



Welcome to the New Bristol – Hannover Council Newsletter

SECOND EDITION – DECEMBER 2016

Firstly, some sad news: our longest serving member, John Veale, died on 6th December, St Nicholas' Day, after a trying few weeks of illness. He first went to Hannover in 1949 and every year after that, the partnership between Bristol and Hannover was an enormous part of his life. He also edited (and mostly wrote!) our Newsletter 'HEUTE' for many years, with stories from the newspaper, historical information and his own special brand of humour! We will miss him greatly.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Christmas – Are you joining us on 11th December?

We have reserved tables (1pm) at the “Jaegerbarn” an area at the German Christmas Market – if you haven’t reserved your place, time is running out!

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Speisekarte:

Bratwurst with Kartoffelsalat or a Crepe with Cheese, Pesto and Tomatoes, with two glasses of Gluehwein or non-alcoholic drink

Official visit to Hannover August 17-22nd 2017. We are still planning to go for that weekend, but there is no news re the Mayor’s plans – watch this space!

Theatre / cinema / show news: - Watershed films? We are keeping our eyes open!

Honouring Esther project – Update:

We (BHC members) have been invited to go to the closing exhibition of the Honouring Esther project, whereby a walk was recreated from Hannover to Bergen-Belsen, to honour the forced walk of women in February 1945, including Esther, the mother of one of the project leaders. Bristol-Hannover Council supported the project financially.

The exhibition goes on for several days, to coincide with Holocaust Memorial Day on Jan 27th 2017.

The 44AD Gallery Bath (4 Abbey St. BA1 1NN) is open in January from Thursday 26th to Saturday 10:00 – 18:00 & ends on Sunday 29th – (opening hours Sun: 11:00 – 16:00)



Hannover visit:
We met *The Pied Piper!*

Quiz time!

Do you remember
this picture?
I t's where
Stammtisch folk
keep their Steins!
I actually saw
one in a
monastery in
Munich!



Central Library display cabinet:

There has been a
change in the
twinning cabinet.
The bust of Leibniz,
given to us by
Bürgermeister
Hermann on our
visit, now being
shown, alongside
two swords from
Tbilisi, Georgia

Bristol visit to Hannover (by Richard Harris)
28th July – 2nd Aug 2016

It was quite a while ago now that a group of
us headed to Hannover.

For me it was my first time to visit our
twinning city and wow, what a beautiful place!
I was lucky enough to stay with Petra &
Martin. I couldn't have dreamed of staying
with a more welcoming, nicer family who
made my stay ungläublich (unbelievable)!
Apart from sharing their house with me, they
made sure I knew exactly what I was doing
"Right, Richard, we need to leave at "x" we
will be riding bikes...are you ready? Let's go!"
I do love Germany for the way cycling seems
to be an expected way to travel around, your
own special cycle ways, cars generally give
way to you (quite unheard of here) - what a
great way to see a city. We had a busy
schedule with days consisting often of more
than just one thing. On the first morning we
all met at the NordLB Museum which had
many ways of communicating information to
the visitor – from the classic paintings on the
wall to many different areas in one room
showing short films. If you stood within the
particular area, you would hear sound relating
to that section.



An evening visit to the Herrenhausen Gardens with the
most spectacular fireworks show at the end (when
eventually, the rain decided to stop)!

After running out of time with so many
things to see, we then headed for lunch at
the Rathaus (I can picture in my head) the
lovely below-ground level in which we all
met to eat...the atmosphere...and the food
- fantastisch! We then had a meeting with
the Bürgermeister..... so you can see, we
had full days, packed with so many things
to do. I'd never had Currywurst before
(I've been close a few times) but what
better place to try your first one than in the
works' canteen at the Volkswagen factory!
We look forward to welcoming our friends
from Hannover back here next year!

JUBILEE YEAR IN 2017 ➡

Nicole Friedlein's visit to Bristol

Nicole visited Bristol for 6 weeks over August & September and thoroughly enjoyed her stay. She was lucky enough to stay with various members of BHC (& others) who were able to show her parts of Bristol and give her a personal tailor-made experience. A special thank you letter was sent back to BHC headquarters from Nicole, thanking all those involved in making her stay so enjoyable and making sure she had a great time.



M-Shed, Wapping Road, Bristol.

The GDR & Christmas
Mark Allinson is willing to do his 'Christmas in the GDR' talk again. He did this for BAGS a while ago, but if you missed it or aren't a member of BAGS anyway, this should be a very interesting talk! We hope this will take place sometime in late Jan / early February. We will keep you informed.....

The Launch of our 70th anniversary Jubilee Year will take place at the M-Shed on January 20th 2017. The Lord Mayor will open the event and with members of the Bristol-Hannover Council, Bristol-Bordeaux Partnership, Honorary Consuls and councillors, listen to primary school children singing French songs and secondary school students singing German songs. There will be digital screening of photos and texts from the archives, with colourful displays of banners and artefacts from both Hannover and Bordeaux; people with stories to tell about how the twinings have affected their lives over the years. There will be a press call to ensure that the public are aware that the year starts there!

New year meal out?

Fancy lunch at the Burrington Inn (in the Mendips)? We've heard good reports on both the food and nice walks in the area. Following eating (after a suitable rest) options include going for a walk for those who feel able / fit enough. It's not too steep, but you need to be reasonably fit. Watch this space for an invitation and more details

If you're "online" have a look at: www.burringtoninn.co.uk

Twining Conference

On May 12th a German twining conference will take place at City Hall, led by the British-German Association, with participation from the German Embassy, BHC and twinings all over the country and some of their partner organisations in Germany. The overall theme will be how to nurture and strengthen relations with Germany (and other countries of Europe) in the wake of Brexit. All interested are welcome to attend, there will be a small registration fee, which covers all meals / coffee during the day, and also a gala reception in the magnificent Sansovino Room of the new Harbour Hotel in central Bristol. Watch out for the invitation in the New Year and get in early!

Bristol-Hannover Council

aims to involve as many Bristolians as possible, young and old, in extending these ties which have already enriched the lives of so many people in both cities. Many exchanges have been supported by the Council, including:

- Schools exchanges
- Exchanges of citizens
- Sports exchanges
- University student exchanges
- Band, choir, orchestra and drama visits
- Youth club visits and exchanges
- Church exchanges
- Reuniting old friends

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If you think you might have something interesting to contribute to our (*your!*) newsletter, please feel free to contact us! *Bis zum nächsten Mal!*

**Fröhliche
Weihnachten** to all our members and friends!