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Wharfedale German Circle

NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2023

Monthly Meetings

These are held at the Salem Hall, Main Street, Burley in Wharfedale, LS29 7DG, starting at 7.30 for 8 pm unless stated. Our June event will start at 3 pm.

Sunday 18th June 2023, 3 - 5pm - Sommerfest (Summer party)

Our summer party - for members and invited guests only - will take place at the Salem Hall from 3pm to 5pm. Coffee (or tea) and German-style cakes will be served, and there will be a game, a quiz, and plenty of time to catch up with friends. **If you can make a German-style cake for this event please let us know by 5th June.**

Sunday 16th July 2023, 7.30 - 9.30pm - Unsere Eltern kamen aus Deutschland/Österreich (Teil 2)

Following the success of the equivalent event in January, 3 or 4 WGC members and friends will tell us about the circumstances and events which led their German- or Austrian-born parents to come and live in the UK. The talks will be in English or in German with English summaries.

Sunday 20 August 2023, 11am - 4pm - Burley Festival Community Fair

Please come along and support us. The Wharfedale German Circle will be running a stall including a tombola, for which we would be grateful for any items as prizes. These can be handed in at the main June and July Sunday meetings.

Sunday 17 September 2023, (Please note time change) 7 - 9pm - Hansatag in Torun

WGC members, Alison and John Harris will tell us about the Hansatag in Torun, which they will have attended in late June this year.

Sunday 15 October 2023, (Please note time change) 7 - 9pm - Games evening

The evening will be hosted by WGC members **Chris and Fiona Farquhar**. Details TBC

Future meetings:

Sunday 12th November 2023, 3-5pm

Sunday, 10 December 2023, 3-5pm - Weihnachtsfeier

More details TBC at later date.

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Other activities.

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 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 4.00 till 5.30 pm.

Beginners' German lessons: The sixth series of 8 weekly lessons on **Zoom** will start after the Sommerfest. They take place on Thursdays from 5.30 to 6.30 pm and are free to existing and new members. We are also willing to run a few **advanced sessions** at times to be arranged. Contact Peter if you're interested in either of the above.

Student events: Recent events organised by the WGC alone or in conjunction with the Foreign Language Assistants Committee at Leeds University have included a tour of Halifax, a coach trip to Whitby and Robin Hood's Bay and a trip to the coal-mining museum. Watch this space for information about events for the new cohort of foreign language assistants due to arrive in Yorkshire in October 2023. Any student or FLA who would like to be involved should contact Marilyn at wgcircle@gmail.com. WGC members wishing to help with activities should contact Marilyn or Peter.

Zoom meetings for WGC members and our German contacts: In our quest to strengthen and re-establish links between the WGC and our contacts in Germany, for the past year, once per quarter, we have been running evening meetings with them using Zoom. We discuss what's topical and anything else that takes our fancy. Participants can speak in English or German, whichever they feel most comfortable with, but it still works remarkably well! We follow the "Kaffee und Kuchen" format, i.e. some whole-group discussion and then smaller break-out groups of 4 or 5 people. We'd like more WGC members to take part. Also, if you have a friend in Germany, Austria or Switzerland who'd like to be involved, please encourage them to join us. If you have not yet contacted Marilyn about this Anglo-German Zoom meeting, but feel you'd like to take part, please get in touch with her at wgcircle@gmail.com. The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 31st May**, 7pm in the UK 8pm in Germany.

NB. THERE IS STILL TIME TO SIGN UP FOR THIS WEDNESDAY!!!!

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Mainz trip: We are hoping to run a short trip for WGC members to Mainz in May 2024. If you are interested in taking part in this and have not already informed the committee, please let us know by 5th June.

The Sprachcafé/Language Café, run by the Leeds Anglo German Club, takes place at the Lawnswood Arms, Otley Road, Leeds, LS16 7PH from 10 am until 12 noon on the first Monday of the month. The next sessions will be on 5th June and 3rd July 2023.

Events organised by other local German groups, e.g. the Leeds Anglo German Club and the Calderdale German Circle, are frequently available to our members. Some of these are on **Zoom**, others in person, and invitations are forwarded before each meeting.

Contact: Information on all our activities can be found at www.germancircle.ilkley.org, Our website includes a "hot of the press" page with recommendations for items in the media relating to the German speaking world. **Please continue to send your suggestions to Dominique.** Our email address is wgcircle@gmail.com