



Wharfedale German Circle

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Please check the Venues against each meeting date, meetings start 7.30 for 8pm, unless stated.

Monthly Events.

Sunday 15th Oct. - Karl Hesse "Antiques Roadshow"

He'll give a short introduction on his interest in vintage technology and bring some of his old reference books. However, the main purpose of the meeting is for you to bring along one of your own "antiques" and to say a few sentences about it in German (for example how you got your item and what you already know about it). Karl may well be able to give some extra guidance about your "treasure". His specialist area is vintage technology, so if you have any items along those lines, so much the better. However any old item you can tell us about would be fine. **Venue:** URC Salem Hall, Burley-in-Wharfedale.

Thursday 16th Nov. - "Gerhards Brezeln".

Dr Gerhard Zieboll runs a home-based business making pretzels and sourdough breads and also develops varieties with lower gluten content. He sells at the Farmers' Markets. He will bring samples of his products to taste. In German and English.

Venue: URC Salem Hall, Burley-in-Wharfedale.

Sunday 17th Dec. - Weihnachtsfeier

Our Christmas celebration with German food and drinks. The Reading Group will present a poem and stories. Members will accompany carol singing and we'll play games.

Venue: URC Salem Hall, Burley-in-Wharfedale.

Sun 14th Jan. 2018. - "Assignment in Berlin"

Brian Burton, who lived in Berlin 2003-04, will describe a trouble-shooting assignment at the British International School in Berlin, with amusing anecdotes about the school and his year in the city. The talk is in English. **Venue:** URC Salem Hall, Burley-in-Wharfedale.

Future meetings dates are Sun 18th Feb. Kersten Hall on Gregor Mendel (the founder of modern science) and Sun 18th March Ellen Boon on German food (in English)



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More Dates for Your Diary and Other News

Obituary We are sorry to announce that John Schwarzenbach, a WGC member for many years, has died in his early eighties. John was born in Glasgow to Swiss parents. He gained a good degree in Mechanical Engineering at the university there, then joined Rolls-Royce in Derby, working on turbines and jet engines. While there, he taught evening-classes at the Technical College, and met his wife Pat at a Scottish Country Dance. John then moved to the University of Leeds, where he spent the major part of his working life, living in Cookridge and moving to Otley around the time of his retirement. He was a member of WGC's small German reading group, before his eyesight deteriorated. He contributed a quiz at one of our Christmas Parties and we will miss his anecdotes at meetings. We send our condolences to his wife Pat, who has just moved to a new flat in Lichfield to be near their son. A second son works for Nestlé in Switzerland.

The Reading Group meets on Mon. 9th Oct. at 7.30pm at Fleur's house. The 2nd part of Robert Seethaler's "book: Der Trafikant" (The Tobacconist). Franz, a young man from the Austrian Lake District, comes to Vienna to work as an assistant in a tobacconist's shop where Sigmund Freud is a regular customer. Franz's personal life is inevitably affected by political events during 1937-1938 in that city. Contact Fleur or John if you are interested in joining the group.

Foreign Language Student/Teaching Assistants' events

Sat 14th Oct: WGC's first event for assistants - usual treasure hunt in Ilkley followed by walk to Marilyn's house and cream tea.

Sat 4th Nov: WGC trip to look around Skipton, led by Sheila Clark.

Sat 11th Nov: FLAC trip to Haworth, organised and led by WGC's Peter Lodge

Sat 25th Nov: FLAC trip to Liverpool, organised by FLAC but led by WGC people.

Sat 9th Dec: WGC trip to look around Saltaire, led by Marilyn.

The **Sprachcafe/Language Café** at the Lawnswood Arms, Otley Road, Leeds LS16 7PH takes place from 10am - 12noon on the first Monday of the month (unless a Bank Holiday).

The 'Portraying a Nation Germany 1919 - 1933' at the Tate, Liverpool was an excellent exhibition. You can read the 'timeline' on www.tate.org.uk/download/file/fid/112558

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