

ENGLISH SPEAKERS' CIRCLE

International club for cultural and social activities for speakers of English

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At club meetings, pick up a drink at our drinks table from 16:15 and stop for a chat before the talk.

Admission for non-members: 3.00€ unless otherwise stated

- 14 December** **Annual General Meeting and Advent Tea**
Saturday
16:30h
All are welcome at the brief AGM (voting by members only), then:-

(at 17:00h) Photographs of Armenia by Ulrike Reeckers-Vasghanian who gave us the talk about Armenia last January as we could not show the photos then.
- 25 January** **“The dead are holy, even they that were base ...**
Saturday
16:30h
... and wicked while alive. Baseness and wickedness was not they, was but the heavy and unmanageable environment that lay round them.” (Thomas Carlyle)

A visit to some burial places in Britain (and elsewhere) – what they may, and may not, give away about the people laid to rest there. A talk with documentation, given by Rolf Pentzlin in memory of Professor Albert-Reiner Glaap OBE (1929-2023). Don't worry, this will not be a sombre talk!
- 15 February** **Restaurant meal – Alex Düsseldorf**
Saturday
16:30h
Alex Brasserie
Please book via 0211-3179322 by Wednesday, 12th February at the latest!
- 22 February** **Cycling Alaska and Yukon for my 60th birthday**
Saturday
16:30h
You are never too old for an adventure. Bikepacker Andy Ganner surprises himself by doing an epic tour in a land with more bears, wolves and eagles than it has people! Come along for this slideshow presentation and be prepared for something really wild.
- 22 March** **The BT Global Challenge – the world's toughest yacht race**
Saturday
16:30h
10 months, 2 Southern Ocean crossings, a near fatal accident and “love” on the high seas. Come and listen to the thrills and spills of adventure of a lifetime with Tina P. Sparkle.
- 28 March** **The importance of being earnest**
Friday
19:00h
WBZ Saal 1
Admission:
11.50 / 10.00 €
by Oscar Wilde, performed by the Phoenix Theatre company
Regarded as one of the wittiest comedies ever written in English, Wilde's masterpiece about Ernest Jack Worthing, the man found as a baby in a handbag at London's Victoria Station, remains one of the contemporary theatre's most popular plays.

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12 April
Saturday
16:30h

It's never been easier to buy counterfeit goods

says Pat Hastings, with experience in retail – be it designer handbags, sportswear, jewellery. What's seen as a soft crime and treated as such is actually funding organised crime, terrorism and slave labour. This is the crime that interests very few and still kills thousands.

10 May
Saturday
16:30h

Women as readers, writers and judges

The controversy about the Orange Prize for Fiction. This is an annual prize for the best full-length novel written in English by a woman of any nationality. Britta Zangen tells us that ever since the first unsuccessful attempt to launch it in 1994 there has been a public controversy about the need for an all-women prize.

14 June
Saturday
16:30h

Contemporary topics

Discussion evening in round-table groups.