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Welcome to the Bristol – Hannover Council Newsletter
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keep you informed of what's happening!

UPCOMING EVENTS / NEWS:

*Congratulations to
Princess Eugenie &
Jack Brooksbank;*

And to the Duke and Duchess of Sussex

Bristol-Hannover Council would like to add its congratulations to Princess Eugenie & Jack Brooksbank on their wedding. Also to Prince Harry & Meghan on the announcement of their Spring baby! The royal line descended from the House of Hannover is indeed in good shape! We wish them *die besten Wünsche!*

Deutsches Weihnachtsfest Sunday 9th December 1pm

Christmas might seem a while away – but you can soon book to avoid disappointment with the annual German market lunch - Bratwurst with Kartoffelsalat etc (or veggie alternative). Price £10 yet again! You can “book” contacting Lynne - (Lynda.Evans1@btinternet.com) – let us know you are coming!

Meet at the 'Jaegerbarn' in Broadmead
Sunday 9th December at 1pm - *See you there?!*

**Visit to Arnos Vale cemetery – Saturday 17th November -
Cancelled due to lack of interest,**

**Re-opened Old Vic visit – Saturday 24th November -
Cancelled due to lack of interest.**

Are you planning a little trip to a German Christmas market? Ideas: Köln direct flights (Ryanair – other airlines are available!) from Bristol. Decent prices for the right combination of dates!
(Always read the label/small-print regarding luggage)!

July / August visit from our Hannover friends!



At the end of July our friends from Hannover arrived and enjoyed a varied visit which started off on the Friday with a day trip to St Fagans Welsh Museum (close to Cardiff).

The coach picked us all up from the Watershed area at 09:30 and we were all enjoying the views of the Severn bridges in no time! Everyone enjoyed the look back in time at the open-air museum, and on the way back we had a short stop at Chepstow castle.

Saturday morning started off with a visit / personalised tour of the Aerospace Museum, Filton. It covered many areas as Bristol's historic transport achievements are quite amazing, from Concorde to aircraft engines, buses and trams to name but a few (yes, Bristol did at one time have a decent transport system)! We then went on to see Bristol Blue Glass being created where a very friendly lady greeted us. A fascinating demonstration ensued, including the blowing of a blue glass 'tooth' for one of our dentist guests from Hannover! Some of the group then headed for Blaise Castle, to walk around at leisure with maybe an ice-cream?!... for some a quick trip to Cribbs Causeway to visit the Wallace & Gromit shop! Sunday morning saw a tour of central Bristol, led by member Roger Harper, who told us many interesting stories. In the afternoon we visited Luke Jerram's fantastic 'Impossible Garden' at the University of Bristol Botanical Gardens. We started off on Monday with a meeting with the Lord Mayor, who gave us an insight into where she worked and a look around the City Hall. Monday afternoon consisted of a trip to the SS Great Britain, fascinating place – I hadn't been there for years! Lots to see and learn about..... if you haven't been, what are you waiting for?! After an entertaining few days, Monday evening arrived and over fifty guests attended the final dinner at Watershed. The food was again great (as this was a second visit / booking for BHC) with no comments to mention...except for the poor choice of after dinner mints supplied! On a positive note, our old friend Helga Wawra was presented with the Medal of Honour of the British-German Association, in recognition of her many years of hard work on behalf of the Hannover side of the city partnership – *well done Helga!*

Did you know that Bristol Zoo has just received a new inhabitant: Kala the gorilla, from Hannover Zoo!

At the moment, she is being cared for behind closed doors to get her used to her new environment, but when she is let out in public, we hope to visit her – fancy joining us?!

Architecture – Hannover & Bristol

Gwendolyn Kusters, a Hannover city council officer and landscape architect, spent most of the summer working at the City Council offices. Gwendolyn has been involved closely with the Design team here looking at new plans for Castle Park and two public spaces in St Paul's. She has brought her own refreshing style and new ideas to the team which will be incorporated into the proposals for the parks. She has also found time to meet with key culture officers and contacts across the city to discuss Bristol's possible input into Hannover's bid to become European Capital of Culture 2025.



Gwendolyn gave us a fascinating talk, in which we were introduced to projects that she had worked on in Hannover, which included consultation with the local people as well as the companies involved in the project implementation. Ideas that Gwendolyn gleaned from Bristol would be taken back to Hannover – the use of technology seemed to be greater in Bristol, also the fact that officers tend to 'hot desk' so that there is more physical communication than when members of a team work alone in separate offices.

Hannover Councillor working with Bristol City Council!

We were delighted to welcome Afra Gamoori, SPD Councillor from Hannover City Council, who was on a 3-month placement with Bristol City Council.

Hannover's youngest elected female councillor Afra Gamoori spent three months working with different teams at Bristol City Council. Studying to be a secondary school teacher of English at Göttingen University, Afra was expected to spend three months in an English speaking country. As she comes from Hannover she thought why not combine her qualification with a placement at Bristol City Council to learn how we do things and share how Hannover does it. Afra worked closely with the Migration Team, the Education and Skills team and the One City Plan and Mayor's officer teams. She also found time to attend a range of political meetings as she is an SPD Councillor and sits on several key committees in Hannover. She also has a national profile with the SPD national women's committee and took time out of her placement to fly to Berlin to speak at the national SPD congress looking at renewing the party and encouraging a younger membership. Afra also worked on a range of proposals to strengthen the twinning and is committed to supporting them now she is back home in Hannover.

Upfest with Hannoverian artists

Hannover Youth Services sent four artists and two youth workers to take part in UPFest 2018 in July. Two of the artists painted on boards at Compass Point schools while two others were offered other permanent spaces which they did not use. The youth workers met with Young Bristol and the Creative Youth Network to discuss a range of ideas for their proposed youth exchange around next year's UPFest. The plan is to bring 25 young people to Bristol for a week to volunteer at UPFest and to create a Hannover inspired Skyline mural as well as taking part in activities with local young people.



Experienced graffiti artist Stefan Hoch from Hannover also found time to take part in a Meet the Artists panel discussion with counterparts from Bordeaux and Tbilisi chaired by Richard Jones of Tangent Books.

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!