



**Wharfedale German Circle**

## **NEWSLETTER Spring 2019**

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

### **Monthly Events.**

#### **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February - "Koffer gepackt und überlebt" (the Little Suitcase)**

Judith Rhodes will recount her mother's story of her journey from Ludwigshafen on the "Kindertransport" in 1939 and her adoption into an English family. There is a short film in German followed by Q & A in English. **Venue:** URC Salem Hall, Burley-in-Wharfedale.

#### **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March - "Assistants' Impressions of Life in the UK"**

5 German teaching assistants, (plus perhaps one from France and one from Spain), will answer your questions about their impressions of life in the UK. Please think of some questions to put to them about their experiences. Questions can be in English or German and the German assistants will answer in German but will also interpret to give a quick summary in English. **Venue:** URC Salem Hall, Burley-in-Wharfedale.

#### **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April - AGM + "Mini-Vortrag" (short presentation)**

Annual General Meeting followed by a short presentation in German by Jacquie Briggs on her family trip to Disneyland, Paris **Venue:** URC Salem Hall, Burley-in-Wharfedale.

#### **Sun 19<sup>th</sup> May - "Carl Zuckmayer und die Tradition des preußischen Militarismus"**

Peter Lodge presents a look at this 20<sup>th</sup> century German author and playwright, who dealt frankly and critically with painful aspects of German history (including the rise of National Socialism and the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War), without ever losing his zest for life and sense of humour. **Venue:** URC Salem Hall, Burley-in-Wharfedale.

Further meetings are scheduled for Sundays at the URC: 16<sup>th</sup> June Lee Wiltamuth, a young choral conductor, will speak about his time in Leipzig and 14<sup>th</sup> July Tina Davies and Janet Smaje will talk about escaping the GDR in the 1970s.



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### **More Dates for Your Diary and Other News**

**Obituary:** We were sorry to hear in November of the death of Stephen Tendlow, who was a valued member of the club for several years and once gave us a talk on Wilhelm Busch (of the Max und Moritz stories). Our last meeting with him was our Sommerfest in August 2018, when he seemed hale and hearty, so the news of his death was a shock. At the age of four he escaped Nazi Germany with his mother and they settled in England having anglicised their name from Tendlau to Tendlow.

**West Yorkshire German Circles' Annual Dinner** Wed. 3<sup>rd</sup> April 7 for 7.30 pm at Healds Hall Hotel, Leeds Road, Liversedge, WF15 6JA, hosted by Huddersfield German Circle with Guests of Honour Mark Green and his wife Anna. The cost is £26.50, the menu will be on the notice board. Would anyone interested in attending please let one of our committee members know?

**The Reading Group:** next meeting on Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Feb at 7.30pm at Fleur's house. The topic is a book by Stefan Zweig "Der Rausch der Verwandlung". Contact Fleur Speakman or John Raffo if you are interested in joining the group.

**Student events:** Several WGC members get involved with events for the foreign-language assistant teachers, organised both by the WGC and FLA committee at Leeds University. They take place on Saturdays or Wednesdays. Please see website for further details and contact Marilyn if you are interested.

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).

Marilyn has bought a fascinating book, its title is "Heimat" with subtitle "A German Family album" and it's a memoir by Nora Krug, who now lives in the USA but was born in Germany in about 1974. (It's nothing to do with Heimat the film series by Edgar Reitz.) It's written in a scrapbook sort of style with lots of drawings and photos and hand-written text throughout. It's about her coming to terms with her grandparents' participation in WW2 (both her parents were born in 1946).

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