



Wharfedale German Circle

NEWSLETTER SPRING 2021

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 14th February 2021 - Carl Zuckmayer und die Nazi-Jahre

Our chairman Peter Lodge will deliver the second part of his talk on the twentieth century dramatist Carl Zuckmayer, focussing this time on his desperate efforts to avoid persecution by the Nazis and on his personal response to the darkest period in German history. The talk will be in German with English summaries and will include film extracts.

Sunday 14th March 2021 - Echt lesenswert!

If you have enjoyed reading a book in German or a book in English about Germany/ Austria/ Switzerland, this is your chance to recommend it to others! You can tell us about it in German or English and your mini talk would only be a few minutes long. Please let Peter know if you would like to offer a recommendation.

Sunday 18th April 2021 - Annual General Meeting

The agenda will be issued to members well in advance of the meeting. Following the conclusion of business there will be either a short presentation or a word game.

Sunday 16th May 2021 -Jugendstil Architecture in Germany and Austria

WGC committee member Marilyn Heron will talk about Jugendstil (Art Nouveau) architecture in several German cities and in Vienna, referencing the work of architects such as Hoffmann, Wagner, Endell, Behrens, Olbrich and Möhring. The talk will be in German with English summaries.

Future meetings: 13th June: topic tbc; 18th July: P. Field - Vienna; 15th Aug: Sommerfest.

The Reading Group is currently in abeyance but will resume once circumstances allow. Ring John Raffo or Fleur Speakman or email the WGC if you're interested in joining.

Beginners' German lessons: We hope to be able to offer new and existing members a series of free weekly lessons on ZOOM in the spring. Contact Peter if interested.

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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 next few months are 5th and 19th February, 5th and 19th March, 9th and 23rd April, 7th and 21st May. 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.

Events organised by other local German groups, eg the Leeds Anglo German Club and the Calderdale German Circle, are also available to our members. They are currently being held on ZOOM, and invitations are forwarded in advance of each meeting.

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 are 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. On Wednesday mornings the FLA committee at Leeds University is also offering English tuition and lectures.

Website: We hope you like the new website, which has now been up and running for several months. The "hot off the press" feature is updated every 2 weeks and draws attention to articles, books, films, tv programmes etc. relating to the German-speaking world. Please contact Dominique Lodge with any items you'd like to see mentioned.

Please contact us if anyone you know would like a *printed* copy of the newsletter.