



Deutscher Kreis Chelmsford

Chelmsford German Circle

2019/20 Programme

Whether you are a native speaker, fluent in German, learned the language a long time ago or are studying it now, you are very welcome to join us. Our monthly meetings are in German and have a German focus, which ranges from the topical and the serious to more light hearted evenings introducing German places, music, customs and quite often traditional food and drink.

Monthly meetings take place at Moulsham Mill, Parkway, Chelmsford, CM2 7PX on Thursday evenings. The entrance fee is £5 per evening, or £30 for the season of nine meetings.

We also organise a number of more informal afternoon (Kaffeekränzchen) and evening (Stammtisch) meetings on an ad hoc basis - please check our website or Facebook page for details.

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September 19, 2019 – TV- Krimi (from German TV)



A Krimi (a crime thriller) is a popular feature of German TV - almost part of the German psyche. This story features "Bella Block", a tetchy and stubborn, but honest and caring police commissioner, a favourite character on ZDF for almost 20 years, and revolves round the disappearance of a boy who has gone missing. Bella has to untangle the problems of the family, whilst at the same time trying to deal with problems in her own life. The story is relatively easy to understand (the language spoken is not fast). A plot summary will be available.

October 17, 2019 – Von Schneewittchen bis zu den Bremer Stadtmusikanten - Eine Reise auf der deutschen Märchenstrasse. - A travelogue presentation by Sabine Nussey.

With a length of 600 kilometres, the German Fairy Tale Route runs from Hanau in Hessen in central Germany to Bremen in the north. Tourist attractions along the route are focused around the brothers Wilhelm and Jakob Grimm, including locations where they lived and worked at various stages in their life, as well as regions which are linked to the fairy tales found in the Grimm collection. You'll see where Frau Holle shook her bedding out, discover where Sleeping Beauty was awakened by the prince's kiss and meet the most famous musicians in the town of Bremen.



November 21, 2019 – Winterfest

Following last year's very popular event, you are cordially invited to join the German Circle for our Winterfest. Looking forward to the festive season, we will have some wintry stories, poems, games and music. There will be seasonal food, and of course the first Glühwein of the season..

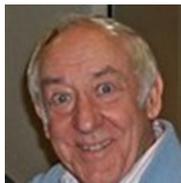
January 16, 2020 – Book, Film and Story evening



Read a great book recently? Or watched a really good film? Or have something interesting to tell our members? Volunteers from our group will present to us what has captivated them, and they'd like to pass on. And, one member will tell us about his fascinating family history - a copy of this will be distributed in advance if you'd like to read it before the meeting.

February 20, 2020 – German Comedy, Past and Present

An evening looking at German comedy and comedians, past and present. We will also look at how German comedians such as Henning Wehn have made their mark on the British comedy scene.



March 19, 2020 – Rothenburg ob der Tauber, a travelogue presentation by Alison Rowlands, University of Essex.



Rothenburg ob der Tauber (Red fortress above the Tauber) is a town in Middlefranken in Bavaria. This ancient, well known and much visited town was a free Imperial City from the Middle Ages to 1803, and has a long interesting history. Alison will back up her talk with lots of visual material. In the past it was a town of pilgrimage and was involved in the Thirty Years War. Because the town represented all that was quintessentially German, it was a focal point of the Nazis before and during the Second World War. It's a new topic for the German Circle and will be the first presentation made by Alison to our group.

April 16, 2020 – Weltspiegel

Weltspiegel (window on the world) is a familiar landmark on German TV (ARD) on a Sunday evening, and has been in existence for at least 30 years. It's presented from a different city each week, and lasts around 40 minutes with usually half a dozen stories from around the world, sometimes related to current issues and sometimes not – but always excellent and thought provoking. Frank will introduce some of the most interesting and compelling TV excerpts from recent months, explaining the background before each item is shown. The programme will have subtitles in German.



May 21, 2020

Guest Speaker (theme TBC)

June 18, 2020 – Sommerfest & AGM

A celebration to wind up the German Circle season. After a look at and discussion of the past season, we'll play a few games and quizzes, and enjoy some German food and drink. There will be opportunities to talk to the committee members about our meetings, maybe make some suggestions about topics to cover in the future, and to chat together.

