



Bath-Braunschweig Twinning Association



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Monthly meetings

Society meetings are normally held monthly on Thursday afternoons at 2 pm in the Mayor's Parlour in the Guildhall.

Members are notified by email about a week in advance

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Our stall at the Bath Christmas Market



Some readers may remember the cold weather at the beginning of December 2022, which is when some hardy volunteers from BBTAA and Bath German Society chose to stand on the streets of Bath to promote our first ever Chalet at Bath Christmas Market. Fortunately, we had a warm welcome from members of the public, many of whom had German connections and were happy to take away our information material on Brunswick, as well as more consumable products. We were joined by other friends and by the Mayor of Bath, Cllr Rob Appleyard, for an enthusiastic rendition of our favourite German carols on the 6th December, and the following evening members of "Uke can't be serious" provided us with lively entertainment and some reminiscing about their visit to the Brunswick Kulturnacht in 2019. Despite the cold, we consider the event to have been a great success and are already planning for next December.

Useful Links:

www.bath-braunschweigtwinningassociation.co.uk

www.deg-bs (German English Society of Braunschweig)

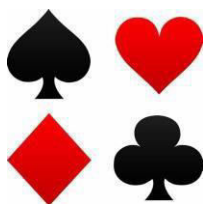
www.brlsi.org (for German Society of Bath events)



DEG Book Club

Our online book club with the DEG is a great opportunity to read and discuss something new, and also to have a chat about more general topics. The book chosen for 23rd February is Elif Shafak's "The Island of Missing Trees), and for 23rd March Maggie O'Farrell's "Hamnet". (see www.deg-bs for more information)

(for more details see Useful Links above: DEG)



Bridge News

Plans for the next bridge players exchange are now well advanced. Some twelve players will be in Brunswick from 31st May to 5th June, and our hosts have drawn up a varied programme of tournaments and visits to local places of interest, with many opportunities to meet old friends and new ones. Meanwhile the Friday afternoon online bridge games continue to be popular, and we have also been invited to take part in a RealBridge tournament (also online) every Wednesday evening. Please contact Judy Spencer via the Secretary for more details



Did you know?

Bath U3A run beginners and intermediate courses in German. Find out more at u3ainbath.org.uk



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Letter from Braunschweig

It is carnival season in Braunschweig. "Schoduvel" is the largest parade in Northern Germany with more than 300,000 visitors and originates in the 15th century. "Schoduvel" or "Scheuchteufel", means scaring the devil away. It is a time to be happy and forget about all the devils that are causing so much worry and destruction in the world. We hope for a spring full of peace and stability and happy encounters with our friends from Bath. Take care and best wishes from Katrin and the DEG.

In Memoriam: Sali Dening

" I was sorry to hear of Sali Dening's death. As you know I met her several times on my visits to Bath with our students. She was so kind and always encouraging about the friendship between Bath and Braunschweig, and the TU Baunschweig with Bath University as well as our Seminar of English in Teacher training and Newton Park College of Higher Education. In grateful memory."

Manfred Erdmenger
(member of the DEG Braunschweig)
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Among other activities that it organises, the Bath German Society meets every Wednesday for German conversation between 12 and 2pm.

During the winter we normally meet at BRLSI. Sometimes the location varies because a room is not always available at BRLSI, and in this case we normally meet at the Hilton Hotel next to Waitrose.

In the summer we generally meet at the Holburne Museum garden café.

The regular members of the Wednesday meeting are of differing levels, and include many ex-teachers who naturally have a very good level of German, but also some of an intermediate or beginner level.

Please let us know if you would like to be included in the Stammtisch email list to be informed of where we will meet each week. Our email address is: bathgermansociety@gmail.com

The BBTA - who are we?

Our Mission Statement: 'The BBTA exists to encourage and support friendly relations between the people of our two cities, and in particular to encourage young people to make friends across borders. The BBTA also aims to inform our fellow citizens about events in Braunschweig and to involve them in related social activities.'

How are we funded? We receive a yearly grant from the Charter Trustees (who represent the local authority); our only other income is from membership subscriptions.

How do we spend our funds? By contributing to the costs of cultural and educational visits of groups from Bath to Braunschweig and vice versa. Recent examples are:

- **2018** a 4 week visit of 5 engineering students from the *HB Schule* in Braunschweig to Bath College. **2019** a 3 day visit of 3 scientists from Braunschweig to take part in an Environmental Forum in Bath. **2019** a visit by *Bath Operatic and Dramatic Society* and *Uke Can't be Serious* to the Kulturnacht in Braunschweig
- What do members get for their yearly subscription?** An opportunity to participate in all the above activities - for only £10 (or £15 for a couple)