about 17 million votes in the UK in comparison to a total of 63,182,000 including the aged and young have decided to remove their country from the European Union poses some short-term risks, and offers some very big, longer-run lessons.

"Brexit" is a big shock as the central role of London in global finance is restructured. Will it remain the central hub of finance, I doubt it. Doubts also are becoming louder from many foreign companies in the UK, they were using their businesses as an entrance to the European market.

Many pensioners not in the UK have lost about 20% of their pensions due to the sudden fall of the pound sterling, especially those who chose to live in Spain and France. But why did it all come about? First, it reminds us of the power of anger in politics. The British voters who chose to break with the EU were angry. Anger is the original political emotion.

Second, the Britons who have voted on their anger did not become angry over nothing. They had real reasons to be angry. They were angry at their economic misery. The average person in Britain lost 10 per cent of their real buying power between 2008 and 2012. Government services have been cut. They were frustrated that some people kept getting richer while the ordinary people got nowhere. No real improvement was in sight. Immigration had been mismanaged. The British blamed their leadership and the established system. And, in the age-old way of humankind, they blamed the "other" – in this case, the immigrant. This is not a British peculiarity. This is the same anger that Donald Trump is harvesting in the US. It's the same anger that far-right parties are exploiting across Europe.

This demonstrates the third lesson. The principles of open markets and immigration have not been discredited by the experience of Britain or the US or France or other countries in Europe. It's a failure of management, not principle. The British experience shows that angry people cannot be frightened. The warnings of grave consequences from all kinds of experts did not deter them.

These lessons lead to the fourth. The problems driving the anger can be fixed, and must be fixed. Otherwise this syndrome of destructive rejectionism will continue unabated, spreading like a contagion. Conservatives prefer to talk about growth, progressives about equality. In the real world, it's not an either/or question. Countries need both – more growth and less inequality. And immigration must be actively managed and immigrants actively integrated, not left to marginalised lives in ghettos.

The final lesson is a point made by one of the world's more respected economists and investors, Mohamed El-Erian, adviser to Allianz: "Add Brexit to a list of unthinkable things that have become reality," he wrote for Bloomberg. "And if the UK's decision to leave the EU does not wake up politicians elsewhere, this list will only get longer in the months to come."

Best wishes,
Paul Kavanagh

A day to remember warm and sunny as it always should be in when Carmen and Ingo hold their relaxed biannual summer garden party in the height of June which turned out to be one of the best days of the year. We were invited to the residence of Carmen and Ingo Röttger in a small village to the south of Wolfenbüttel, the invitation was followed by about 50 guests, who also created a wonderful buffet which was set up in the majestic hall of the exemplary old manor house. After a short speech, held by the lady of the house Carmen, the buffet was opened to a toast to our host and hostess. The Pims with ginger ale and a shot of champagne just melted on our tongues and made the tasty food just like poetry. This year Viking chess was on the menu as a game in the



spacious garden. The youngest player was 3 years old, the others a little longer in the tooth. I have never seen so many excited people throwing batons across the lawn, sometimes even running after them. Even if the rules of the game were taken very lightly everybody had great fun although only one team can win.



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.

Programme – August - December 2016

Saturday, 6th August: Excursion to Hamburg to the British Flair Event at the Hamburg Polo Club in Klein Flottbek (Details have already been sent separately).

Thursday, 18th August: Jörg Bischoff from Bischoffs Teeladen, Braunschweig will present his “world of teas” – different types, different methods of preparation and different regions where tea is produced. This talk will be in German.

Thursday, 25th August, 9.00 p.m.: Lichtparcours '16 - Light Art Exhibition – Amadeo Miller will give a guided walking tour. Starting point, entrance Steinberger Parkhotel, Nimes Str. 2, ending at the Schlossplatz. Duration: ca. 2 hours. A torch may be useful.

Thursday, 8th September: IWA-BS (International Women’s Association Braunschweig). Approaching their 10th Anniversary, Marianne Wandt and Maria Isabel Cáceres Guerrero will introduce us to this multi-lingual Association which is run by women to help women and their families settle in and around Braunschweig.

Thursday, 22nd September: Peterborough - The rejected wife of Henry VIII, Catherine of Aragon found her last place of rest here - briefly accompanied by Mary Queen of Scots. The Cathedral surmounts the modest market town in Eastern Anglia. Elisabeth Kwan will take you along on a historic journey through this ancient building and its surrounds.

Saturday, 1st October: We will be hosting guests from Bath. A separate invitation will follow later.

Thursday, 27th October: Tracing “Outlander”- Scotland Then and Today. Inspired by the TV drama series “Outlander”, Katrin Landsmann will present a photo-show of her trip to Scotland. She will trace the characters in places such as Inverness and Fort William, combining scenes from the series with her own pictures taken during her trip.

Thursday, 10th November: “The Art of Overland Biking - Germany to China” - Roswitha Söchtig, for some people “crazy” and for others a “hero”, will recount her adventurous, self-organized travels by bike from Braunschweig to Beijing.


Thursday 24th November: Visit Beamish Town - Beamish is a living, working museum, set in 300 acres of beautiful Durham countryside. Costumed folk bring to life the Town, Pit Village, Home Farm and Pockerley Old Hall. Discover what life was like in North East England in the 1820s, 1910s and 1940s.

Thursday, 15th December: Christmas Party – Same procedure as every year!

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

Please join us at our Pétanque training sessions either on Wednesdays at the Tura-Sportplatz, Braunschweig-Nordstadt or Thursdays at Magni-Boulers, Braunschweig-Südstadt. A special thank you to Peter Grünenwald for welcoming us at his club. For more information please contact sabine.thomas412@gmail.com.

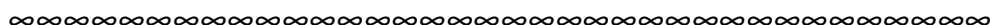
Pay Day Reminder: In this hectic life, some things are easily forgotten - like your membership payments. Please make sure that you paid your membership fee for 2016 which was already due in March. If not, please do so as soon as possible. Nord LB IBAN DE3325050000000328039

 **New Simply British in Braunschweig:** After having been able to enjoy cream teas for a while now at the Café Britannia, you can now also buy your favourite English tea, marmite, self-raising flour and many other British products at Simply British, Schützenstraße 3-4, Braunschweig. They are very friendly and would like to hear from you if you have any special requests. <http://simplybritish-braunschweig.de/>
http://www.cafebritannia.de/Website_Cafe_Britannia/Cafe_Britannia_-_Braunschweig_-_Home.html

Quiz Night: The Wild Geese Irish Pub, Gördelingstraße 49, Braunschweig, have a Quiz Night every Tuesday at 9.00 p.m. You are welcome to join some of our committee members there on Tuesday, **9th August** at 8.30 p.m.

Live Cinema: See William Shakespeare's Richard III on the big screen as the debut production of the Almeida Theatre London live, starring Ralph Fiennes in the main role and Vanessa Redgrave as Queen Margaret. The play was broadcast into hundreds of cinemas around the UK on Thursday, 21st July with international screenings throughout August. It will be screened in C1 Cinema Braunschweig on **Thursday, 18th August** at 8.00 p.m. (OmdU).

Burgplatz Arena: "Hair", the musical by Galt MacDermot, will premiere on Saturday, 13th August. A group of 15 members and friends are looking forward to attend a performance on **Tuesday, 30th August** at 19.30 p.m. The Peacemakers by Sir Karl Jenkins will be performed on Saturday, **27th August** at 8.00 p.m.



Fan mail to Sir James Paul McCartney

Dear Sir Paul,

I first became aware of you when I was 10 or 11 years old. You were part of that little boy band, remember? The walls of my room were completely covered with the Fab Four pictures, much to the horror of my non-understanding parents. It was always a struggle, who do I love more? Paul or John? I admit I loved your sweet face more! You happened before all the modern hype of Cd's, MTV Videos, You Tube, Twitter, Spotify, etc. Heck, we didn't even have TV in SA at the time. And yet I knew all about you boys, your songs, and your concerts. I saw your film "A Hard Day's Night" at the local drive-in cinema. I remember emulating the screaming teenagers on the screen. Then, my teenage heart was broken! The band broke up - you faded a little. I still followed you throughout your tragedies and successes. I was a little disappointed in you, when you married what's her name, who, I knew just wanted to shine in your light and maybe take some of your money!

I have now aged, carry a few extra pounds, and feel the creaking bones. You, on the other hand, have remained forever young! Seeing you on stage in Berlin, it was hard to fathom that you are actually 74 years old! Thank you Sir Paul, for the amazing concert and the wonderful trip down memory lane.

A loving Fan



It has certainly been an interesting few weeks from a political perspective; however, many of us, certainly in Bath, find the prospect of a future outside the EU unsettling. Nevertheless we must remain optimistic and continue to develop our cultural and personal links with the rest of Europe.

On a lighter note summer seems to have arrived here at last. Tourists from every land throng our streets enjoying the sights in the warm weather. There are weekly lunchtime organ recitals in Bath Abbey and the 25th Mozartfest will take place in November, always an enjoyable event, presenting a wide variety of music with of course a particular emphasis on Mozart. At present there is much building of residential accommodation in Bath; this is largely on so called brownfield sites (i.e. on previously built on land) which helps to protect the beautiful countryside around our city.

And as ever we look forward to any visitors from Braunschweig.

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