



DEG

**DEG Newsletter
No. 3
August 2024**

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1. Editorial

Dear DEG members and friends,

We hope you all enjoyed your summer holidays and you returned with batteries fully recharged, waiting for our next meetings and events. There are quite a number of outings and special events ahead of us and due to the summer break some organisational aspects still need to be finalised, also the plan to move to the Haus der Kulturen for a trial period.

In summer the Jugendkantorei Braunschweig visited Bath and sang beautifully in the Council Chamber and in the Abbey, where the service was bilingual. In case you'd like to watch it, this is the link:

https://www.youtube.com/live/PKSvI8Cn5rY?si=b5fn85Dh_AMlw_C

Hoping that you will find lots of interesting information in this newsletter and looking forward to seeing many of you at our meetings and events.

Marion, Ella and Katrin



2. Looking back at previous events

4th April 2024: Pub Quiz

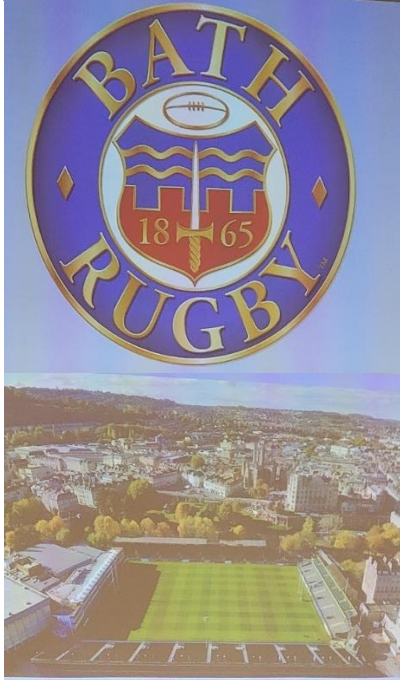
Ella and John hosted a Pub Quiz at the Haus der Kulturen which was great fun and very well-attended. Thanks for the interesting questions and the entertainment.



18th April 2024: Nicci Watson: Rugby

Nicci Watson, originally from Braunschweig's twin town of Bath, but a Braunschweig resident for nearly thirty years, talked about the sport of rugby. As a former captain of the Welfen ladies' team, she gave a brief outline of the game, its (perhaps surprisingly long) history in Germany and especially in Braunschweig, and a few reasons why she feels rugby is the true 'beautiful game'!

Thanks for this fun evening with lots of information and personal impressions.



20th April: Outing to the Komödie am Altstadtmarkt, Braunschweig: Das Gasthaus an der Themse

A small group attended the play in German and enjoyed the performance which was full of suspense and also had comical elements.



28th April: Internationaler Tag der Städtepartnerschaften, organised by Stadt Braunschweig in Haus der Kulturen

The town planned this day for all clubs and associations actively supporting twinning activities. This gave us the chance to meet and connect with members from other twinning societies (such as the Deutsch-Chinesische Gesellschaft, the Deutsch-Indonesische Gesellschaft, Freie Ukraine and many more). We offered a tea-time buffet as well as a cultural contribution. Ella and Gwyneth read "Warning", a poem by Jenny Joseph.

Thanks to the town for organising this special day.



2nd May: Phyllis Verley: A witness to history

Phyllis Verley talked to us about her experiences during and after WW2 in Essex and London and how she met and later married a German POW (prisoner of war).

We also heard about the situation of POWs at this time and how they were able to leave their camps and mix with the local population.

Thanks, Phyllis, for your hard work and efforts in giving this emotional and very moving presentation.



5th May: 24th Highland Gathering in Peine

Once a year, the Highland Gathering takes place in Peine. This year it was held in the Stadtpark on 4th and 5th May. A DEG group went there to find bagpipers and drummers as well as stalls offering all kinds of Scottish items such as jewellery, handicrafts and traditional goods. There was live music at the large open-air concert stage along with singing and Scottish-Irish dancing at a smaller stage.

Visitors could treat themselves to a sip or two at various whisky stands, or they could have beer, tea and scones if they liked. Sunday was dedicated to traditional events held at Highland Games including tossing the caber and the tug-of-war.

The Peine Highland Gathering is the largest of its kind in mainland Europe. It was a lovely day and a great occasion to find out more about Scottish traditions.



23rd May: Route 80 - Driving from Los Angeles to Phoenix in Winter

Uta and John showed photos from their recent holiday in the USA. The trip had to be in February - thus a route was desirable that would be guaranteed to be free of ice and snow in winter. Starting in the bustling metropolis of Los Angeles, their 10-day trip led through Californian and Arizonan deserts and National Parks just north of the Mexican border to Tucson and Phoenix. They talked about the beautiful scenery and the stunning landscapes but also about oddities they encountered along the road in remote regions of the United States.

Thanks to both, Uta and John, for this very interesting presentation full of amazing photos and surprising facts.



Saturday, 1st June: 11 am to 7 pm: Braunschweig International

Again, the DEG participated in this lively, colourful event. We offered snacks and tea and sold quite a number of English books. Thanks to all the DEG members who helped attending the stall as well as preparing food and drinks. It is always very important to take part and to see and to be seen.



3. DEG programme August to September 2024

Thursday, 8th August, 7 pm, Kulturlounge at Haus der Kulturen

We invite you to an entertaining

Summer Quiz

with Marion, Ella and Katrin hosted at Haus der Kulturen
Braunschweig e.V., Am Nordbahnhof 1A, 38106 Braunschweig.

<https://www.hdk-bs.de/>

How to get there: <https://www.hdk-bs.de/raeume/anfahrt/>

Or take the bus 426 directly to Taubenstraße



Source: www.tripadvisor.ch

**Thursday, 15th August, 5 pm (registration by 14th August 2024) and
Sunday, 18th August, 5 pm (registration by 16th August 2024)**

Literarisches aus Braunschweigs Partnerstädten

Spaziergang mit dem Schauspieler **Ronald Schober**

Jane Austen nimmt Sie mit auf eine Zeitreise in das England der Adelligen und Bürgerlichen in Bath, Yoram Igael teilt mit Ihnen seine Gedanken über seine Heimat in Israel, und lassen Sie sich von der Legende des Fischermädchens, dem Wahrzeichen Zhuhais, verzaubern.

The event will be in German.

Please register here:

internationalebeziehungen@braunschweig.de

meeting point: Nîmes-Straße (in front of the hotel Steigenberger)

Das Raabe-Haus hat eine Ankündigung auf der Internetseite.

<https://www.braunschweig.de/literaturzentrum/programm/index.php>



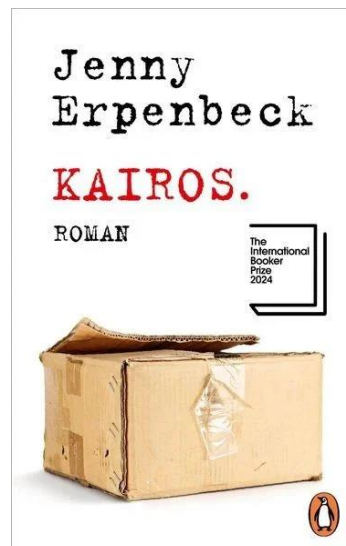
Source: <https://www.britannica.com/biography/Jane-Austen>

**Thursday, 22nd August, 8 pm German time (7 pm British time):
Online Literature Club: Jenny Erpenbeck “Kairos”**

We are going to discuss the novel “Kairos” by Jenny Erpenbeck, winner of the International Booker Prize. This is the intimate and devastating story of the path of two lovers through the ruins of a relationship, set against the backdrop of a seismic period in European history.

Join our online Jitsi video conference by following the link:

<https://meet.jit.si/DEGLiteratureClub>



Thursday, 29th August, 7 pm

We invite you to an entertaining

Games Night

If you like, bring along your favourite card or board game and play with others. Games will also be provided.

At Haus der Kulturen Braunschweig e.V., Am Nordbahnhof 1A, 38106

Braunschweig. <https://www.hdk-bs.de/>

How to get there: <https://www.hdk-bs.de/raeume/anfahrt/>

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Source: <https://therapytreeaz.com/game-night-activities/>

Saturday, 7th September Summer Party: Haus der Kulturen

The Haus der Kulturen is inviting us to take part in their annual summer party. Details will be announced nearer the date.



Source: <https://www.freevector.com/flat-summer-party-vector-28269>

Friday, 13th September, 8.30 pm: Lichtparcours raft trip

The City of Braunschweig is presenting the “Lichtparcours 2024” along the River Oker this summer. This year 13 new artworks involving light are being shown along with some older pieces.

We organised a raft trip along the river to see the art on 13 September 2024 and have already asked for registration. This boat trip will last for 1.5 – 2 hours and will start at about 8:30 pm. The price is 24.50 euros/person. An English-speaking guide will be on the raft with us and will tell us about the art and the artists as we float along.

If you would like to join us and haven't registered yet, please contact info@deg-bs.de as soon as possible. There may be a few seats available.

For those who have registered, we will give you further details about the trip nearer the time.

More info: <https://www.lichtparcours.de/index.html>



Source: <https://www.braunschweiger-zeitung.de/braunschweig/article241379200/Der-Lichtparcours-bringt-Braunschweig-erneut-zum-Leuchten.html>

Sunday, 22nd September: Visitors from Hanover-Bristol Association in Braunschweig

The Hannover-Bristol Gesellschaft in Hanover is expecting visitors from their twin town Bristol and is planning to spend one day in Braunschweig with a guided tour among others. We would like to meet up and connect with them, offering an additional item on their agenda. Details are just being arranged and will be announced nearer the date.



Source: <https://www.thetimes.com/travel/destinations/uk-travel/england/best-things-to-do-bristol-ld50x6k2c>

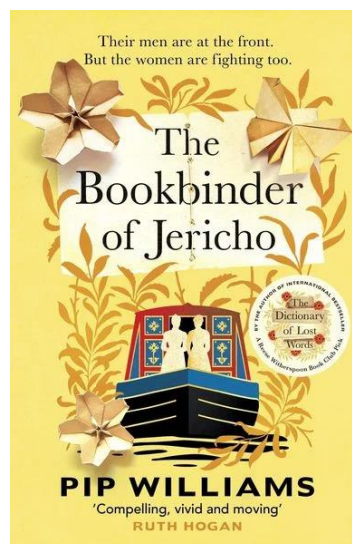
Thursday, 26th September, 8 pm German time (7 pm British time):

Online Literature Club: Pip Williams, The bookbinder of Jericho

We are going to discuss the novel “The bookbinder of Jericho” by Pip Williams. A young British woman working in a book bindery gets a chance to pursue knowledge and love when World War I upends her life in this new novel from bestselling author of “The Dictionary of Lost Words”.

Join our online Jitsi video conference by following the link:

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**11th October: 5 pm to 8.45 pm:
Cooking with Ulla and Ella in Haus der Familie**

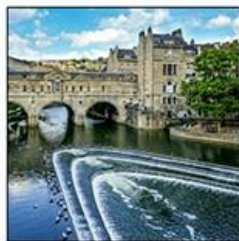
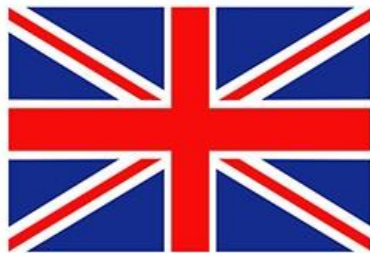
Two members of the DEG will show you how to prepare some typically English food at the Haus der Familie.

The main course will be cottage pie, and both the traditional dish with meat and a vegetarian version will be cooked. They will be served with cottage cheese dip and vegetable sticks. The dessert will be an apple crumble with custard.

Details about registering for this cookery evening that will cost 33 euros per person are available on the Haus der Familie's website and by clicking on this link

www.hdf-bs.de/ZHR41

Rezepte aus Braunschweigs
Partnerstädten:
Bath/Großbritannien



Source: <https://www.hdf-braunschweig.de/kurse/kurssuche/kurs/BZHR41>

4. General information

To whom it may concern - new contact details

Please inform us in case you have a new postal address, email address, telephone number or other contact details so that we can keep in touch.

To whom it may concern - Payment details

Many of our members already paid their yearly membership fees in March. Regrettably, there are still some who have not yet done so.

The next time we have our fortnightly gatherings, we must pay for the room, and also for the tea and biscuits that we share at our meetings.

Therefore, if you are one of the people who haven't paid, please transfer the money for your membership fees using:

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Meetings take place at **Wohnen mit Zukunft Ambet**, Ilmenaustraße 2, 38120 Braunschweig, unless otherwise stated. Doors open at 7.00 pm (19.00) with the main topic at 7.30 pm (19.30). Topics may be changed due to unforeseen circumstances.

How to get there:

<https://www.google.com/maps/dir//Ilmenaustra%C3%9Fe+2,+38120+Braunschweig/@52.245176,10.3987367,12z/data=!4m8!4m7!1m0!1m5!1m1!1s0x47aff62480b2b06b:0x70f35e56ee64b89f!2m2!1d10.4811369!2d52.2452047?entry=ttu>

We welcome suggestions and ideas for future topics for our programme. Your input will be appreciated.

Braunschweig Twin Cities links

Bath / Braunschweig: www.bath-braunschweigtwinningassociation.co.uk

Sousse / Deutsch Tunesische Gesellschaft: www.deutsch-tunesische-gesellschaft.de

Zhuhai / Deutsch-Chinesische Gesellschaft Braunschweig e. V.: www.dcgbs.de

Bandung / Deutsch-Indonesische Gesellschaft: www.dig-niedersachsen.de

5. The DEG timetable

We wish to remind you of all the activities related to the DEG. You are more than welcome to join any activity you are interested in.

Tuesday afternoons

Short story group meets every four weeks; various venues; registration necessary and obligation to be host

For details please contact Paul: paul.kavanagh.deg@gmail.com

Wednesday evening

From 18.00 (winter time) and 19.00 (summer time) the **Wednesday painters** meet at the Familiensportverein Braunschweig, Parnitzweg 5, 38108 Braunschweig

For details please contact Paul: paul.kavanagh.deg@gmail.com

Thursday during the day

International Tea and Talk Group

For details please contact Katherine: kathy.kueppers@t-online.de

Thursday evening

Online Literature Club, from 20:00, via Jitsi video conference, dates (about once a month) and topics are fixed individually and announced on the homepage:

<https://www.deg-bs.de/deutsch/literature-club/>

For details please contact Katrin: info@deg-bs.de

Thursday evening

Conversation Group, every two weeks from 19:00, meetings take place at Wohnen mit Zukunft Ambet, Ilmenaustraße 2, 38120 Braunschweig;

tea and talk + respective topic to be found on homepage: www.deg-bs.de

On alternative weeks to the Literature Club

For details please contact Marion: info@deg-bs.de

During the day – **flexible dates**, weather permitting

Outings: either **bicycle tours or walks**

For details please contact Katherine: kathy.kueppers@t-online.de