

Chronology of the DEG e.V.

1951

Mary Elizabeth Rawlings (Mayor of Bath in 1976) attended the very first student exchange between Bath and Braunschweig.

26 April 1971

Foundation of the DEG.

27 April 1971

Official twinning with Bath.

Prof. Dr. Herbert Wilhelm, prorector of the TU, Braunschweig became the 1st President of the DEG.



28 October 1971

Very 1st lecture at the DEG was held by Mr. M. M. Edwards, Assistant Director at the Polytechnic of the South Bank, London. He spoke about The State of the British Economy.

The DEG, in cooperation with the culture centre Brücke, Braunschweig signed responsible for the joint programme which consisted of twelve lectures in total until 10 October 1975.

23 July 1973

The DEG was registered in the register of associations and gained the suffix "e.V."

23 October 1975

Foundation of the theatre group Braunschweig Players - they were an affiliated group under the roof of the DEG e.V. The group arose from a couple of students of the Pädagogische Hochschule, Braunschweig.

1 - 7 August 1976

The DEG e.V. celebrated its 25th anniversary of the town twinning with Bath.

13 March 1978

Günter Jaenicke, First Mayor of Braunschweig, was elected the 2nd president of the DEG

1979

Founding of the theatre group Lions Drama Group - they were an affiliated group under the roof of the DEG e.V.



(1 March) / 25 April 1979

Foundation of the Brunswick Conversation Group.

March 1979

Election of the 3rd president Volker Lenz, councillor of Braunschweig.

6 December 1979

First Christmas Party of the Conversation Group. A success which became an annual tradition.

1984

4th president Jürgen Schiff took over the presidency of the DEG.

24 March 1992

Treve P. Erdmenger was elected 5th president of the DEG e.V.

August 1993

On the occasion of the 225th anniversary of the Richmond Palace the DEG e.V. welcomed guests from England: Mr. John Cloake, president of the Richmond Local History Society and Mrs. Iris Bolton, chairman of the Richmond Local History Society. Mr. Cloake gave a talk on The History of Richmond .

May 1994

Mrs. Monika Roth and Bettina Küppers founded the Kid's Club. It was an "international play group for children aged between 5 and 9 years old. The club closed in spring 1995.

7–15 May 1994

3–11 May 1997

16–24 May 1998

5–12 May 2002

The DEG e.V. participated at the consumer fair Harz + Heide. in several years with tea, cake, a GB quiz, views of the British Isles, typical products and three different dance performances (Indian Dance, Line Dancers and dances from the Pacific)



from left to right: Treve Erdmenger, Elizabeth Kwan, museum director Camay Chapman-Cameron and director of Bath Tourist Office, David (1994)



Square Dance at Harz + Heide - DEG members Kathrine & Rolf Küppers (1997)



Harz + Heide "Braunschweig international erleben" (2002) - Elisabeth Kwan and DEG President Treve Erdmenger

June 1995

The DEG e.V. joined the Kolleg 88 for an excursion to Southern England (Bristol and Bath).

26 April 1996

25th anniversary of the DEG e.V.

30 April - 11 May 1996

The DEG e.V. cooperated with the city Braunschweig and the Kulturamt in organising the Friendship Days to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the DEG e.V.

25 April 1999

20th anniversary of the Conversation Group

9 May 2000

The DEG e.V. attended in the Europatag and offered tea, scones and information material.

3 June 2000 / 2 June 2001 / 7 June 2003

The DEG e.V. and the English-Speaking Ladies, Vechelde had a stand at Braunschweig International, Kohlmarkt selling tea and cake and a GB quiz. Special attraction: Square Dance and Line Dance.

26 April 2001

30th anniversary of the official twinning of the cities of Bath and Braunschweig.

24 June 2001 / 6 July 2002 / 6 July 2003

In three years the DEG e.V. was present with a stand at the Spielmeile in the Schlosspark selling tea, scones and other cakes.



from left to right: Mayor Mr. Steffens,
Kate Grigat, Barbara Heck, DEG president Treve Erdmenger, (2001)

21 March 2002

Three Kindergarten teachers (one British and two German) reported on their project Bilingual Kindergarten in which children learn English the "play way".

14 November 2002

The DEG e.V. welcomed Stephen Bird, Head of Heritage Services of Bath. He gave a presentation about the new Bath Spa Project.

2003

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting states: "Es [Anm.: die DEG e.V.] ist die vermutlich am besten funktionierende Städtepartnerschaft Braunschweigs."

22 – 26 May 2003

A group of seven [according the BBTA Newsletter No.4] resp. eight members of the DEG e.V. and the president of the Kolleg 88 attended the International Twinning Forum in Bath.

8 + 9 September 2003

A delegation from the Bath Silver Ring Choir visited Braunschweig and performed at the Braunschweig Cathedral (Dom).

December 2003 / 10 December 2006

The DEG e.V. took part in the Internationale Weihnachtsfeier at the Landesmuseum, Braunschweig with a stand offering tea and cakes.



DEG president Treve Erdmenger and Kathrine Küppers at the Landesmuseum (2003)

2004

The DEG e.V. took part in the Internationaler Tag der Volkshochschule..

20 - 27 May 2004

Eleven members of the DEG e.V. travelled to Bath and London.



in the mayor's parlour



DEG president Treve P. Erdmenger signed the Golden Book of Bath, May 2004

26 April 2006

35th anniversary of the twinning cities Braunschweig and Bath.

8 July 2006

The DEG e. V. participated in the children's project Steppke e. V. at the Bürgerpark and were present at the English Kulturzelt together with the Mortimer English Club.

20 – 24 September 2006

On the occasion of the celebration of the 35th anniversary of the twinning cities, the DEG e.V. welcomed eight visitors from Bath; amongst them chairman Don Withers.

7 February 2007

The TU, Braunschweig in cooperation with the DEG e.V. and other clubs in Braunschweig held the event "Für Liebende ist Bagdad nicht weit". The event covered topics of the German – Islamic cultural heritage.

12 – 19 June 2008

Journey of 27 members of the DEG e.V. to Bath. Reception in the Mayor's Parlour by Mayor Mr. Tim Ball. We were also welcomed by representatives of the Bath – Braunschweig Twinning Association and the Bath German Club as well as by Stephen Bird (Head of Heritage Services) at the Roman Baths foyer.

25 August 2010

The DEG e.V. supported the visit of the Youth Orchestra Thornbury Young Musicians. They gave a concert on the Domplatz and at the Dornse in the Altstadttrathaus.

29 August 2010 / 15 July 2015

The DEG e.V. attended the Tag der Braunschweigischen Landschaften. We offered tea, scones and other typical British country-specific baked goods.

26 April 2011

40th anniversary of the twinning cities Braunschweig and Bath.
Official ceremony took place on 29 September 2011 at palace Richmond.

17 June 2011

The DEG e.V. cooperated with the Mütterzentrum, Braunschweig and helped to organise the Länderabend "Great Britain and Ireland" at. It was a cooking event with ensuing dinner.

28 September – 4 October 2011

Jubilee visit of members from the Bath-Braunschweig Twinning Association in Braunschweig. Amongst them Bryan Chalker, Mayor of Bath in 2005. He and representatives of the DEG e.V. attended an official reception at palace Richmond on 30 September 2011 with and ensuing lunch.



photo: Elisabeth Kwan at palace Richmond in 1998
source: Braunschweiger Zeitung

2 – 4 October 2011

Eleven Pétanque players from the City of Bath Pétanque Club joined the Braunschweig Pétanque Championship on 3 October in Braunschweig.

May / 4 – 8 June 2013

Bryan Chalker (president of the Bath - Braunschweig Twinning Association) visited Braunschweig. Their stay happened in connection with the guest performance of the children choir of the St. Andrew's Primary School from Bath at the Dom, Braunschweig. An official reception was given at the palace Richmond with committee members of the DEG e.V. and the City Braunschweig.



Zum Abschluss sangen die Kurrenden I und II der Domsingschule und der Chor der St. Andrews Grundschule aus Bath gemeinsam.

Fotos (2): Peter Sierigk

1 – 3 October 2013

Eight Pétanque players from the City of Bath Pétanque Club visited Braunschweig and joined the Braunschweig Pétanque Championship.

April 2014

The DEG e.V. launched their website at the URL www.deg-bs.de

October 2014

The DEG e.V. welcomed a delegation of Bath in order to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the end of WWII.



Mayor of Bath Cherry Beath, her husband Richard and Braunschweig's Lord Mayor Ulrich Markurth



DEG committee with friends from Bath - Mayor Cherry Beath, her husband Richard, councillor Gerry Curran, Bryan Chalker at the restaurant of the Stadthotel Magnitor, BS

15 – 22 July 2015

On the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the City of Bath Pétanque Club fifteen members of the DEG e.V. accepted the invitation and joined the tournament in Bath.

4 February 2016

Paul Kavanagh was elected 6th president of the DEG e.V.

1 – 3 October 2016

Seven Pétanque players from the City of Bath Pétanque Club visited Braunschweig and joined the Braunschweig Pétanque Championship.

3 February 2017

The DEG is invited by Braunschweig Bridge and Art Club to attend a talk about their trip to Bath in July 2016. Since this visit there have been close links between the Bridge Club in Bath and the Bridge Club in Braunschweig: <http://www.bridge-art.de/>
Sadly, Michael Seiffert from the Braunschweig club passed away far too early in 2018.



Pictured are from left to right: Amy Wegge, Magdalena Grüner-Troch, Joëlle und Christian Ohlmer, Ulrike Görnemann, Michael Seiffert, Christina Lehne, Martin Wegge, Doris Lücke, Ria Möreke, Gabriele Gerhardt

25th to 29th May 2017

Members of the Bath Bridge Club visited Braunschweig and were given a sightseeing tour through the city of Braunschweig by Paul Kavanagh.



6th to 10th June 2017

Members of the Bath Operatic and Dramatic Society visited Braunschweig for the Town Partnership Festival week and performed together with the Cortez Musik Theater Salzgitter in the Raabeschule. A visit to the PTB and a Garden Party concluded the visit. More info: <https://www.bathoperatic.com/>



August 2017

The DEG is leaving the rooms in the AWO, Frankfurter Straße because more parking space is needed and the room has become too small and is moving to a new location in the Kulturpunkt West in the Weststadt.



August 2018

The municipal museum in Braunschweig organised an exhibition with the name “Europe’s front room” or “Wohnzimmer Europa – Kitsch, Kultur und andere Fragen”. The DEG was asked to provide typical English food and snacks on two days. We provided about 140 scones served with fresh Cornish clotted cream and homemade jams, lemon meringue pie, sausage rolls, sandwiches and PIMS long drinks. It proved to be a good platform for the DEG to inform the visitors about our work.

Martin Guest from the twinning society in Bath presented Glass jewellery from Aqua Glass.



21 February 2019

Making scones – The Great British Bake-off in Braunschweig

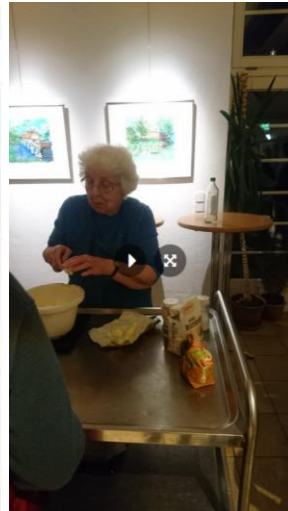
Ulla Kavanagh introduced us to the art of “Making scones”.



Sabine and Marion



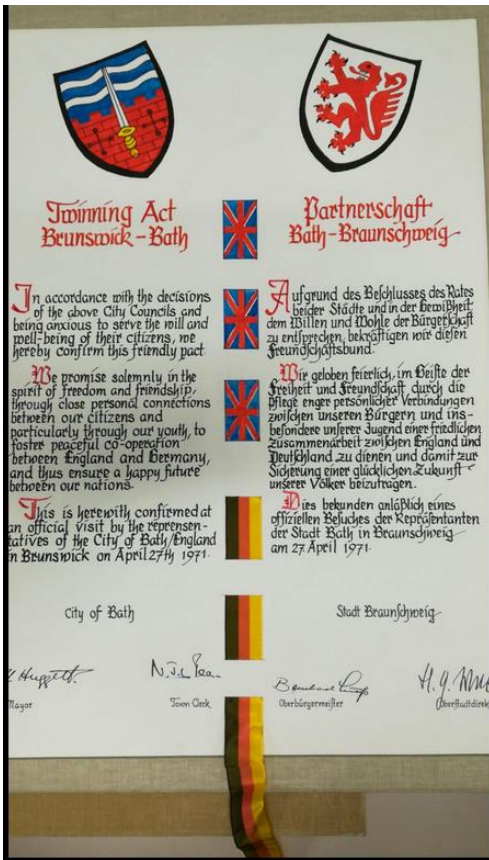
Ulla



Gwyneth

25 April 2019

The DEG is visiting the Archives in Braunschweig



May 2019

In May 5 apprentices from the Heinrich-Büssing Schule spent 4 weeks in 5 different enterprises in Bath. This was organised by their teachers Paul Kavanagh and Gunnar Uhde and funded by Erasmus. On the final day the apprentices gave a presentation in the Guildhall in Bath. Their overall experience was extremely positive and their presentations were much appreciated.



01.06.2019

The DEG is taking part in Braunschweig International at the Kohlmarkt offering food and drinks and enjoyable talks.



Sabine, Ella and Gwyneth



Lale and Oda



Fish and Chips sold by Mahlzeit – Nico Steinweg

22.06.2019

Kulturnacht in Braunschweig. The Bath Operatic & Dramatic Society (BODS) and the ukulele band, Uke Can't be Serious from Bath are participating.



BODS at the Kulturnacht



Uke can't be serious at the Kulturnacht

5 September 2019

Kick-off for "Painting with Paul" which resulted in the "Wednesday Painters" = "Mittwochsmaler" which meets on Wednesdays at the Familiensportverein in Braunschweig.



13 September 2019

The DEG is taking part in “Kulturfest Volkshochschule Braunschweig“



March 2020

The DEG is leaving the rooms in the Kulturpunkt West (mainly due to the bad acoustics) and is now meeting in a room at Ambet – Wohnen mit Zukunft in the Weststadt.

after March 2020

the pandemic has reached Braunschweig and so most of the further planned DEG meetings in 2020 (apart from 1 or 2 in the autumn) have to be cancelled and are postponed to 2021

January 2021

DEG goes digital! Due to the pandemic the DEG is offering various online activities, such as the **DEG Literature Club**, online quizzes and digital video conferences, talks and presentations. This way the connections to our friends from Bath as well as the Cardiff-Stuttgart Association in Wales are strengthened and we take part in each other’s digital formats. In addition, the DEG offers a number of “activities during pandemic” such as walks, bike tours and a brochure on how people experienced the pandemic and the lockdown.

9th October 2021

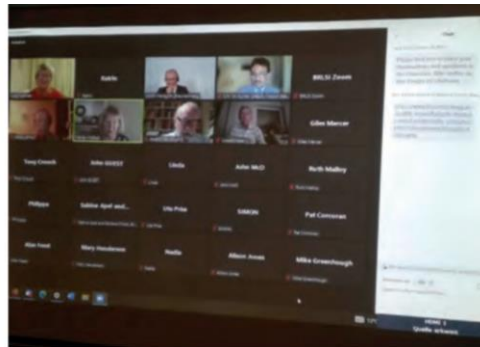
On the occasion of the **50th anniversary of the DEG** about 25 members of the DEG enjoyed a delicious Afternoon Tea with scones, sandwiches, eclairs, lots of tea and a glass of Prosecco on 9th October. It was so good to come together, share memories and catch up with the latest news.



27th October 2021

Zoom talk with Lord Mayor Ulrich Markurth

Eleven members of the DEG came together in a room at Brunsviga on Wednesday, 27th October, to listen to Lord Mayor Ulrich Markurth's online Zoom talk about 50 years twinning of Bath and Braunschweig as well as urban development in Braunschweig (main points were "Ringgleis, Denk deine Stadt, Bahnstadt and the Bath-Garden"). This event was perfectly hosted by the chairwoman of the Bath-Braunschweig Twinning Association, Judy Spencer. In the end all participants had the chance to ask questions and/or make comments. An interesting evening indeed and a good chance to present the DEG which was mentioned several times. Thanks for the wonderful organisation to the BBTA as well as the German Society in Bath. Great job!



25th November 2021

50 years Bath-Braunschweig Twinning Agreement – 50 years DEG

Eva Grimpen and Manfred Erdmenger presented a journey along this timeline. They shared the most important events and milestones in a Power Point Presentation.



6th October 2022

Houses and Gardens in Bath

A group of 18 citizens from Braunschweig travelled to Bath earlier this year. Paul and Ulla reported on the journey, the places visited and people met, beautiful houses and their gardens in and around Bath.



24th September 2022

Braunschweig International

The DEG took part in this annual event organized by the town offering tea and snacks as well as a book bazaar. The day was very successful, meeting lots of interesting and interested people and building new connections and networks. Thanks to our members for your support and help.



26th January 2023

Tea tasting

Jörg Bischoff from Bischoffs Teeladen in Goslarsche Straße in Braunschweig came to talk about different sorts of teas, especially black teas, also offering to taste some. More info on the teashop:

<http://www.bischoffs-teeladen-ug.de/>



17th February 2023

Outing to spice manufacturer Temperos

As a group we visited the spice manufacturer „Temperos“ in Braunschweig, Gldenstrae 2.

The owner, Rita Pimentel, introduced us to the world of spices in German language and offered a three-course meal „Curry und seine Variationen“ (soup, two curries and ice cream).



6th May 2023
Coronation of King Charles III



2nd June
Reception at Schloss Richmond



Fotos: Stadt Braunschweig

Some DEG members took part in the reception of the Bath Bridge Club as well as guests from Braunschweig's US twin city Omaha at Schloss Richmond. Paul signed an agreement for further cooperation between Braunschweig and Omaha. It was nice to meet so many people and to come together in such beautiful surroundings

3rd June 2023

Braunschweig International

The DEG took part in the most wonderful and colourful international event on the Kohlmarkt offering tea, snacks and cakes as well as English books. Lots of interested and interesting people stopped by for a chat and took information about the DEG and/or Bath with them.

Thanks to all the DEG members who helped out at the stall by attending or making contributions.



8th June 2023

Omaha Talk in Altstadttrathaus



**Thursday, 8th June:
Omaha Talk in Altstadttrathaus**

Carol Stoltenberg gave a talk about Omaha showing some of the city's sights and pointing out the history and development of the twinning agreement. Paul and Carol discussed further plans for closer cooperation.



21st August 2023

Inauguration of the Bath Garden

21st August 2023: Inauguration of the Bath Garden in Kiryat Tivon Park

A delegation from Bath was in Braunschweig from 20th to 23rd August. On 21st August the Bath Garden in the Bürgerpark – Kiryat Tivon Park was officially inaugurated by Braunschweig's Lord Mayor Dr. Kornblum



and the Mayoress from Bath, Dine Romero and several guests from Bath and Braunschweig.

More information and photos: https://www.braunschweig.de/leben/stadtportraet/partnerstaedte/bath_aktuell.php



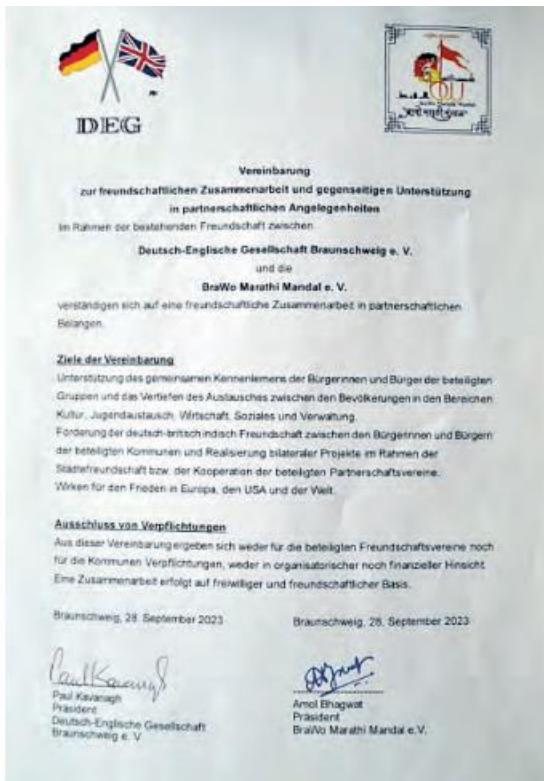
Above: Sightseeing tour through Braunschweig by bus.
Middle: The Ägidienchor singing during the inauguration
Left: Braunschweig's Lord Mayor Dr. Kornblum and the Mayoress from Bath, Dine Romero.

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September 2023

Agreement signed between the DEG and the Indian group BraWo Marathi Mandal e.V.



7th March 2024

AGM

Marion Ibach was elected 7th President of the DEG. Katrin Landsmann and Ella Jones will continue to help as Vice-Presidents.



