



Wharfedale German Circle

NEWSLETTER Spring 2018

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

Sunday 18th February. "Gregor Mendel: Founding Father of Heredity and unlikely warrior in the Cold War?"

Dr Kersten Hall, of Leeds University, will talk to us in German with English summaries about Gregor Mendel. Mendel's research into pea plants, written in German in 1865, is today hailed as being the birth of our modern science of genetics. Kersten had an article published recently by the British Society for the History of Science including some of the material that he will be talking about - the link is: <http://www.bsbs.org.uk/mendels-martyrs> **Venue:** Salem URC, Burley-in-Wharfedale.

Sunday 18th March. Ellen Boon on German food

Club Member Ellen Boon has been visiting Germany regularly for the last 20 years. In her talk she combines three of her passions: Germany, Photography & Food! She will talk about everything from her first impression of German cuisine right through to regional / seasonal specialities she has tried in restaurants and German homes and also explain a bit about the background & ingredients of these dishes. You will see lots of photos and might even spot a club member dining with her! The talk will be in English with some German vocabulary and a short quiz. **Venue:** Salem URC, Burley-in-Wharfedale.

Sunday 15th April. Celebratory 30th AGM

Following the formal part of the meeting, we will be celebrating our 30th AGM with beer and Brezeln (provided by Gerhard Zieboll) and accompanied by John Gray on his guitar. There will also be a chance to play indoor skittles for those who feel inclined to. **Venue:** URC Salem Hall, Burley-in-Wharfedale.

Sun 13th May. Austria by the language assistant teachers

Several of the German-speaking foreign language assistants this year are from Austria and they would like to share their knowledge of their home country before returning home. It may well include a PowerPoint presentation and some Austrian treats **Venue:** URC Salem Hall, Burley-in-Wharfedale.

Future meeting dates are Sunday June 17th at the URC hall TBA, Sun 15th July: Brian Burton 'Assignment in Berlin' at the URC Hall (cancelled in January), Sun 19th August in Ben Rhydding: BBQ to celebrate our 30th anniversary.



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More Dates for Your Diary and Other News

To celebrate 30 years of the Circle, eight members have now booked a short trip to Munich from 10th to 14th June, flying from Manchester with Easyjet and staying at the Tryp Munich City Centre hotel for four nights. If anyone else wants to join in, they are welcome to do so, but will have to organise their own booking.

The Reading Group meets on Wed 21st Feb. The group will be reading a German report about Lagos in Nigeria at 7.30pm at Fleur's house. Contact Fleur or John if you are interested in joining the group.

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).

Saturday 10 March 2018 Concert: St Anne's RC Cathedral, Leeds **Bach and his heirs**. Leeds Philharmonic Chorus with Cello and Soprano soloists Conductor: Richard Wilberforce. Tickets £15 are available on the door or from tickets@leedsphil.com

52nd Yorkshire German Circles' Annual Dinner

This year's hosts Calderdale invite you to join them and the Bradford, Leeds, York and Huddersfield Circles at Healds Hall Hotel, Leeds Road, Liversedge on Wednesday 11th April 7 at 7.30 pm. Price £26 contact committee members for tickets.

Foreign Language Student/Teaching Assistant's events

Sat 3rd Feb: Meet us at Halifax Railway station at 13.30 for a walking tour of the town and a drink at a Real Ale pub at the end of the afternoon. Led by Peter Lodge. Contact us immediately if you wish to come along.

Sat 3rd Mar: Baking day - for those who wish, a walk from Ilkley to Marilyn's house to sample the cakes the 'bakers' have made.

Sat 10th Mar: Coach trip to Whitby - FLAC event led by Peter Lodge - any spare seats will be offered to WGC in due course.

Sat 17th Mar: Walk from Leeds university to Roundhay, led by Peter Rice

To save postage costs, **delivery of the Newsletter will normally be by e-mail or a copy handed out at meetings**. If this is a problem, please contact Neil McDonald.