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*Welcome to the Bristol – Hannover Council Newsletter*  
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### **UPCOMING EVENTS / NEWS:**

*Congratulations to  
Prince Harry & Megan Markle - the Duke  
and Duchess of Sussex!*

Bristol-Hannover Council would like to add its congratulations to Harry and Meghan on their marriage, as the latest in the royal line descended from the House of Hannover! We wish them *die besten Wünsche!*

### **Visits:**

*Our Hannoverian friends* will come to Bristol **2-7<sup>th</sup> Aug.**

The planned schedule is:

**Friday** - Day outing to St Fagan's Welsh Folk Museum (possible stop on return; Chepstow Castle).

**Saturday** - Aerospace Museum, Filton. Afternoon - Blue Glass Factory, Henbury & Blaise Museum.

**Sunday** - Free day with suggestions: The Underfall Yard, John Wesley's refurbished Chapel, Cabot Tower & Brandon Hill, Gromit Unleashed Trail, Bath.

**Monday** - Reception with the Lord Mayor at City Hall. Afternoon - SS Great Britain & Museum - Evening - Farewell Dinner - keep an eye out for an email with a form to return where you'll be able to specify which parts you'd like to join us for.

### **Third talk on German art of the last century**

In February, BHC member Colin Evans gave the third and final part of his series of talks about German art of the last century. This series has been presented over the last 18 months and has been very fascinating for all who have followed it. Having given us a good picture of art in the Weimar and Nazi periods, Colin rounded the series off with his talk entitled 'German Art in the 20th Century' and as noted in our Newsletter of December 2017, he was concerned to answer the question: 'What happened to all the art?' (after the Nazi confiscations). It was a really fascinating talk, leading to an interesting discussion about the way in which much of the art has been distributed around the world. Thank you Colin for opening our eyes to what happened to this important part of German cultural life!

## **Hannover Councillor working at Bristol City Council!**

We are delighted to welcome Afra Gamoori, SPD Councillor from Hannover City Council, who is on a 3-month placement with Bristol City Council, until early August. She is working with various Council teams on Learning City, One City Plan and Migration.

*Welcome Afra!*



## **Educational Links**

In addition to the upcoming visit of our friends from the Hannover-Bristol Gesellschaft in August, the dental students from Hannover's Leibniz University will be here in June, visiting their counterparts at Bristol University. They will have a reception with the new Lord Mayor, Councillor Cleo Lake, and BHC Chair Ann Kennard will give an illustrated presentation on the history – and present! – of the link between the two cities.

Recently we have linked up with Redfield Educate Together Primary Academy here in Bristol, where German has been introduced, along with other languages, as part of a broad curriculum designed to awaken an understanding of other cultures. Ann Kennard gave a short presentation on the link with Hannover recently, using the 'In Someone Else's Shoes' project as an illustration of the origins of the link, but also to fit in with the school's (this) monthly value of 'kindness'. Redfield is a new school and only has Reception up to Year 3 at the moment, the other years will be added on a yearly basis. But the staff are very keen to link up with a Grundschule in Hannover, so that the children can email each other and perhaps even visit in the future. We are also working with Bristol University, who may be able to provide some input from Erasmus students from Hannover.

Watch this space!

...have a look:- [www.redfieldet.org.uk](http://www.redfieldet.org.uk)

## Artists' Exchange with Hannover

In April a group of artists from BV Studios in Bristol were supported by Bristol-Hannover Council to make an initial visit to Hannover to meet up with a group of artists there. This visit was initiated by discussions in Hannover during our 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary last year, and the April 'recce' aimed to prepare the groundwork for longer visits. Here a description of their plans from the Bristol organiser, Dave Morgan-Davies: *They will have use of our work spaces at BV studios in Bedminster and we will also take them to local exhibitions and sites of interest linked to their practice. The artists involved will make work with the goal of a group exhibition in each city at the end of the project. This would include sculpture, performance, painting, photography and drawing.*

We are very excited about this first-ever artists' exchange – the Bristolians will go to Hannover in July, and the Hannoverians will probably make a return visit in early 2019. The Bristolians are still making applications for funding, which is tough here in UK, while the Hannoverians are receiving generous funding, we understand, from their City Council (well done to them)!

## A Century of Berlin Architecture

BHC member Stephen Thomas gave a fascinating talk on Berlin architecture, which acted as an historical guide to visitors to Berlin and others interested in its history. Stephen outlined both the varying architectural style of buildings as well as the way in which they illustrate key periods in the history of the city itself. He showed images in different media to illustrate the many examples of buildings from the Prussian period, some remaining structures from the Third Reich and the recovery of the city from bomb damage.

Berlin 1871



⇒ Le Corbusier apartments today

The talk also examined what is left of the East Berlin architecture of the GDR, the renovation and re-use of the city since the fall of the Wall and the many new buildings by leading contemporary architects which now make up the current cityscape.

Stephen showed us how Berlin is now a marvellous showcase of changing architectural styles: Neo-classical, Art Nouveau, Bauhaus Modernism, as well as the varied patterns of current architecture.



⇐ Model of Albert Speer's mega-plan for 'Germania'

## Shoes Exhibition... still running!

After being shown at the Central Library, the exhibition moved to Ashton Park School in South Bristol. It has now moved north again, and is on show to the public in the entrance to the library at University of the West of England, Frenchay. It will run until late June – get there quickly if you have not seen it!

## BITA Quiz

The BITA quiz takes place every year in honour of Paul Garland, former Chair of the Bristol-Tbilisi Association. Bristol-Hannover Council hosted the event this year, as we won it last year. It was a very pleasant evening in the conservatory of the Eastfield Inn again, with excellent food provided. However, this time BLINC, the Nicaraguan team, were well ahead of everybody else all the way through, and after a thoroughly deserved win, they were presented with the cup, and we look forward to their organising next year's Quiz!

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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*Bis zum nächsten Mal!*