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Welcome to the New Bristol – Hannover Council Newsletter

SIXTH EDITION – NOVEMBER 2017

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Gala Anniversary Dinner

Location: The Mansion House

Thursday November 23rd, hosted by
the Lord Mayor, Cllr Lesley Alexander
7 for 7:30pm



Concert celebrating 70 years of Bristol's twinning with Hannover and Bordeaux

Niall Hoskin, baritone Stephen Browne, piano
perform music by Beethoven, Fauré, Brahms,
Poulenc, Tippett and Somervell

Wednesday 29th November at 7:30pm
Trinity Henleaze United Reformed Church,
Waterford Rd, Bristol BS9 4BT
Tickets on the door: £8 - refreshments on sale

Colston Hall: In Someone Else's shoes

Students from Bristol and
Hannover secondary
schools will tell stories,
perform songs and share
upcycled shoes

- **Venue: Foyer**
- **Time: 17:30**
- **Date: Tue 12 Dec 2017**
- **Price: FREE**

See more on this toward the end
of the newsletter!

[http://www.colstonhall.org/shows
/someone-elses-shoes/](http://www.colstonhall.org/shows/someone-elses-shoes/)

It might seem a *little* early
but...save the date!

Bristol German Christmas Market

Sunday 3rd Dec – 1pm
Still only an amazing £10pp

Location: Broadmead
Jaegerbarn, with usual
German Christmas delicacies



Have we got your correct
contact details? Phone / address
/ email? Let us know so we can
keep you informed!

Treasurer found!

After a long search we are pleased to announce that we have a new Treasurer.

A gentleman by the name of Paul Hinchcliffe has just joined the team!

*Thank you one and all who scratched their heads to think about a suitable person – and
welcome Paul, we hope you enjoy your new role and we look forward to welcoming you
to our many and varied events!*

Hannover Bach Choir

Hannover's famous Bach Choir gave a free lunchtime recital in Bristol. As part of the 70th celebrations the concert in Bristol Cathedral was held on Tuesday 10th October. The choir has over 100 members in Hannover and undertakes three large orchestral concerts and an a-cappella one each year. This October they took their repertoire on tour in the UK. The choir is also the resident choir for the Marktkirche which is Hannover's cathedral.



"Hannover's famous Bach Choir"

Bristol Roller Derby take on Hannover Demolition Derby Dolls as part of the 70th Anniversary Celebrations



Following the Bristol team's visit to Hannover (where Hannover narrowly won) the Return match between Hannover's roller derby team the Demolition Derby Dolls and Bristol's B team took place on Saturday 29th July.

The venue: The Centre for Sport at the University of the West of England. This was an afternoon event, where you were right at the edge of your seat (and the rink!) which made it great fun – you felt involved even though you were only watching! This time Bristol won – hands down! After the game the Lord Mayor Lesley Alexander presented awards to the winning team and best individual players from both sides.

Hannover Gymnasts

The Hannover gymnasts who delighted us with their display for the 60th anniversary will be celebrating the 70th anniversary by visiting the Bristol School of Gymnastics on Gloucester Road on the weekend of 1-4th December.

More information later from the BHC Chair...



Bundesliga strugglers Hannover sack coach

Hannover have sacked coach Thomas Schaaf after just 11 matches in charge of the struggling Bundesliga side. Schaaf, 54, was appointed during the mid-winter break but has since overseen one win and 10 defeats with Hannover 10 points from safety with six games left. The club said former under-19 coach and ex-player Daniel Stendel, 41, would take over until the end of the season.

National Lottery TV Surprise for Bristol Twinning Project

A project behind plans to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the twinning of Bristol and Hannover received a huge surprise when former *EastEnders* and *Holby City* star Don Gilet, revealed to the group that they are to receive a £6,800 National Lottery grant. Millions of viewers witnessed the exciting moment which was broadcast as part of the National Lottery Awards show on BBC 1 on Wednesday 27th September.



Ruth Myers and Pete Insole from Myers-Insole Local Learning CIC celebrate with Boyzone star Shane Lynch

Working in partnership with a school in Hannover, the project builds on the original 'Music for Shoes' initiative by creating a fashion show where students from Fairfield and Hannover work together to produce a pair of shoes reflecting the history of this twinning through the decades. At 5:30pm on December 12th 2017 at the Colston Hall, students from Bristol and Hannover secondary schools; Fairfield, Cotham and IGS Kronsberg will be performing *In Someone Else's Shoes*, sharing stories, songs and upcycled shoes in celebration of the enduring friendship between the two cities.

The "small-print": The National Lottery – Heritage Lottery Fund – awarding funds from the National Lottery (They distribute the heritage share of National Lottery funding).

Portraying a Nation: Germany 1919-1933

This exhibition at Tate Liverpool presents two highly personal depictions of the lives of ordinary Germans during the benighted Weimer Republic. August Sander's black and white photographs are shown chronologically and his deceptively straightforward portraits of people from all sections of German society only assume a sinister edge when his subjects begin to appear in dark uniforms with Nazi emblems. The paintings of Otto Dix are brash, lewd and acerbic. They convey contemporary life in the raw but the artist, who never forgot his experiences in the trenches in WW1, justified his choice of subject by claiming a moral duty to portray the sordid lives of the many forced to live on the margins of a dysfunctional society.

There are over 300 paintings and photographs altogether and they are accompanied by words that link them to the story of the Weimar Republic. This liberal and free - thinking democracy should have been a model society but it was ahead of its time and so hampered by internal divisions and international debt that its failure fed a nascent nationalism with devastating consequences. The cultural world will no doubt be exploring these circumstances in depth during the next few years as we come to the centenary of the end of WW1.



Otto Dix, *Reclining Woman on a Leopard Skin*, 1927

Portraying a Nation – Continued:

With the benefits of hindsight the art of the period can throw fresh light on the lives of people buffeted by events for which there seemed to be no easy solution so not unlike the situation we find ourselves in today. Andreas Gestrich, director of the German Historical Institute who worked with Tate in curating the exhibition, wrote that ‘The Weimar will become a very interesting case in comparison with present day developments including the rise of populism ...’
Wise words indeed.



Bis zum nächsten Mal!

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



If you think you might have something interesting to contribute to our (*your!*) news-letter, please feel free to contact us!

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