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Wharfedale German Circle

NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2021

Monthly Meetings.

These will be on ZOOM in May and June, starting at 7.30 for 7.45 pm. The link will be emailed to members and guests the day before the meeting. From July, we intend to be back in the URC Hall, Burley-in-Wharfedale, starting at 7.30 for 8 pm.

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, and the meeting will be on ZOOM, starting at 7.30 for 8 pm.

Sunday 13th June 2021 - A showing of the 2019 German film *Ballon*,

This highly acclaimed film, set in 1979, deals with 2 families trying to escape from East Germany by means of a hot-air-balloon. This will be on ZOOM, starting at 7.30 pm prompt, and will be shown in German with English subtitles.

Sunday 18th July - *Wien, mein Wien*

Paul Field from the Calderdale group will give an illustrated talk on Vienna, his favourite city in the world! He will share some of his personal memories, together with images and thoughts that the very mention of Vienna conjures up, and teach us some new words! The talk will be in German with English summaries.

Note: This will be our first meeting back at the Salem Hall, Burley-in-Wharfedale and will start at 7.30 pm for 8pm.

Sunday 15th August- Sommerfest

Our summer party - for members and invited guests only - will be 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, that would be very welcome!** Please let us know by the end of May. Help, in the form of recipes and/or the loan of large baking tins and serving plates, is available.

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Sunday 12th September - War artists Rothenstein and Eurich

Colin Neville, speaking in English, will tell us about the Bradford war artists Rothenstein and Eurich, both of whom were of German heritage. This will be at the **Salem Hall, Burley-in-Wharfedale, starting at 7.30 for 8 pm.**

Future meetings: 17th October, 14th November, 12th December (Weihnachtsfeier)

Student events: We are at last able to offer student events in-person and have planned 3 outings - Saltaire (19th May), Haworth (22nd May), and Ilkley (30th May).

Any student or foreign language assistant wanting to be involved should contact Marilyn Heron at wgcircle@gmail.com. WGC members wishing to help should also contact Marilyn.

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: The first series of these weekly lessons on **ZOOM** has just started, but there is still time for you to join in. They take place on **Thursdays at 5.30 pm**, last an hour and are **free to all existing and new members!!** Contact Peter if interested. Another series of lessons is planned for the autumn

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 21st May, 4th and 18th June*, 2nd and 16th July. For more information, contact Peter Lodge.

***Kaffee und Kuchen** is intended for those with at least a rudimentary knowledge of German, but the meeting on **18th June**, a "Midsummer Special", will be accessible to *all* WGC members and provide an opportunity to catch up with each other *in German or English*, as appropriate. **It will be at the later time of 6 to 7.30 pm.**

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The Sprachcafé/Language Café, run by the Leeds Anglo-German Club, is currently taking place on ZOOM from 10.30am 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.

Links with Dortmund and Nordrhein-Westfalen

We are closely following moves to re-establish or strengthen links between Leeds and Dortmund, and more widely between Yorkshire and the state of Nordrhein-Westfalen. It is hoped that these will lead to an exchange of media material likely to be of interest, the setting up of discussion groups, possibly the creation of a link between the WGC and an equivalent group in Germany, and maybe, when the time is right, an exchange-type visit. WGC member Colin Speakman has been in close contact with the German organisers and is very enthusiastic about the opportunities these initiatives offer Yorkshire as a whole and clubs like the WGC in particular. Several WGC members have attended relevant ZOOM meetings, and Marilyn has kindly offered to collate information on the developments. We'll let you know what concrete arrangements emerge.

Website: Information about all our activities is on our website, which Dominique regularly updates. Please let us know of any books, articles, films etc. you would like to recommend, and these can be included in the "hot off the press" page.

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