



## British-German Club Duisburg

### Review of Activities 2007

The year 2007 began with a pantomime. On **19 January 2007** Millers Amateur Dramatic Society braved the elements and came across from Kent to perform 'The Sleeping Beauty', a traditional British pantomime for children (and adults). Their coach even got stuck in the tunnel and arrived just half an hour before the curtain went up. Pickles and Tickle, Nurse Goodbody (you could see it was, Honeybud), Her Fairyship and all the other favourites, too many to mention, gave us their very own version of the famous fairy tale. It was hilarious, oh yes, it was!

On 1 March 2007 the Duisburg German-British Society met for the tenth time at the Lindenwirtin and celebrated **St. David's Day**. Nerys Jones paved the way for a fine Welsh evening by telling the story of Bedd Gellert in Welsh. This was followed by twelve-year-old Jan Eric Gilak's film of a trip around Wales, a very professional job – well done Jan! David Whitley – who is from the English Midlands - rounded off the evening with a presentation of the Welsh national sport rugby. Gareth Edwards could not have done better!

On **Maundy Thursday**, the British-German Club Duisburg met for the eleventh time. At the Lindenwirtin, Jani Tipping (vocals) and Steve Tipping (vocals/guitar) made sure we got in the mood for the Easter break with some gems from their songbook. Brilliant again folks.

In the evening of 31 May the British-German Club Duisburg met about a dozen guests from Portsmouth, our twin city, for a drink and a chat. Meanwhile, on 7 June, the month's first Thursday, there was no regular evening meeting due to the bank holiday. Instead, a group of eleven enjoyed a hot afternoon out at the **English garden at Schloß Dyck**.

On **5 July 2007** we discussed the Duisburg Masterplan. The excellent, thirty-minute documentary film of the presentation of the Masterplan by Lord Norman Foster in the Duisburg City Hall in February gave a good deal of food for thought.

At our **2 August 2007 meeting** thirty-five of us enjoyed an excellent barbeque, not least due to the staff at "Hundertmeister" and despite the weather.

On **6 September 2007** we enjoyed another excellent evening at "Hundertmeister". Meanwhile, at Burg Linn in Krefeld on **8 September**, thirty friends of the British-German Club Duisburg joined 1300 enthusiasts of the Last Night at the Proms for an unforgettable evening. The **October meeting on 4<sup>th</sup>** was attended by over 35 friends and members.

This was followed by the Friday night special presentation of real ale by Scotsman Angus MacRuary on **6 October** and a great and informative evening was had all round.

On **8 November 2007** we organised a talk-show on the future of the EU to mark 50 years of the Treaty of Rome within the frame of the road-show of the German Federal Government 'Europe is 50'. The Deutsch-Britische Gesellschaft Duisburg e.V., Europa Union Duisburg Niederrhein, and Amt für Europaangelegenheiten der Stadt Duisburg invited their members and interested general public to this event which took place at City Palais right next to the Germany's largest casino.

Approx. 80 Duisburgers discussed the future of the EU Reform Treaty with

- Dr. Peter Tibber, British Consul-General
- Dr. Christoph Konrad, Member of the European Parliament
- Dr. Marcel Seyppel, CEO of MEDIA RES and expert on Eastern Europe

A guided tour around the casino was followed by a first-class meal in the casino restaurant.

Delaney Taylor introduced us to his newly opened Snooker Hall Delta Snooker on **6 October**.

The Duisburger Harald Jüngst has found his second home in Ireland. Yet when he comes back to his roots in Duisburg he not only brings music from the emerald isle across with him - his successful band Sheevon has built up quite a reputation in the region - but also the art of story telling. On 6 December Harald came along to tell us the odd yarn and a great evening was had by approx. 20 people.

We finished the year with the annual general meeting at Hundertmeister and Christmas dinner by GfB Duisburg on **11 December**.