



Deutscher Kreis Chelmsford Chelmsford German Circle

Programme

January to June 2026

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 £5 per meeting or £9.00 to cover the 'term', with payment due after the March and May meetings .



January 15th, Peter Lodge

Die Gründung von Fulneck

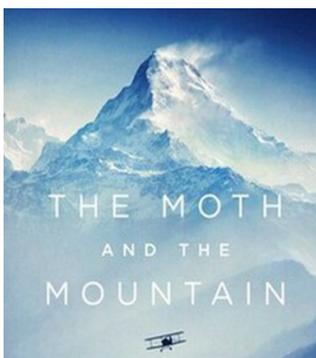
The early history of the Moravian Church and the establishment (by German speakers) of the Moravian settlement in Fulneck, Pudsey, West Yorkshire. This historic village was founded in 1744 and is well known for its Georgian architecture, active church, museum, school and self-sufficient community life. It is now designated a World Heritage Site



February 19th, Dorothee Ziesik

Friedrich Schiller

Dorothee will talk about Schiller, his birthplace in Marbach (close to Backnang), his political views on the King of Württemberg and the consequences of this and his first dramatic play 'Die Räuber', again touching on politics and connections to Backnang.



March 19th, Kirstin Charlesworth

Die Motte und der Berg

Based on the book 'The Moth and the Mountain' by Ed Caesar, Kirstin from Calderdale will speak about the maverick war veteran and adventurer Maurice Wilson from Bradford and his repeated attempts to climb Mount Everest.



April 16th, David Whitehead

Schwäbische Küche

An exploration of Swabian food and drink, including local beer, wine and specialities such as *Spätzle* and *Maultaschen*. David's talk will include cookery demonstrations (but unfortunately no tasting!).



May 21st, Geoff Tranter

Der Deutsche Humor - der Britische Humor

Wo ist der Unterschied?

From 'the sublime to the ridiculous', the topic of the much maligned German humour – with lots of examples of what goes down well in Germany. Geoff, originally from Leeds, has spent the last 50 years in Dortmund, where he now chairs the Anglo-German Society.



June 18th

German Embassy Speaker

As in previous years we will be having a representative of the German Embassy in London to talk to us about what is currently happening in Germany. This year Kristin Augsburg, the new press secretary, has kindly agreed to give us a presentation – details will be confirmed closer to the time.



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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