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Welcome to the New Bristol – Hannover Council Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Twining conference Friday May 12th

Bristol City Hall
College Green
Bristol

THIS EVENT IS NOW FULL!

A large group from BHC will attend,
And also a sizeable group from the
Regional twinings – should be
A good day!

Visits:

Hannoverians will come to
Bristol for the Zoo party
22-27th June.

Will you be joining us in making
sure they have a great time?!

Zoo party tickets from Ann!

We will visit Hannover for the
international fireworks display
in the Herrenhausen Gardens
on the weekend of 17-22nd
August

Now fully booked!

Theatre / Cinema / News Watershed films

If I Think of Germany at Night 18 (CTBA) (S) Fri 19 - Thu 25 May

Director: Romuald Karmakar
Cast: Ata, Roman Flügel, Sonja
Moonear 105 mins, 2017, Germany

Frantz 12A (S)

Fri 12 – Thur 18 May

Director: François Ozon
Cast: Pierre Niney, Paula Beer,
Ernst Stötzner 113 mins, 2017,
France | Germany

Colin Evans – The Trilogy?!

On Thursday 30th March – We were treated to a talk by BHC member Colin Evans. The subject: "The Entartete Kunst (Degenerate Art) Exhibition held in Munich in 1937". The National Socialists rejected cultural modernism in all its forms and had arranged an exhibition of work they had confiscated from private and public collections. Colin looked at the justifications they used for condemning art as degenerate and at the impact this had on the lives of the artists. A wide ranging audience (from many groups, night-school students, Bristol-Bordeaux, BAGS, BHC together with friends of friends) enjoyed a very interesting talk indeed. Colin is now hopefully working on the final part (part three, as he has decided that this whole topic requires a final section, as there are "ends that need tidying") to this subject, turning it into what has migrated into a thrilling trilogy! Watch out for a date later this year! Thank you Colin!

Can you help? – Urgent -Treasurer required!

The post is currently “vacant” so we are in urgent need of a new Treasurer. Do you have any accounting, bookkeeping or basic housekeeping skills? (Collect / pay in cheques, prepare End of Year accounts). Currently we have to pay an external company to do this – we’d rather put this money to better use! Have a think - if not you, maybe you know someone who would like to help us? Any assistance greatly appreciated, let Ann know: ann.kennard@waitrose.com or give her a bell!

Fairfield School - memories about Bristol and Hannover

A group of BHC members & friends met at the front reception of Fairfield School on 14th March. No, we weren't waiting for a detention, we were waiting for all the pupils to go off to their classes as we were informed by “Miss” (Ruth Myers) that we don't want to lose anyone...and that it was important to keep together (talking was allowed, but certainly no running or shouting)!

We made our way into a room with chairs of three and four grouped together and were joined shortly afterwards by the first “batch” of interviewers (there were two groups of interviewers). The students wanted to find out about our first impressions of Hannover and how things had changed over the years. The subjects also covered how things in Bristol had changed, together with similarities between the cities, both positive and negative. This was all part of the ‘Somebody Else’s Shoes’ anniversary project.



Fairfield School – “from above”

The young students’ feedback forms repeatedly stated how 'nice', 'open', 'welcoming' and 'friendly' their interviewees were and how interesting they had found it to learn about BHC members’ experiences. I believe we all found it great fun to be “back at school”! Well done to all those involved, especially key organisers - you know who you are!

Burrington Inn meal out – March 5th

Lunch at the Burrington Inn (in the Mendips) followed by a walk!

A little group met, had lunch and braved the slightly grotty conditions to have a stroll..... we didn't get quite as far as Capt Scott had planned (Ann) as the weather had not been so kind in the days leading up to the event...



which made trying not to lose yourself in a mud-hole (looking at your feet) slightly more important than looking at what would have been super views with the surrounding landscape!!

Luckily we all made it back to the pub car-park and..... maybe we should do this again later in the year?! Well done to all those who attended (walking or not)!!

www.burringtoninn.co.uk



International Medal

Do you recognise the person in this picture on the left?! No, not the nice chap wearing the red outfit but... The happy smiling lady - our very own "Chair" Ann Kennard!

Ann has been awarded the Lord Mayor's International Medal for her many years' work to strengthen the twinning with Hannover.



Congratulations Ma'am...
from your Committee
& all members of BHC

2017 is JUBILEE YEAR!

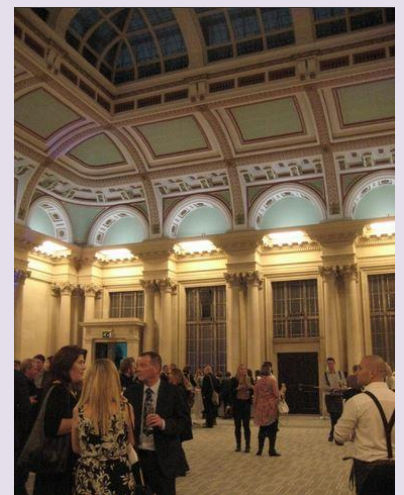
Great News on our 70th anniversary!

After a great Launch event in January, opened by the Lord Mayor, in the presence of the Lord Lieutenant, the High Sheriff, the French and German Honorary Consuls and the President of Bristol City Football Club, with songs and performances in French and German by schools across Bristol, there have been many smaller events since then, which are detailed on our dedicated website: www.bhb70.com There have been teaching assistants from Bordeaux, a visiting archivist from Hannover (who gave us a fascinating talk about how the Hannover archives survived the Second World War), a jazz drummer from Bordeaux at the International Jazz Festival, a UWE concert with music by French and German composers at the Colston Hall, talks and much more.



Visiting archivist Christian Heppner from Hannover (left)
The documents are now available in the
Hauptstaatsarchiv Hannover

The beautiful architecture of
the Sansovino Room (right)



The next key date is the German Twinning conference on May 12th – now sold out – headed up by the British-German Association together with BHC, and with the participation of Mayor Thomas Hermann and Hannover-Bristol Gesellschaft Chair, Robert Nicholls, as well as the German Embassy in London.

JUBILEE YEAR *continued*

This will be an exciting day, for which we expect media interest in these interesting political times! On June 23rd we will celebrate 'BIG TIME'! at Bristol Zoo – have you got your tickets yet? – with visitors from Hannover and Bordeaux, including their Mayors and our own Mayor Marvin Rees, there will be performances on the stage, activities around the zoo and the animals will provide their own entertainment, of course!

Sporting and other exchanges are taking place throughout the year, a business summit with our partner cities in October, a Gala Dinner at the Mansion House in November, and the culmination of the 'In Somebody Else's Shoes' project in December, with a fashion show at the Colston Hall! It's certainly all happening – so join in where you can! Details on the website as above!

Martin Luther & the 500th Anniversary of the Start of the Reformation

Friday 7th April – The Bristol Anglo German Society was pleased to have the Right Revd Dr Graham Tomlin, Bishop of Kensington, talk on Martin Luther & the 500th Anniversary of the Start of the Reformation. 2017 marks the 500th anniversary of Luther's protest, which began the Reformation in Germany. In this lecture (Bristol Grammar School's new 1532 Performing Arts Centre) Bishop Graham Tomlin explored what led to this seismic event in European history and some of the key themes in Luther's thought. Interestingly our BAGS friends have a film evening on Weds 31st May "Martin Luther" (1953) director: Irving Pichel – contact Rich (on your committee) should you wish to attend!

Cat verses Mice with language skills!

Three mice are being chased by a cat. The mice were cornered when one of the mice turned around and barked, "Ruff! Ruff! Ruff!" The surprised cat ran away scared. Later when the mice told their mother what happened, she smiled and said, "You see, it pays to be bilingual! You never know when speaking another language can be valuable!

Maybe the next joke.....in German?!

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! *Bis zum nächsten Mal!*

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