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## *Welcome to the Bristol – Hannover Council Newsletter*

**ELEVENTH EDITION – NOVEMBER 2019**

**New season – new programme!**

**Come and join us!**

*Events below need you!*

Have we got your correct contact details?

Phone / address / email? Let us know so we can keep you informed of what's happening!

*Be in contact – get involved!*

### **UPCOMING EVENTS / NEWS**

**Subject: Bristol-Hannover Council AGM**

**Date & time:** Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

**Location:** City Hall, College Green,  
Bristol BS1 5TR

**Details:** The AGM was presided over by our President, the Lord Mayor of Bristol, Cllr Jos Clark, who praised the twinings for their lively activities. Ruth Piper of BV Studios gave an account of the artists' exchanges with Hannover's Turba Gallery.

**Subject: Colin's Film Night – Part II**

**Date & time:** Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> November, 7 p.m

**Location:** Stoke Lodge Adult Education Centre,  
Shirehampton Road, Bristol BS9 1BN

**Details:** The Bride of the Wind (2001), a biopic of the tempestuous life of Alma Mahler, the wife of the composer. This film, with sexual content, is named after the 1913 painting by the leading Modernist Oskar Kokoschka.

**Subject: Christmas Market lunch**

**Date & time:** Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December, 1 p.m.

**Location:** Christmas market, Broadmead

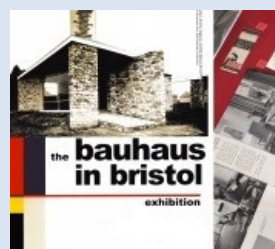
**Details:** This event has to be confirmed, as we do not yet have contact with the market organisers – watch this space!

**Subject: Exhibition: The Bauhaus in Bristol** (free entry)

**Date & time:** 14<sup>th</sup> September-25<sup>th</sup> January 2020, 11 a.m-4 p.m

**Location:** Stradling Gallery, 48 Park Row, Bristol BS1 5LH

**Details:** The Bauhaus in Bristol traces the friendship between Crofton Gane, one of the Famous Five men who went over to Hannover in 1947, and Marcel Breuer, founding member of the Bauhaus in Germany. Furniture designed by Marcel Breuer and made in Bristol for Crofton Gane will be on show, alongside archive material and more.



There is a number of further exciting events which delve into this fascinating story: Curator's tours of the exhibition, talks and workshops – for more information, please consult the website:

**[www.stradlingcollection.org](http://www.stradlingcollection.org)**

We may also later arrange a special guided tour of the furniture not generally available to the public, so watch this space too!

## Colin's Art Trilogy – now he's showing films!

This man knows no boundaries! The first of our events this autumn was a film following on from Colin Evans' fascinating series of talks on German Art over the last couple of years. It took place on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> Oct at Stoke Lodge. The film was called Over your Cities Grass will grow (2010) and is a documentary about the creative force that is Anselm Kiefer.



If you plan to come to the next film, please let Colin know at [colinjevans42@gmail.com](mailto:colinjevans42@gmail.com), as the room used will hold no more than 20 people – Book early to avoid disappointment!

## Ariel Rowing Club and Linden Ruderverein - still going strong!

On the weekend of 4-6th October, Bristol's Ariel Rowing Club welcomed their partners since 1981 Linden Ruderverein of Hannover, and had an action-packed weekend. The weather was kind, and so the races they planned were a great success, with Ariel winning the Bristol-Hannover Challenge cup on this occasion.



Saturday night saw the annual black tie dinner, on Sunday more relaxed rowing in the sunshine, when BHC's Chair, Ann Kennard and husband Tony were invited to the President's lunch at the club's boathouse. The sunny weather meant that the visitors could be taken to Sand Point for a picnic later on, and then a lively evening at the Old Duke in King St. There is a plan afoot to make a film of Ariel's oldest member, George Evans, 95, who rowed in a short race with the Hannoverians – but he has an interesting history going back to D-Day – so watch this space!

## BHC Chair awarded the German Order of Merit



Bristol Hannover Council chairperson Dr Ann Kennard recently received a message from the German Ambassador stating: "the President of the Federal Republic of Germany has decided to confer upon Dr Kennard the Cross of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany."



This is a great honour for Ann and very much deserved given her tireless work on behalf of the twinning with Hannover and Anglo German relations in general. The award was made by Ambassador Peter Wittig at his residence in London on July 11th in the presence of 26 of Ann's family members and friends. The Ambassador gave a warm and complimentary speech, and Ann responded with thanks and some memorable moments in her relationship with Germany.



On behalf of the BHC executive and all our members and friends we would like to send Ann our warmest *congratulations!*

## Weekend of badminton... and socialising!

The Bristol Hannover Badminton Exchange has just had yet another very successful and busy weekend. On Friday the 6th September 10 players arrived at Bristol airport for a weekend packed with sport and entertainment. We started slowly with a leisurely lunch and drinks at the Jubilee in Flax Bourton before a quick walk round some of the dock area. Time was marching on, so we headed to Ashton Park sports centre to play lots of friendly games of badminton until 9pm. Unknown to our visitors, match results were being recorded so that a small prize could be present later on in the weekend. Quick change and off to dinner at the Siam Harbour side before a well-earned rest! Saturday morning was "free time" for host and guest to have a look around Bristol & catch up on news. 2pm, Ashton Park Sports centre sees the arrival of keen, enthusiastic and competitive players for the 'match'. 46 games were played with some fantastic points and rallies. After nearly 4 hours of play, it was time for showers and then the traditional group photo or two. After a short respite, we meet up at Henbury Golf Club for a meal, presentations, drinking and dancing. A small trophy is presented to the highest scoring Hannover lady and man from the friendly badminton on Friday evening and the winners of the 'match', which this year went to Hannover, 24 games to 22. Sunday saw the group arrive in Bath for a tour of the Roman Baths and then off to Royal Victoria Park for a picnic and ball games. The day / weekend ended with a lovely meal at the Lockbrook Inn. 7.15 am Monday morning sees the return of 10 tired out Hannoverians to the airport and the end of another exchange. Thank you so much for the donation that we received, which we used to pay for court hire at Ashton Park sports centre.



# A VERITABLE CHOIR FESTIVAL



Hannover's Figuralchor (in black) singing with Bristol's Bach Choir (turquoise stoles) under the direction of Figuralchor's conductor, Prof. Jörg Straube, at Wells Cathedral School

After a great deal of discussion and organisation the weekend of 5/6th October saw the coming together of not two, but four choirs from Bristol/Wells and Hannover! On a request from our good friend and choir member Benedikt Poensgen of Hannover City Council, Hannover's Figuralchor came to Bristol as part of a UK tour, taking in Glasgow and Liverpool.

We managed to partner them with Bristol's Bach Choir whose conductor Christopher Finch suggested the two choirs sing at Wells Cathedral School, alongside the School's choir Choralia (winners of international awards) in a special concert. The result was a stunning concert in the school's Cedars Hall with a capacity audience of 250, all choirs singing a capella, and the two adult choirs singing both separately and together. The music varied from Bach to .... and was a delight from beginning to end. On Sunday morning the Figuralchor were busy again, singing in the Harvest Festival Service (Erntedankfest) alongside the Bristol Cathedral Choir – a wonderfully musical and colourful service, enjoyed by all. Revd. Sarah Evans (who had been with us to Hannover in 2017) introduced the service initially in German, which was a nice surprise for the German visitors. The Figuralchor's conductor, Prof. Jörg Straube, sang with his choir this time for the most part, until a final piece by the Figuralchor alone, which he conducted to finish off a wonderful weekend of music. We look forward to more musical cooperation in the future!

## Mayors for Peace Exhibition

We recently had a visit from Raimund Menges and Klaudia Dietewich, who are leading a very significant Art and Peace project, with an exhibition, which is to come to Bristol in February 2020. It has travelled around America and various countries of Europe, with Hannover as the lead city in Germany. Mayors for Peace was founded in 1982 by the Mayor of Hiroshima, Japan, and registered as a nongovernmental organization (NGO) in 1991. The member cities are dedicated to preventing the global proliferation of nuclear weapons by carrying out activities and campaigns, ultimately calling for their total elimination; as well as working together to develop safe, peaceful and resilient cities. There are now over 7800 member towns, cities and regions in 163 countries belonging to the network. <http://www.mayorforpeace.org> Cities are not targets! This is the Mayors for Peace core priority. Cities are the anchors, the guarantors of local culture and civilization. Whoever destroys cities destroys their culture, obliterating historical memory along with every trace of human experience.

## Youth Democracy alive and kicking!

The last week of October saw the second leg of the Erasmus+ funded project “Politik zum Anfassen” (Grasping Politics, as a loose translation?), where 20 young people aged 14-15 visited their partners in Bristol’s Youth Council, and had 3 days learning about the British political system. The Bristolians visited Hannover in May/June and learned about the German system, including the fact that in Germany, young people can vote in the local elections at 16 years old.



Outside the City Hall



This was the subject of one of two debates which rounded off the visit to Bristol, where in the Council Chamber of City Hall, this topic and that of Brexit were defended and attacked – the votes at the end went against Brexit by 32-1, and by the same number of votes to support votes at 16.



*If you want to have a look at all the amazing things which happened in 2017, the year of our 70th Anniversary, please type the link here into your browser:*

*<https://bristolbordeauxhannover.wordpress.com>*

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!***