



Tonbridge &amp; Malling

# Heusenstamm Friendship Circle



## NACHRICHTEN

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Liebe Freunde

Following our recent committee meeting I would like to update you with news of coming events.

But first, I have some sad news to share: **Herr Adolf Kessler**, who was *Bürgermeister* of Heusenstamm at the time of the signing of the Twinning Charter, has died recently. David is sending condolences on behalf of the Circle to Herr Jakoby, the present *Bürgermeister*. The second piece of news concerns **Dr Wolfgang Terpitz**, who is known and loved by many in Tonbridge, as Chairman of the *Evangelische Kantorei* as well as a long-standing member of the *Freundschaftskreis*. Sadly, he is receiving treatment for cancer, and our good wishes have been sent to him and his family.

The Wuppertal Youth Choir's concert in Sevenoaks took place on 12 October to a small but enthusiastic audience. They were very professional and gave a concert of the highest standard. We are most grateful for the help with accommodation given by Sarah Gough, Barry & Helen Nevison, Stewart & Nikki Dearsley, Tim & Christine Hill, Richard & Carrie Walshaw, Iain & Karin Henderson, Dorothy and David Packer.

German Classes at Tonbridge Grammar School  
The School was disappointed at the low uptake when free lunch-time classes were offered, and in the New Year the invitation will be renewed in the hope that more people will respond. Please let David or me know if you would be interested in taking part.

### FUTURE ACTIVITIES:

**Friday 30 November** – Our Nikolausabend will be held at St John's Church Hall, Hildenborough, 7.00 for 7.30pm – 10.00 pm. This is a German-style pre-Christmas party, with a wonderful Buffet meal accompanied by German *Glühwein*. We have a Quiz, a Raffle (for which those attending bring a small prize) and finish the evening by singing German Carols. The Mayor and his wife (Cllr Dave and Mary Davis) will be our guests, and we hope to have many members, family and friends there. Ticket prices have been raised to £10 this year, and will be on sale shortly from me

or from David. Cheques should be made payable to *Heusenstamm Friendship Circle*. If you wish to ring or email me to book, you can also pay at the door – but please come if you book!

**8-9 December** – The Nikolausmarkt will take place in Heusenstamm over this weekend and David will be going, along with Robert Ford and possibly other members. Please will you consider this if you have never been. It is a very special time in Heusenstamm and you may be assured of a warm welcome and an amazing experience. If you contact David, he can help arrange your flights, and organise your accommodation with a family or local hotel if you prefer. His email is [davide.packer@virgin.net](mailto:davide.packer@virgin.net) or phone 01892-823884

**Saturday 26 January 2013** – Our New Year Social Evening will be held in the lower room of Tonbridge Parish Church from 7.30 – 10.00pm. The guest speaker will be one of our newer members, Charles Rosenmeyer, who will tell us about his Jewish ancestry with visual aids shown on a TV. After this light refreshments will be served. It will be helpful to know if you intend to come (nearer the time!) and the charge will be £4.00 at the door. There will be a reminder in the next *Nachrichten*.

**Tuesday 05 March 2013** – The annual Dinner and AGM will be held in the Market Room at The Rose & Crown, Tonbridge, at 6.30pm for 7.00pm. Please put this in your new diary, as it is important for as many members as possible to be present in order to vote in a new Committee, and so that we may know your views on our future programme. We have arranged for a two-course meal with coffee or tea at £14.00 per person. The main course will be roast beef, chicken or lamb, with a vegetarian option, and a selection of desserts. Forms with full details will be sent out early in February for advance bookings with cheques.

One of the main topics we would like to discuss is our summer activities: whether to arrange an outing, or a cream/strawberry tea in a garden, or a fish 'n chip supper on the Eridge Steam Railway, or a trip on the Tenterden Light Railway, or a bring 'n share meal in a local church hall, or.....? and in which month? Our aim is to serve you so please come and help us make the right decisions.