



Tonbridge & Malling

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Heusenstamm Friendship Circle



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Liebe Freunde

I would have told you about our Summer Outing to Dover Castle on 14 July, but owing to a lack of interest, this was cancelled!

At our Committee meeting on 11 July we agreed that we must have a full discussion at our next AGM, to see where we go from here. There is a long gap between the AGM and Dinner in March and the Nikolausabend in November, so what would you like to do in between? Please let me or David have your thoughts and suggestions. Would you enjoy a strawberry/cream tea in someone's garden – and if so, when? Or a fish 'n chip supper on the steam train from Tunbridge Wells to Eridge? Or would you like to visit somewhere like Godington House, near Ashford, which is a beautiful old house with an attractive garden and café? Or is your life too busy to add any more activities? We are here to serve our members, and would appreciate your input, please.

School Exchanges

In June we were pleased to support the exchange of students between The Judd School and the Gymnasium in Heusenstamm in their 40th anniversary year, with a gift of £500 from the Peace Fund, to help with special visits and events. 48 young people (24 from each town) took part. Presentations were also made by our Mayor, Cllr. Dave Davis, and there will be an article in the September edition of Index magazine. Links with other schools are planned.

German Classes

Tonbridge Grammar School are offering free German classes once a week, from 12.30-1.30, starting in October and continuing until March. They would be led by the German Assistants and Sixth Form students. If you would be interested in further information, please let me know and I will pass your name on.

Wuppertal Youth Choir

This 60-strong choir is touring England, and will be performing at St Nicholas Church, Sevenoaks, on Friday 12 October. The Circle has been asked

if anyone could help by providing accommodation for 2 nights (12/13 October), and transporting their guest[s] to Sevenoaks.

Please contact David (01892 823884) about this.

FUTURE EVENTS:

Nikolausabend: Friday 30 November, in the church hall of St John's, Hildenborough.

Nikolausmarkt: in Heusenstamm, over the weekend of 8-9 December. Everyone is always welcome to visit Heusenstamm for this special occasion. Paperback books to David please (by 1 October).

New Year Social: This will be held on Saturday 26 January 2013, in the lower room at Tonbridge Parish Church. More details will be given when we have a confirmed speaker and subject.

June 2013 sees the next exchange between the Tonbridge Philharmonic and the Evangelische Kantorei Heusenstamm. Our group will go from June 6-10, and the return visit will be from 20-23. The concert in Tonbridge will take place on Saturday 22 June at 7.30pm in Tonbridge School Chapel, the works being Mendelssohn's Hymn of Praise and Mozart's Coronation Mass.

2014 is the year of our next joint Holiday with friends from Heusenstamm, this time in England. A small working party will be making plans in due course, and it is likely to take place over a long weekend in May/June.

2014 will also bring the 30th Anniversary of our Twinning with Heusenstamm, which will be celebrated mainly in Tonbridge as the previous anniversary took place in Heusenstamm. Your suggestions of suitable ways to mark this event – for which we would of course invite friends from Germany – would be gratefully received.

Membership

We have welcomed several new members in recent months – Robin Levett, Charles and Fiona Rosenmeyer, and Deborah Slater. We hope they will soon have an opportunity of meeting others.