



Guildford Twinning Association

NEWSLETTER

Dear Members

We do hope you are all keeping well and maintaining your optimism during this dark period. With luck the vaccination programme will be successful and by the summer we'll be able to lead more normal lives. We're planning our 2021 programme with that in mind, but will remain flexible, just in case...

Keep your fingers crossed!



GTA programme for 2021

16 February 7.30pm

- Fasnet Zoom Quiz

March/April (date TBC)

- lecture (online) "Germany today")

June (date TBC)

- AGM (live? online?)

8-14 July

- Members' trip to Freiburg

August (venue & date TBC)

- Summer lunch

October (venue & date TBC)

- Concert of German Music: Jo and Erik Levi on cello & piano

28 November

- Christmas market in the Guildhall

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Q: Are you:

- fed up?
- bored?
- isolated?



A: What you need is our...

Fasnet Zoom Quiz!

**Tuesday 16 February at
7.30 pm**



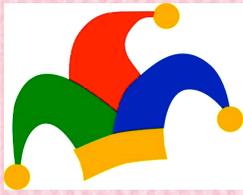
**Go wild - join in!
Freiburg will be
joining us too!**

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Christmas 2020 in Freiburg

More about coming events



Fasnet Zoom Quiz!



Freiburg will be joining in!

Tuesday 16 February at 7.30pm

One hour quiz, 6 rounds of questions in English and in German: some hard, some easy, all fun.

Zoom You join in using Zoom:

- you'll need a computer, laptop or tablet (eg iPad).
- you download Zoom in advance if you haven't used it before - we'll help you do that, it's very easy
- we send you an email containing a Zoom link to the quiz
- on the night, you open the email, click on the link and you'll be in!

We'll run a quick practice session a week before for those new to Zoom.

Fasnet? It's the Baden dialect form of Fasnacht (also Fasching or Karneval elsewhere in Germany) - the carnival period ending on Shrove Tuesday.

Quizmeister Steve Callaghan will be asking the questions - a former German teacher and headmaster, he'll keep us in order.

Teams We can put you in a team, or you can choose (one or more) team-mates.

If you'd like to join in, email our Chair Barbara Ford at: bfordgta@gmail.com by lunchtime 8 February.

Lecture: March/April (date TBC)

We are arranging with the German Embassy for one of their speakers to talk on "Germany today". The lecture will be given via Zoom, with Q & A afterwards. Note: it's worth getting to grips with Zoom for this as well as the Fasnet Quiz!

Concert: October (date TBC)

Jo (cello) and Erik (piano) Levi will play for us their own selection of German music. Erik says "this will be the reverse of our Beethoven lecture: that was mostly talk and a little music - this time it will be mostly music and a little talk".

Members' trip to Freiburg: 8-14 July

Freiburg City Council has not yet, understandably, confirmed whether its 900 +1 anniversary celebrations and Partner Cities Fair will be going ahead this year, though it has pencilled in dates in July.

We are still planning a trip there at that time, in the hope that it will be possible, even if the special events are cancelled. There will be interesting things to do and see in beautiful Freiburg in any event. As in 2019, we have reserved on a free cancellation basis some hotel rooms for members who would like them. So if you are interested in going, keep the dates free just in case and let Barbara Ford know. We'll keep you posted.

Recent events



LINK & DRINK –
GTA's virtual aperitif

Join us for a toast
and a song from Paul Walker
& Karen Pfeiffer



GUILDFORD TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Link & drink: our virtual aperitif with German musical accompaniment has been shared 76 times! Committee member Ros Calow (l) and Chair Barbara Ford (r) raise a glass to friendship, each in her own garden.



(left) A very small audience in a very large space, at Guildford's United Reform Church, but a large audience online.



Beethoven 250th anniversary lecture: Prof. Erik Levi, supported by cellist Jo Levi, talked and played us through the composer's cello sonatas. Recorded, now with subtitles, on our YouTube channel, so you can view it anytime, here:

<https://youtu.be/RzRWjdwRWq4>



German Christmas market

Last, and sadly least – due of course to the pandemic, the market had to be rescheduled several times and finally cancelled altogether at the eleventh hour. Intrepid committee members managed to sell the perishable items to members (to whom, thanks!) and neighbours so there was no waste. Everything else, toys, cards, gifts, books, and so on, will keep till this year's market on 28 November – start saving up now!



Freiburg

Freiburg keeps in touch

Freiburg's International Affairs Department invites us to visit the city online, to see "new and interesting places in the city as well as events which can take place regardless of the pandemic. That way, we would like to bring back beautiful memories of Freiburg so you will not have to think twice about your next visit, which, hopefully, will soon be possible again."

First, a tour around the wonderful Augustiner Museum. Click this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MwOXgDx8IAM>

Next, the Freiburg Bachchor performs "All we like sheep" from Handel's "Messiah": <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UdBme-eJzo>

Schwesterlich News

Keep an eye on the [Guildford Dragon](#) for the next instalment of "Schwesterlich News" due next week from Penny Leube, co-Chair of Freiburg's Anglo-German Club. Penny had a break for Christmas, but has been working hard since then on her report from Freiburg.



Do let Barbara know what you think she should report.



Sculpture Hall, Augustiner Museum

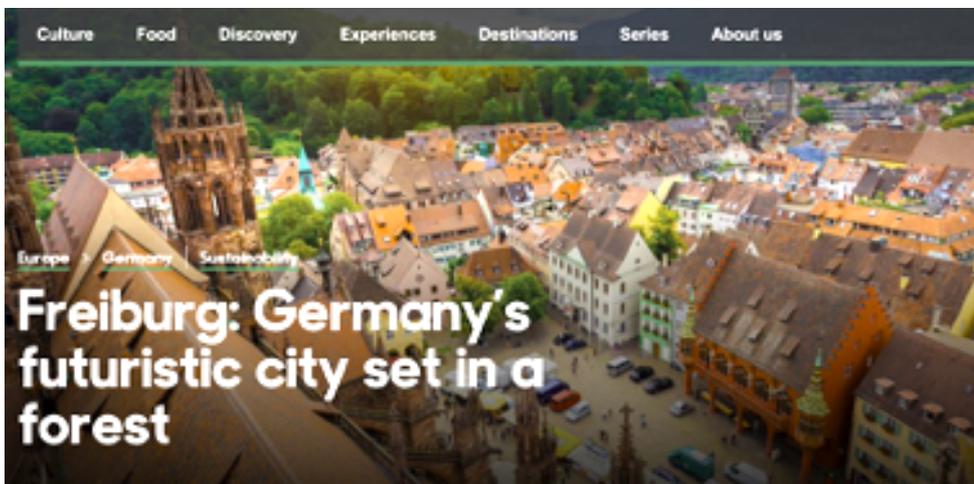


Bachchor

Freiburg future and past

See a July 2020 BBC feature about Freiburg and its future (left). Click here for a link to the item: <http://www.bbc.com/travel/story/20200715-freiburg-germanys-futuristic-city-set-in-a-forest/>

and we attach a "Revue" from Freiburg City Council, surveying the 900 years of Freiburg's history.



This picture-perfect medieval city is celebrating its 900th anniversary, but its innovative design makes it one of the world's most sustainable and liveable cities.

Freiburg: Christmas - New Year's Eve 2020



Prince of Wales addresses Bundestag in German

On 15 November 2020, Germany's Volkstrauertag (National Day of Mourning, roughly equivalent to our Remembrance Day), which commemorates all victims of war and tyranny, Prince Charles addressed the Bundestag in Berlin. Speaking half in German and half in English, he gave a moving account of German and British history and emphasised the importance of friendship between the countries beyond Brexit.

Watch him here:

<https://www.zdf.de/nachrichten/video/volkstrauertag-gedenkrede-prinz-charles-100.html>

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Prinz Charles hat 75 Jahre nach Ende des Zweiten Weltkriegs die deutsch-britische Partnerschaft beschworen. Die Bande bleiben stark, sagte er bei einer Gedenkstunde im Bundestag.



Der britische Thronfolger Charles sprach zum Volkstrauertag im deutschen Bundestag. Er betonte den Wert der deutsch-britischen Freundschaft in seiner Rede – teils auch auf Deutsch.

Photos pp.1&5 by Rita Eggstein and David Lohmüller: our thanks to them and to Badische Zeitung.

We found them!

You remember we were helping a man called Wolfgang Eichwalder to give his mother Ursula an 80th birthday treat by tracing the Godden family she had stayed with in Guildford in the early 1960s? Well, thanks to the excellent detective work of member Tony Ford, a family history fan, we found the family, or at least one of the sons. He now lives in Yorkshire and was delighted to recall this old family friend and to be put in touch with her and her son. We are hoping for a further report, particularly as to whether Wolfgang did cook apple crumble for her.



Christmas in Guildford ... Ros Calow got creative!