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Dear Members and Friends,

PLEASE NOTE: We have increased our annual membership fee for 2019 to 25 € for single and 40 € for couples and families

Trends that have shaped our society not only the DEG:

"The only thing that is constant is change", said the Greek philosopher Heraclitus sometime in the 6th century BC. But today's society does not wait for change to happen, it demands it: social media and constant interconnectivity have made us crave novelty every second, not only in the sphere of consumer products but also when it comes to universal human rights.

One of the strongest trends of the past year was the hashtag "MeToo," which took the social media by storm with stories of sexual misconduct.

Not to mention the nationalism trends in some European countries and elsewhere, many of us have still not learnt anything at all from history and where it normally ends up.

I see another trend in the end of TV as we have known for the past 60 odd years?

All of these online streaming providers such as Netflix and Hulu have become the new norm (standard), forcing television corporations to develop their own streaming services such as Mediatek here in Germany.

The trend of dropping traditional TV programmes with their fixed schedule for a service that gives viewers relative freedom will only grow stronger.

One very positive trend is the numbers of members we have in the DEG, in times when most societies are fighting to exist, we seem to be constantly growing, we have lost a few "old members", but gained more newbies.

I would also like to take the opportunity at this turn of the year to say thank you to all members old and new, past and future, for the support you have given the DEG, this of course also includes those guests who come from time to time and enrich our meetings with their presence.

Please keep up this trend and make 2019 a super year in all respects.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy New Year.

Paul Kavanagh

Conversation Group Programme – January - June 2019

Thursday, 10th January: Paul Kavanagh will show some “Tales of the Unexpected” cult films of the 1970-80s by Roald Dahl and others, as the name indicates something unexpected.

Thursday, 24th January: Myanmar

Dorothea Bahr will be showing pictures and talking about her trip to Myanmar, in February 2017. She went to Mandalay, Bagan, Inle Lake and Yangon. Some information about the country itself will be included.



Shwedagon Pagoda in Yangon.

Thursday, 7th February: How did we come to Braunschweig and why did we stay?

We welcome a general discussion from anybody who has a story to tell about how they came to Braunschweig (including our friends from the English ladies group).

Thursday, 21st February: How to make scones

If you enjoy eating scones but don't know how to make them, this evening Ulla Kavanaugh will teach you how. All ingredients will be provided. As we only have one oven, and to make sure that sufficient scones are available, please register:

Carmela53@aol.com

Thursday, 7th March: Annual General Meeting / Jahreshauptversammlung
Invitation will follow.

Thursday, 21st March: Erwin Klein again visited a Braunschweig twinned city – this time it was Kazan/Russia. This happened during the Football World Cup, and beside crazy football fans from all over the world he met a lot of interesting people and experienced a fascinating and scenic medieval Russian City. There will be stories about the National Ballet Company, the last Evangelic church and the biggest European Mosque, about the river Wolga, the Kazan Kremlin and many more. Of course with lots of photos and a number of videos.

Additional events:

01.06.2019 - Braunschweig International – We are planning to take part at the Braunschweig International event at the Kohlmarkt. More details later.

22.06.2019 - Kulturnacht in Braunschweig. The Bath Operatic & Dramatic Society (BODS) and the ukulele band, Uke Can't be Serious from Bath are participating. You can view the ukulele band on <https://youtu.be/RkCQ-Eh32RA> and <https://youtu.be/Gn9Xl2kIMIM>

Thursday, 4th April: Film “Victoria & Abdul”

On the occasion of the 200th anniversary of Queen Victoria's birth, we will show the 2017 British biographical drama film directed by Stephen Frears. The film is based on the book of the same name by Shrabani Basu, about the real-life relationship between Queen Victoria and her Indian Muslim servant Abdul Karim. It stars Dame Judi Dench as Queen Victoria and Ali Fazal as Abdul.

Thursday, 25th April: Outing - Archives Braunschweig

Time: 5.00 pm (17.00) scharp

Place: Stadtarchiv Schloßplatz 1,

38100 Braunschweig, (entrance near the big

fountain). There is no need to register and a lift is available.

Thursday, 2nd May: Short Story

Angela Stevens will read from the book “Pangs of Love” by the British author Jane Gardam OBE. Jane has been awarded the Heywood Hill Literary Prize for a lifetime's contribution to the enjoyment of literature and has been shortlisted for the Booker Prize.

Thursday, 16th May: Kate Grigat - It all started in Hemel Hempstead

Hemel Hempstead was one of the new towns built in the 1950s. Kate's family moved from London into a new council house in 1952.

Saturday, 15th June: Summer Garden Party

Same procedure as every year (dress up in summer frocks and hats if possible). Please bring a contribution for the buffet. Venue has still not been confirmed and will be announced at a later date.

Meetings take place at, **Kulturpunkt West, Ludwig-Winter-Straße 4, 38120 Braunschweig**, unless otherwise stated. Doors open at 7.30 pm (19.30) with the main topic at 8.00 pm (20.00). Topic may be changed due to unforeseen circumstances.

Pay Day Reminder: The membership fee for 2019 is due in March – Please note that we have increased our membership fees to 25 € for single and 40 € for couple or family. Please also make sure that you paid your membership fee for 2018. If not, please do so as soon as possible. Nord LB IBAN DE33250500000000328039

In Memoriam:

Sadly we have lost two wonderful DEG members in the past year:
Dr. Joseph Esser in October and Wolfgang Schirm in November
Our prayers and thoughts are with their families.



Winter is here. It is difficult to recall the temperatures of 35 deg. during my visit to the Living Europe Exhibition in June.

The Bath Christmas Market has just finished after 3 weeks; this year it had more stalls than ever. It was popular as usual but the traffic jams were terrible!

We look forward to several visits in 2019:

In March we hope to receive a member from the Braunschweig Environmental Protection and later in the month 14 visitors from Braunschweig will come to play Bridge. The Kulturnacht in June promises to be a splendid event; The Bath Operatic & Dramatic Society will be taking part. Plans are afoot to send in addition the ukelele band *Uke Can't be Serious*.

It is difficult to avoid a mention of Brexit. Suffice it to say that whatever the outcome the concept of twinning now assumes an even greater importance.

Ich wünsche euch eine gesegnete Weihnachten und ein glückliches neues Jahr!

Martin Guest
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The dilemma of ordering food in the authentic Hong Kong

Leaving the air-conditioned luxurious Temples of Consumerism a.k.a vast shopping centers and the razzle-dazzle world of financial Headquarters behind, I venture north into the streets of Hong Kong to see how the "normal people" live. Feeling hungry, I started to look where to eat. Oh dear! All the signs and menus are in Chinese! I ask several places if they have an English menu - No English! Not even pictures or photos of the food to point at! What should I do? Do I go in and snoop around to see what the other patrons have on their plates and point? But that would be rude! Do I take a chance and order blindly? But what if I get such delicacies as chicken feet, pig's ears, or worse goose intestines, pig's intestines or innards. Could I stomach such, I'm sure very tasty delicacies? But wait, like a mirage, the Golden Arches suddenly appear in the distance. Thank goodness, now I know I can point to a picture and know I will get exactly what I want to still my hunger with the added advantage of not having to battle with chopsticks.

Carmela Folgosa

