

DEUTSCH-ENGLISCHER CLUB BAMBERG e.V. ANGLO-GERMAN CLUB BAMBERG



INFORMATION

The German-English Club Bamberg was founded in 1977 in order to promote relations with Great Britain by providing information about the country through talks, lectures and visits. Furthermore the club maintains a connection for native Britons living in Bamberg to their homeland.

An initial and central task for the club has been the exchange between Bamberg and its English twin town Bedford. The organisation of annual visits between the inhabitants of Bamberg and Bedford has enabled many people to experience life in the partner towns over the past nearly 30 years. We can help with the planning of visits to Great Britain as desired. Moreover we take care of visitors from England and work closely with our partner club in Bedford, the BEDFORD-BAMBERG- ASSOCIATION.

Another central aim of the club is to cultivate the English language and culture within Bamberg. In close cooperation with the E.T.A. Hoffmann Theatre the club has organised English theatre productions for more than two decades. The well-known TRIAD THEATRE COMPANY LONDON is a regular guest in Bamberg and has an appreciative audience for its annual performances of modern and classical English drama. Two English lectures on various cultural and political issues are held annually in cooperation with the Bamberg Volkshochschule. Moreover, the club offers monthly conversation evenings with native speakers in the rooms of the Schutzgemeinschaft Alt Bamberg at Schillerplatz. It is therefore possible for our members to practice and improve their English conversation skills in a relaxed and informal atmosphere. At various times during the last 30 years there has been a bilingual playgroup. Bilingual children, particularly from German-English mixed marriages and their parents have had the opportunity to play, sing and share experiences together. Recently, the club has supported the English Reading Competition for pupils of the 'Hauptschulen' in and around Bamberg by providing jury members and prizes.

British customs and traditions are incorporated into many of the club activities: e.g. The Playgroup Halloween party, Guy Fawkes Night on 5th November, the communal preparation of the Christmas puddings, the Festival of Christmas Carols and Lessons in the E.T.A. Hoffmann-Gymnasium chapel, the Christmas Dinner with the celebratory meal of turkey, roast potatoes and Brussels sprouts etc. and some years the Burn's Supper on 25th January.

Our club programme appears half yearly and informs the members about the club's activities.