



25-28 MAY

BONN WEEK 2017

CELEBRATING 70 YEARS OF FRIENDSHIP





INTRODUCTION

In 1947, Oxford formed one of the first four Anglo-German twinning links with Bonn.

This year marks the 70th anniversary of the Oxford-Bonn twinning link, and will see more than 250 visitors from Bonn coming to Oxford for the weekend to sing, dance, discuss, explore and celebrate our links.

We hope you'll join us and our visitors in discovering another culture and celebrating our friendship. Explore our programme of activities including music, art, dance, history, economics and more - join the festivities!

For more info: www.oxford.gov.uk/bonnweek2017





EVENT

DATE

TIME

LOCATION

**Oxford German Play:
Reigen by Schnitzler**

**Tuesday 23 –
Saturday 27**

7.30pm

**Burton Taylor
Studio, Gloucester
Street**

**Book Launch: Luther's
letter on translating-
translated!**

Thursday 25

4 – 5.30pm

**Voltaire Room,
Taylorian
Library, St Giles**

**Oxford Bonn
Economic Forum**

Friday 26

8 – 10am

**Oxford Town
Hall, St Aldates**

Print your own Theses

Friday 26

11am – 4pm

**Old Schools Quad,
Bodleian Library**

**Beethoven Symphony
No. 9**

Friday 26

7.30pm

**Oxford Town
Hall, St Aldates**

**Ecumenical Church
Service**

Saturday 27

10 – 11am

**Wesley Memorial
Church**

Bürgerfest

Saturday 27

12 – 4pm

Broad Street

↪ **Museum of Oxford
Family Fun Day**

↪ **Oxford German Network
Language Tasters**

**Bonn at the
Bodleian**

Saturday 27

11.30am – 4pm

**Blackwell Hall,
Weston Library**

Bach Cantata

Saturday 27

2 – 4.30pm

**St. Columbia's
United Reformed
Church**

**Oxford Philharmonic
Concert**

Saturday 27

7.30pm

**Sheldonian
Theatre, Broad
Street**

Oxford Bonn Economic Forum

Friday 26, 8 – 10 am Oxford Town Hall

An open panel discussion, exploring opportunities for collaboration on economic development matters including trade, science, technology, and tourism. Our panel speakers include the Mayor of Bonn Helmut Kollig, Frank Nigriello, Director of Corporate Affairs at Unipart Group, John Hoy, Director of Experience Oxfordshire, and Nigel Tipple CEO of Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership



Ecumenical Bilingual Church Service

*Saturday 27, 10 – 11 am
Wesley Memorial Church*

A traditional element of the Bonn Week celebrations, this church service will be led by the City Rector, conducted in English and German, and will include performances from visiting German choirs.

Beethoven Symphony No. 9

Friday 26, 7.30 pm, Oxford Town Hall

A very special performance of Beethoven's 9th Symphony! More than 100 visiting singers from Bonn will be joined by singers from all over Oxford in this come-and-sing event with young soloists Will Dawes, Louise Wayman, Charlotte Tetley and Wagner Moreira. The singers will be accompanied by the Oxford Studio Orchestra who are celebrating their 50th anniversary, under the baton of Christopher Fletcher-Campbell.



Bürgerfest

Saturday 27, 12 – 4 pm Broad Street

A traditional German street festival! Groups from Oxford and Bonn will be gathering on Broad Street to perform and celebrate. Be entertained by music and dance, from hip-hop to traditional German dance, get involved with German language tasters and a look inside an internationally-staffed fire engine, and enjoy German beer and street food for all tastes.



Museum of Oxford Family Fun Day

Saturday 27, 12 – 4 pm Broad Street

The Museum of Oxford will be bringing some family fun to our Broad Street celebrations. Find out about the history of Oxford's link with Bonn, discover the stories behind the coat of arms of both cities and design & make your own twinning badge.

Bonn at the Bodleian

Saturday 27, 12 – 4 pm

Blackwell Hall, Weston Library

Come and see a special display of the Bodleian's Beethoven collection, including original scores, sketches and autographed manuscripts while players from the Oxford Philharmonic will be bringing Beethoven to life. Cassandra Wye will be telling German tales for all ages, and the Bodleian's replica printing press will be up and running – come and print your own postcard from Bonn Week!



Oxford Philharmonic Concert

Presented by: John Suchet

Saturday 27, 7.30 pm
Sheldonian Theatre



Marios Papadopoulos and the Oxford Philharmonic Orchestra honour Bonn's most famous son in a programme dedicated to two towering masterpieces, Beethoven's 'Emperor' concerto and Symphony No.5. Classic FM presenter, broadcaster and celebrated author, John Suchet, returns to the Oxford Philharmonic Orchestra to share his passion for Beethoven and sign copies of his acclaimed books during the interval of the concert.

Reformation 500 meets Bonn 70

A series of events for the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, hosted by the Faculty of Medieval and Modern Languages



Thursday 25 May, 4 – 5.30 pm, Taylor Institution Library, St Giles
Launch of the Taylor Institution Library's 'Reformation Pamphlet Series', including a public reading of the full '*Sendbrief vom Dolmetschen*' in German, with a new English translation.

Friday 26 May, 11 – 4 pm, Schola Musicae, Old Schools Quad of the Bodleian Library Oxford

'*Print your own Theses*' at the Bodleian Print Workshop. The doors will be open and visitors can print for free their own copy, plus typeset their name for a letter of indulgence

Saturday 27 May, 2 – 4.30 pm, St Columba's Church, Alfred Street:
Performance of Bach's cantata 'Gott der Herr ist Sonn und Schild', with a poetic interlude between the performances and a chance to join the singing

Commemorating the **500th** Anniversary
of the Reformation



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Oxford City Council coordinates and supports projects and exchanges with all five of Oxford's twin city links, in partnership with the

volunteer Link organisations. The council also delivers a wide calendar of cultural events for the city including Christmas Light Festival and Dancin' Oxford.



The Oxford-Bonn Link volunteer association organises regular events and exchanges with groups in Bonn. The link has seen exchanges

between choirs, orchestras, schools, dance groups, artists, and sports teams in the two cities. The Link welcomes new members - get in touch! voirreyc@aol.com



Museum of Oxford is the only museum dedicated to telling the story of Oxford and its people.



One of the UK's leading orchestras, performing in Oxford and beyond.



Oxford Studio Orchestra is a friendly group who rehearse and perform a wide variety of orchestral works.



Bodleian Libraries
UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

The Bodleian Library, the main research library of the University of Oxford, is one of the oldest libraries in Europe.



The Oxford German Network is dedicated to productive cross-cultural cooperation in the region.



The Faculty of Medieval and Modern Languages at the University of Oxford has the largest German department in UK, with strong links to Germanistik in Bonn.



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There are opportunities to join in throughout the year, from Russian vodka tastings and film showings, to choir trips and sports tournaments with visiting teams. From coffee collaborations to business journalism, to teacher training and photography sessions, links with our twins can take any form.

Whether you would like to join an exchange trip, get your club or society involved, help run fundraising events, or plan a project of your own, get in touch and we'll support you. All the groups welcome new members, so if you've got an interest in the international, get in touch!



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