



# Bath-Braunschweig Twinning Association



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## **Monthly meetings**

Society meetings are normally held monthly on Thursday afternoons at 2.30 pm in the Mayor's Parlour in the Guildhall

Members are notified by email about a week in advance

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## Letter from Braunschweig

Dear friends in Bath,

The year 2024 started with some enjoyable talks and meetings and elections in March and we would like to inform you about the results. Due to health reasons Paul Kavanagh stepped back from his duties as President of the DEG and so did Eva Grimpen as Secretary. We would like to thank both for their commitment and hard work for years. Many new contacts have been established and lots of exciting meetings, outings and events took place with the support of these two. Marion Ibach has been elected as new President and Ella Jones and Katrin Landsmann are Vice-Presidents. You can reach us all under [info@deg-bs.de](mailto:info@deg-bs.de).

We are looking forward to continued excellent relations to all our friends and partners and are excited about the things that are to come.

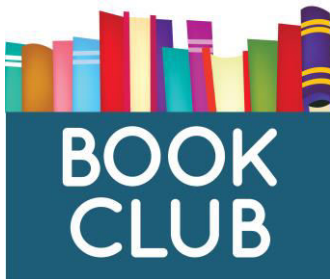
Katrin and the DEG



On the 8<sup>th</sup> March the Mayor of Bath, Cllr Dine Romero, hosted a reception for thirteen pupils of the Ricarda Huch Schule and two of their teachers. This is the first cohort of pupils to visit their exchange partners at King Edward's School since 2019, reviving a tradition that goes back over thirty years.



At the end of June the [Youth Choir of Brunswick Cathedral](#) will be in Bath. They will sing at Evensong in the Abbey on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June, and the service will be followed by a concert. We hope all members and friends will be able to attend. Meanwhile discussions are taking place about further musical links between our two cities



The online LitClub meetings with members of the DEG continue on a regular basis. The group will meet again on Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> June and the next topic chosen is a short story from a selection by Alice Munro, who died recently. It is hoped that a future meeting will discuss Jenny Erpenbeck's "Kairos", which has just won the International Booker Prize. For more information please contact the DEG or the BBTA secretary



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 but sometimes we meet at the Hilton Hotel next to Waitrose.or in summer 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.

If you would like to be included in the Stammtisch email list to be informed of any update of location. Our email address is:

[bathgermansociety@gmail.com](mailto:bathgermansociety@gmail.com).

## Civic Visit



In April we were delighted to welcome the Lord Mayor of Brunswick to the first civic visit in over ten years. Dr Kornblum was accompanied by three Brunswick town councillors, the President of the Technische Universität, and three representatives of the Chambers of Crafts, Commerce and Industry as well as staff from the International office. The Mayor's staff in the Guildhall were able to arrange a full and comprehensive programme for their visit, with the aim of strengthening the ties between our two cities, and forging new links with Bath's Universities and members of Bath's business community.

They also had the opportunity to meet members of the public at a civic reception in the Guildhall, and at a talk given at BRLSI by Professor Ittel on internationalisation in the university context.

Our thanks to all the members of BBTA and BGS who helped to make this a successful and memorable visit.



The cold days of December are now a distant memory, but were enlivened by our presence in a chalet at the Christmas Market. This is always a great opportunity to meet members of the public and promote our links with Brunswick. On St Nicholas Day, 6<sup>th</sup> December, we were joined by the then Mayor of Bath, Cllr Dine Romero, members of Bath German Society and members of the Ukele band “Uke can’t be serious” in singing German carols. Thank you to everyone involved!

We are already planning for next December’s Market – only six months to go!



## Did you know ?

Bath U3A runs beginners, improvers and intermediate courses in *German*. Find out more at

[u3ainbath.org.uk](http://u3ainbath.org.uk)