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Wharfedale German Circle

NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2020

Monthly Meetings.

These will be on ZOOM until further notice, starting at 7.30 for 7.45 pm, unless stated. The link will be emailed to members and guests the day before the meeting.

Sunday 18th October 2020 - Die Wiederentdeckung von Petra und Abu Simbel durch Johann Burckhardt 1812

Mark Green, our Honorary German Consul, will give us one of his interesting and entertaining talks. This time the topic is the rediscovery of Petra and Abu Simbel by Johann Burckhardt, a Swiss traveller, geographer and orientalist of the early 19th century. The talk will be in German with English summaries.

Sunday 15th November 2020 - Sechs Jahre als Lehrerin in Deutschland

WGC member Sandra Griffiths, a practising teacher of modern languages, will tell us about the time she spent teaching in Germany. The talk will be in German with English summaries.

Sunday 13th December 2020 - Weihnachtsfeier

You will need to provide your own refreshments, but we are putting together a series of Christmassy activities which are possible on-line. They will include readings, games, a quiz and musical items. If you have any suggestions or would like to do a turn, please contact Peter Lodge or June Hulbert.

Sunday 17th January 2021 - Georg Zuelzer - der unerkannte Held in der Geschichte der Insulin-Entdeckung

We welcome back Dr Kersten Hall of Leeds University, who will tell us about the work of Georg Ludwig Zuelzer. He was a Berlin physician who worked on diabetes mellitus in the early part of the 20th century, which helped in the discovery of insulin. The talk will be in German with English summaries.

Future meetings: 14th February - Peter Lodge on Carl Zuckmayer und die Nazi-Jahre **or** on Peter's experiences as an assistant in 1970s West Germany; 14th March - topic tbc.; 18th April - AGM

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Kaffee und Kuchen: These conversation sessions, held on ZOOM, are open to all members and their friends who would like to practise speaking German. The first half of each session is for general conversation and news, and during the second half a specific topic (eg a holiday in Germany, memories of schooldays, a favourite museum or gallery etc.) is considered. Participants are split into smaller groups as and when appropriate. Kaffee und Kuchen takes place twice a month on Friday afternoons from 3.30 until 5pm. The dates for the remainder of 2020 are: 23rd October, 6th and 20th November, 4th and (tbc.) 18th December. For more information, contact Peter Lodge.

The Sprachcafé/Language Café, run by the Leeds Anglo-German Club, is taking place on ZOOM from 10am until 12noon on the first Monday of the month (unless a Bank Holiday). Please ask Peter if you would like more details.

The Reading Group is currently in abeyance but will resume once circumstances allow. Ring Fleur or John if you are interested in joining the group.

Student events: We are not able to offer student events in-person for the next few months due to the Covid-19 restrictions. However, we will be helping the foreign-language assistant (FLA) teachers of all nationalities to plan their own trips out to see Yorkshire with members of their own households.

Any student or foreign language assistant wanting to be involved, please contact Marilyn Heron at wgcircle@gmail.com. WGC members wishing to help with talks, information on local places of interest, and perhaps later with walks should also contact Marilyn. The FLA committee at Leeds University will also be offering talks and presentations on Wednesdays from 14th October.

If you or anyone you know would like a printed copy of the newsletter, please contact Peter Lodge, who will arrange for one to be delivered.