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In memory of Her Majesty the Queen

*A tribute from Jeremy Key-Pugh,
the Vice-Chair Bath-Braunschweig Twinning Association*

First there was shock, disbelief almost.

Then sadness – realisation that the foundations of our society, our nation, our constitution had been rocked.

Then, as the truth began to sink in, a wonderful outpouring of affection, respect, gratitude ... yes, even love.

What has given rise to such a crescendo of emotion that people will travel the length of the country, queue all through the night, just for a few moments in the presence of a coffin?

The answer is, of course, obvious. It is Her Majesty's incomparable, unparalleled personal qualities, added to her unprecedented life of immense service to us.





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The qualities are obvious and well-rehearsed: integrity, faithfulness, dignity, selflessness; but also a concern for other people, people of every conceivable walk of life, her ability to engage with them instantly and without any trace of condescension ... oh, and a wonderful sense of humour.

That we, the people of Britain and the Commonwealth, have been the beneficiaries of these qualities for a whole lifetime – three-score-years-and-ten – might account for the emotion and the desire to “pay our respects”; but I think there’s more to it. I truly believe that the example of sheer goodness that Queen Elizabeth II radiated resonates with us because it reminds us, subconsciously, possibly, of the best of which human beings are capable. Too many of those who claim positions of leadership in our society, whether it’s in politics, in the media, the so-called “influencers”, those who have a following ... too many of them don’t embody all that is good and noble, generous, kind, and so on. But when we see someone who so patently does radiate these qualities, it strikes a deep chord within us, and we long to respond.

It struck me that our late queen was the very model of what twinning is all about – respect for the other, generosity towards those who are different, an unselfish desire to befriend the stranger, an appreciation that all sorts and conditions of human beings are to be valued and appreciated.

The Queen had much to endure by way of loss and sadness; but she did not allow any disappointment to dampen her conviction that human beings are capable of the best as well as the worst; and it would be the most fitting tribute if we were all to adopt that aspiration for reconciliation between peoples, and peace and harmony across the whole world.

Source photo: <https://eastdevon.gov.uk/in-memory/in-memory-of-her-majesty-the-queen/>





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Looking back at a selection of previous events

9th September: Holidays/travel poems

In a cosy and relaxed atmosphere we shared stories and adventures from our summer holidays as well as travel poems in English and German language.





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6th October: Houses and gardens in and around Bath

Paul and Ulla reported on the journey to Bath earlier this year, the places visited and people met, beautiful houses and their gardens in and around Bath.





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24th September: Braunschweig International

The DEG took part in this annual event organized by the town offering tea and snacks as well as a book bazaar. The day was very successful, meeting lots of interesting and interested people and building new connections and networks. Thanks to our members for your support and help.





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DEG programme November - December 2022

Thursday, 3rd November, 7 pm

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh

Dieter and Marion have prepared some film material about the Queen, not only the official side of her reign, but also her private life, as a loving mother as well as some humorous sketches with James Bond, Paddington Bear and Mr. Bean. A second film will be about the Queen's husband the late Duke of Edinburgh. Together they were very fond of technical developments and were fascinated by 8mm films.

In our room at Ambet



Source: www.merkur.de





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Thursday, 17th November, 4 pm

Outing to the exhibition „Hanse steinreich – Eine LEGO Zeitreise“

Place:

St. Ulrichi-Brüdern

Schützenstr. 21a

38100 Braunschweig

Entrance fee: 6 Euro / 4 Euro reduced

Please register with Paul: paul.kavanagh.deg@gmail.com

More information on the exhibition: <https://3landesmuseen-braunschweig.de/braunschweigisches-landesmuseum/veranstaltung/hanse-steinreich-eine-lego-zeitreise>

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Thursday, 1st December, 7 pm

India

We have been able to secure two members of the Indian Society to give us a talk and discussion about their home country, a country with many faces from Metropoles like the capital New Delhi to tea growing areas.

The talk will be in English.

In our room at Ambet





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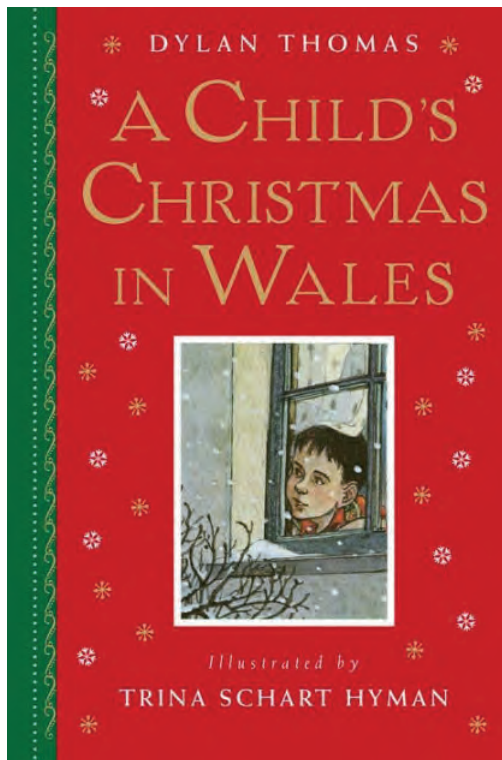
Thursday, 8th December, 8 pm German time (7 pm British time)
Online Literature Club

We are going to read and discuss the short story “A child’s Christmas in Wales” by Dylan Thomas which can be found online:

<https://gutenberg.ca/ebooks/thomas-wales/thomas-wales-00-h.html>

Join our online Jitsi video conference by following the link:

<https://meet.jit.si/DEGLiteratureClub>





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Thursday, 15th December, 6:30 pm
Christmas Party

Same procedure as every year. Please bring a contribution to the buffet and a wrapped gift for the raffle.

This event is for members only.

FamilienSportverein Braunschweig, Parnitzweg 5, 38108 Braunschweig





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General information

Meetings take place at Wohnen mit Zukunft Ambet, Ilmenaustraße 2, 38120 Braunschweig, unless otherwise stated. Doors open at 7.00 pm (19.00) with the main topic at 7.30 pm (19.30). Topic may be changed due to unforeseen circumstances.

How to get there:

<https://www.google.de/maps/place/Ambet/@52.2452825,10.4789899,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x47aff62480b2b06b:0xee0cc197bed52c!8m2!3d52.2451954!4d10.4810498>

Pay Day Reminder:

The membership fee for 2022 was due in March 2022 and if you have not yet paid your membership fee for 2022, please do so as soon as possible.

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We welcome suggestions and ideas for future topics for our programme. Your input will be appreciated.





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The DEG timetable

We wish to remind you of all the activities related to the DEG. You are more than welcome to join any activity you are interested in.

Tuesdays afternoons

Short story group meets every four weeks; various venues; registration necessary and obligation to be host

For details please contact Paul: paul.kavanagh.deg@gmail.com

Wednesday evening

from 19.00 the Wednesday painters meet at the Familiensportverein Braunschweig, Parnitzweg 5, 38108 Braunschweig

For details please contact Paul: paul.kavanagh.deg@gmail.com

Thursday during the day

International Tea and Talk Group

For details please contact Katherine: kathy.kueppers@t-online.de

Thursday evening

the online Literature Club, every two weeks from 20:00, via jitsi video conference

For details please contact Katrin: landsmann.bs@web.de

Thursday evening

alternative weeks: Conversation Group, every two weeks from 19:00, meetings take place at Wohnen mit Zukunft Ambet, Ilmenaustraße 2, 38120 Braunschweig;

tea and talk + respective topic to be found on homepage: www.deg-bs.de

For details please contact Paul: paul.kavanagh.deg@gmail.com

during the day – flexible dates, weather permitting outing either bicycle tours or walks

For details please contact Katherine: kathy.kueppers@t-online.de





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Braunschweig Twin Cities links

Bath / Braunschweig:

www.bath-braunschweigtwinningassociation.co.uk

Sousse / Deutsch Tunesische Gesellschaft:

www.deutsch-tunesische-gesellschaft.de

Zhuhai / Deutsch-Chinesische Gesellschaft Braunschweig e.V.:

www.dcgbs.de

Bandung / Deutsch-Indonesische Gesellschaft:

www.dig-niedersachsen.de

Kiryat Tivon / Deutsch-Israelische Gesellschaft e.V.:

<https://braunschweig.deutsch-israelische-gesellschaft.de>

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