



# Bath - Braunschweig



## Twinning Association Newsletter

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Did you know?

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

Next meetings:

Friday	4 Aug	2 pm
Friday	1 Sep	2 pm
Friday	6 Oct	2 pm
Friday	3 Nov	2 pm
Friday	1 Dec	2 pm

To join, contact:

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### Letter from Braunschweig



This summer the highlights in Braunschweig definitely were the numerous visitors from Bath, namely the Bath Bridge Club in May as well as members of Bath Operatic and Dramatic Society in June. The latter gave a brilliant concert performing the most wonderful songs from their broad repertoire, partly in cooperation with Cortez Musik Theater. Everyone agreed that "Music is the art which is most nigh to tears and memory", as Oscar Wilde once said. We also had the remarkable honour of welcoming the Mayor of Bath, Cllr. Ian Gilchrist, and Cllr. Colin Blackburn in addition to BODS at our annual garden party. Thank you for having been our guests!

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[www.deg-bs.de](http://www.deg-bs.de)

[www.bath-alkmaar.eu](http://www.bath-alkmaar.eu)

[www.bath-kaposvar.org](http://www.bath-kaposvar.org)

[www.mayorofbath.co.uk](http://www.mayorofbath.co.uk)

### ? Trams for Bath



Our new mayor Cllr. Ian Gilchrist recently visited Braunschweig. As a keen supporter of a possible tram system for Bath he was particularly pleased to have been given the opportunity to drive a tram in Braunschweig. He gave a short presentation of his recent visit at our AGM (see below)



### Visit of the Braunschweig Youth Choir

On 29 June the 75 strong Braunschweig Cathedral Youth Choir gave an excellent afternoon concert of choral music from both Germany and Great Britain in Bath Abbey under the direction of Domkantor Gerd-Peter Münden and Kantorin Elke Lindemann.

In the morning the group attended a Civic Reception hosted by Mayor Cllr. Ian Gilchrist and then went on to visit the Roman Baths.

### Did you know?

The Horstmann family have lived in Bath for over 150 years. Gustav Horstmann originally from the Prussian province of Westphalia set up in Bath as a clock and watchmaker in 1854. In addition he invented a micrometer accurate to 1/10,000 inch. His son Sydney, together with Hermann, Sydney's brother, founded the Horstmann Gear Company in 1902. Sydney went on to design and produce cars in Bath setting up in 1913 the Horstmann Car Company (later Horstman Ltd.)

## Braunschweiger Zeitung's

Erwin Klein



returned on 11 June after visiting the 8 towns in the UK that are twinned with Braunschweig. He noted a wide range of opinions on Brexit - from 'completely crazy' to 'a great opportunity for the UK!!' On the subject of twinning he observed that the twinning associations with municipal support seemed to be more successful. He also felt that the nature of twinning had changed from its beginnings in the 1950s and that it was important to introduce 'young blood'

### BBTA AGM

was held on Friday 7 July 2017

The officers were all reelected:

Chairman Bryan Chalker

Vice Chairman Jeremy Key-Pugh

Secretary Hilary Elms

Horstman (the second 'n' was dropped during WW1) cars were made in Bath

between 1913 and 1929. In all about 1500 were made of which 10 exist today.

Tony Horstmann, great grandson of Gustav Horstmann, is Treasurer of the Bath Braunschweig Twinning Association.



1923 4 seat Horstman Tourer

An original 1914 Horstman Light car and also a copy of Gustav Horstmann's micrometer can both be seen at Bath's *Museum of Bath at Work*

### 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?

Contact Barbara Heck at the DEG (see link)

### Stammtisch

Treasurer/Min.Sec. Tony  
Horstmann

There are in addition 6  
committee members. We are sad  
to record the recent death of  
Mark Gilbert who was elected a  
member of the committee earlier  
this year. Diana Guest was  
elected.



### Bridge Exchange 2017

At the end of May, 11 bridge  
players from " Bath Bridge Club"  
and "Bridge and Games - Bath"  
travelled to Brunswick to meet  
the friends who came to Bath in  
the first stage of the exchange  
in 2016. At an initial reception in  
the club rooms of "bridge + art",  
an engraved bowl from Aqua Glass  
was presented to their chairman,  
Michael Seiffert, on behalf of  
the City of Bath and the two  
bridge clubs.

We were able to play bridge on  
two consecutive days in a relaxed  
and friendly atmosphere at a  
beautifully restored former  
railway station. The visit  
concluded with a celebratory meal  
of locally grown asparagus and an  
afternoon bridge session.  
Language was no problem, but the



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).

### Ladies' Choir from Waggum

When I stay in Braunschweig in the summer months,  
I sing with this wonderful choir of 55 ladies. They  
are a friendly group of singers, many of whom form  
the church choir, and also sing at events in  
Waggum, a small village just outside the city of  
Braunschweig. I travelled with the choir on their  
recent trip to England from 18 to 23 May

On 21 June we sang at the morning service in St  
Michael's Without, where we were welcomed by the  
former Mayor of Bath Cllr. Paul Crossley and his  
wife Margaret who also attended the service.

Vicki Messam

(BBTA Committee member)

game itself sometimes had us puzzled.

Our hosts were generous in their hospitality and made us very welcome in their city. The Bath visitors were welcomed officially by the Mayor, Frau Ihbe, and in a short time we soon felt at home, admiring the medieval architecture of the city (which was 90% destroyed in 1944), the many green spaces and extensive network of cycle paths. We also had the chance to explore the surrounding countryside, and to visit the VW headquarters at Wolfsburg, which offered a contrasting vision of the 21st century.

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