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Neuwied's tradition of shelter

THE LINKS between All Saints' Church, Orpington, and the Evangelische Friedenskirche in the Heddesdorf district of Neuwied were again strengthened when the Vicar of All Saints', Brian McHenry, addressed the Heddesdorf congregation. He had come with his wife Liz and friends Vanessa and Malcolm Dixon. Also present were Peter and Sheila Brown from the BTTA and members of the Freundeskreis Neuwied-Bromley. Here Vanessa describes one poignant part of the March visit.

"The pastor of the Friedenskirche, Freyja Eberding, and her husband Rolf invited us to dinner together with a social worker Sonja who was a fluent English speaker and she told us about the Syrian refugee families she was trying to help. She now had a Syrian godson, whom she had helped find a flat and had encountered hostility from certain quarters for doing so.

"However, we were told that Neuwied has a long tradition of providing shelter to persecuted religious minorities which have included Huguenots, Mennonites and many others.

"On the Sunday we walked in the sunshine to the church where the service was run entirely by confirmation candidates, 13 boys and 13 girls. Before the service began, Brian gave a short address.

"Throughout the visit we were touched that so much trouble had been taken to make us feel welcome."

Events Diary

THURSDAY, JUNE 9, Visit to British Library

SUNDAY, JUNE 26, Stall at Keston Countryside Day

THURSDAY, JULY 7 – SUNDAY, JULY 10, Deichstadtfest (Neuwied's annual town festival)

**SUNDAY, JULY 17, Garden Party, Petts Wood
3 to 5pm**

MONDAY, AUGUST 29, Stall at Cudham Village Fete

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 – MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, Biennial visit to Neuwied

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, Annual Lecture "Dear Deutschland" by former British Consul in Frankfurt

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, Quiz Evening, St George's Church Hall, Bickley

COUNTRYSIDE STALLS

WE WILL be running stalls on Sunday, June 26, at Keston Countryside Day, and on the Bank Holiday Monday, August 29, at Cudham Village Fete. We need volunteers so please put forward your names now to the Chairman.

Mayor to join us on trip

OUR AGM was held on Tuesday, March 15, at the Bromley Civic Centre and chaired by the Mayor of Bromley, Councillor Kim Botting.

She told the meeting how much she enjoyed her official mayoral visit to our twin town and now intended to join us all in our biennial visit to Neuwied in September.

BTTA chairman Peter Brown stressed the growing links between the association and schools in Bromley borough teaching German.

BBC to British Library

THE VISIT by some 20 of our members to Broadcasting House in March was very successful with a guided tour laid on. The highlight was time spent in The One Show studio. Members' newsreading skills and radio drama acting abilities were also put to the test.

We have another visit coming up on June 9 to the British Library in Euston Road. The cost is £11 and we meet at the library at 11am. Numbers are limited so pre-booking is essential. To book, please contact joeweiss338@gmail.com

From just £8 to join us

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