



**STOP PRESS! BONN WEEK 2013.** Dates now confirmed as 30 May to 3 June with the Lord Mayor's event on Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Ideas for the shape of the event and the groups who could be involved are already underway –please keep these dates free in your diary!

*We are very keen to hear from individuals or groups interested in participating in Bonn Week 2013. Please register initial interest by contacting :*

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Also please try to support the **MESH Drama and Dance** project involving young people from most of our twin cities which takes place at Pegasus theatre and various other venues around Oxford in July 2012. The German group of ten students from Bertolt Brecht Gesamtschule is jointly performing with the group from Iran on 24<sup>th</sup> July at 4-30 and 8-30 pm. The German production is called *Lola Runs* and it focuses on the adventures taken by young people in their search for new experiences. Book via Pegasus on 01865 812150 or on web:[www.pegasustheatre.org.uk/ourshows](http://www.pegasustheatre.org.uk/ourshows)



NEW EVENT!!!!

KAFFEE und KUCHEN (German Coffee and Cakes) SATURDAY 10<sup>th</sup> November

11-00-15-00 at the Parish Room. St Michael of the Northgate, Oxford

Helpers and cakes needed.

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#### OTHER LINK NEWS

On Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm at the Newman Rooms ,Rose Place, St Aldates, there will be a performance involving all the MESH groups based on Aristophanes' play *The Birds*, first performed in Athens in 414 BC-a comic and political satire as relevant today as it was then. It will bring together a cast of 160 from Oxford and all the international visiting countries.

- Perm Association held a very successful Garden Party on a surprisingly dry evening in July.
- Leiden Link Annual Meeting was held the day after the Link's 66<sup>th</sup> birthday
- Oxford Leon Link organised a sponsored swim on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at Hinksey Pool

**The Bonn Association is a well established group which is represented in the Bonn Link and seems to enjoy some very good meals out! Sizzling sausages and burgers drew members to Holton for the Bonn Club AGM on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June, where 14 members enjoyed a barbecue lunch at the home of Wally and Beryl Dennin. After a week of uncertain weather we just managed to stay dry!**

*Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July. Visit to Waterperry Garden Centre with optional walk around Waterperry Gardens. Meet at the car park at 2.30 pm. Followed by tea and homemade scones.*

*Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September. Lunch at The Rose Revived, next to the Thames at Newbridge, meet at noon. This can be followed by a short walk along the River Windrush and Standlake nature reserve, if weather and conditions permit. (please ring Ron Green on 01865 820051 by 28<sup>th</sup> August to book for lunch) Good value and choice for lunch.*

*Future events to be arranged: Octobe. Lunch at Brookes University, date to be confirmed. Contact Ron Green, Chairman for more information [ron.green@live.co.uk](mailto:ron.green@live.co.uk)*

## CHRISTMAS MARKET SELL OUT SUCCESS

*Wally and Beryl Denning organised another very successful stall at the Bonn Christmas Market in December 2011 but as Wally explains it was by no means 'plain sailing'!*

About four days before leaving, I discovered that *Sea France* had gone broke and ceased trading .After a few phone calls I managed to book with P&O at greatly increased prices. All other companies were charging similarly inflated prices. We arrived in Bonn in the early evening and went straight to our hosts Karin and Yokin, who had arranged for us to meet Barbara from Bonn Town Hall at our market stand at 9am on Monday. There we also met Alan, who had made his own way there from Berlin.

It took us about two hours to unload the car and set up most of the stand. We had customers waiting before our official opening time as Bonners who had brought good in previous years wanted British food. In fact we sold nearly three times as much as on Monday the previous year and every day was busier. By Friday we were out of stock of several items and we had very few lines to sell on Saturday, which normally is the busiest day. On Sunday all we had left were a few Chilli jams and odds and ends .

We took 2141 euros and if we had carried more stock we could have taken 1000 more euros The goods we sold were Mince Pies, Christmas cakes, home- made Christmas puddings, Lemon Curd, Marmalade and Ginger preserve,shortbread and tea. We had several types of cheese , Oxford Sauce and Chilli from the Oxford Cheese Company on a sale and return deal which we did not need this year as sales were so brisk.

I would like to thank Alan for all his help on the stall : his knowledge of German was invaluable. I would also like to thank Bonn City Council for paying for the stall and also all the ladies of the Oxford Bonn Link who helped to make or purchase the stock Finally I thank my wife Beryl for all her help. We have just heard that this year the Bonn City Council is unable to pay for the market stall so it looks as if we shall have to find other ways to fundraise this year

### **Wally Denning**



## **Must-see places to visit in Bonn ( A new series by Naomi Collier).**

### **1 : The Altes Rathaus and Marktplatz**

First stop for the traveller must surely be the Altes Rathaus at the centre of the old part of Bonn. The Altes Rathaus (no, not a hole needing the Pied Piper, but the Old Town Hall) is a beautiful Baroque building with an elegant stairway leading to the entrance:



Built in 1737 at the command of Clemens August, Archbishop of Cologne, the architect was Michel Leveilly, whose other buildings can also be seen in Bonn. The decorative ironwork was not in place however until 1765 - but has had a few coats of paint since then!

The Marktplatz or marketplace in front of the town hall is a large open space where once a week vegetable and fruit markets are held, lovely to walk round, smell the fresh smells, admire the bouquets, and marvel at the shiny fruits. All round the edge of the area are shops and cafes where “Kaffee und Kuchen”, the delicious coffee and cream cakes so beloved of Germans, are always available; you can sit outside enjoying them and watch the world go by. One kind of shop nearby perhaps not so familiar to English visitors is the bread shop, rather different from our bakers - there are dozens of different kinds of bread and rolls on sale, all of them mouth-watering.

The streets leading off the marketplace are part of the pedestrian precinct at the heart of the city, so with no traffic you can wander along and window-shop, or buy if you are so inclined. There are big department stores and small individual shops, and a marvellous bookshop, which also has a cut-price attachment. And every street has a surprise up its sleeve

One will take you to the delightful Goose fountain, with children chasing geese:



and another to the Munster:



another to what is left of the old buildings:



**BONN WEEK 2013** May 30-3 June

**Many thanks to Naomi for contributing this interesting article. This space could be used for similar travel advice, book or play reviews and notification of other fundraising ideas. (We need to raise as much money as possible to help with Bonn week 2012.)**

**If you have any ideas /contributions to make to this newsletter please contact Newsletter Editor:**

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**Have a lovely summer!**

