



Deutscher Kreis Chelmsford Chelmsford German Circle

Programme

January to June 2024

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 and customs.

All meetings take place on Zoom, starting at 8pm, with joining details sent out a few days in advance. Social evenings are free of charge. For meetings involving speakers there is a charge of £3.50 per meeting or £6.00 to cover the 'term', with payment due after the March and May meetings .



January 18th,

Katharina von Bora:

The story of the woman who became the wife of Martin Luther.

From childhood Katherina was put into a nunnery when she was still a small child as being female her father felt she would be a financial drag on the family. Never settling in the nunnery she became interested in the teachings of Luther which encouraged young women to be independent. So, with other nuns she flees the nunnery to live in Wittenberg. Despite support from Luther, the local community is not supportive of the nuns and they are pressured to marry. As the last to marry Katharina agrees to marry Martin Luther himself, who is about twenty years older than her. She transforms his life and they have several children.



February 15th,

Knabenchoir in Deutschland, Traditionen und Geschichte

Dorothee Ziesik returns, this time with her sons, to introduce us to the very special role of Boys' Choirs for Germany and the German Music Tradition



March 21st,

**Germany in a Changing World: a view from the
German Embassy**

Our speaker from the Embassy will address current topics of interest



April 18th,

Schlank und blond sind die Anderen

Petra Zeillinger returns to speak to us about her new book “Schlank und blond sind die Anderen” – her experiences, from sad to comical, bizarre to unbelievable, of a ‘secondhand woman’ on her journey to find a new partner in the modern-day jungle of the internet.



May 16th,

Die Deutschen Hexenprozesse

Herbert Eiden and Alison Rowlands in conversation about the history of the German Witch Trials which took place in 1625 – 1631, during the ongoing religious Thirty Years War between Protestants and Catholics.



20th June,

Geselliger Abend

A fun social evening with the chance to use your German to discuss various topics and take part in a mini quiz. There will also be the opportunity to offer views and opinions on the programme for this last year and your ideas for the future.



Kaffeekränzchen

These ongoing informal meetings are a good opportunity to speak German. Meetings take place upstairs in Caffè Nero, in Chelmsford High Street, on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, starting at 2.30pm. All welcome

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