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Wharfedale German Circle

NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2024

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 16th June 2024, 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 30th May.

Sunday 21st July 2024, 7.30 - 9.30pm - rescheduled date (due to the final of the Euro football championship) - Echt lesenswert!

2 or 3 WGC members will talk in German or English about a German book - or a book in English about the German speaking world - that they have enjoyed. There will also be a short feedback session on the recent WGC trip to Mainz.

Sunday 18 August 2024, 11am - 4pm - Burley Festival Community Fair

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

Looking ahead, with more information to follow

Sunday 15 September 2024, 7.30 - 9.15pm - TBC

Sunday 13 October 2024, 7.30 - 9.15pm

Karl Heinz Wüstner on the pork butchers originally from Hohenlohe in Germany.

Sunday 17th November 2024, 3-5pm

Heike Funke on German wine.

Sunday 15th December 2024, 3-5pm - Weihnachtsfeier

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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 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 4.00 until 5.30 pm. The next Kaffee und Kuchen will be on 14th June.

Beginners' German lessons: The eighth series of 8 weekly lessons on **Zoom** started in May. They take place on Thursdays from 5.30 to 6.30 pm and are free to all existing and new members. We are also willing to run a few **advanced sessions** at times to be arranged with participants. 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 baking day and a walk and trips to Saltaire and Whitby. Watch this space for information about events for the new cohort of foreign language assistants due to arrive in Yorkshire in October 2024. 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 two years, 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. 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 29th May, 7pm in the UK 8pm in Germany.

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The Sprachcafé/Language Café, run by the Leeds Anglo German Club, takes place at the Queens Arms, Harrogate Road, Chapel Allerton, Leeds, LS7 3PT from 10 am until 12 noon on the first Monday of the month. The next session will be on 3rd June 2024.

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. Our email address is wgcircle@gmail.com