

# **GUILDFORD-FREIBURG ASSOCIATION**



## **Update**

October 2008

### **Is Germany on the Road to an Eco-friendly Future?**

A talk by the distinguished lecturer Peter Ritzer on Friday November 14 at 7.30 pm in the Guildhall

Herr Ritzer, who speaks on behalf of the German Embassy, will give an overview of the debate on how to cope with the energy crisis and the threat to the climate. This is expected to be a stimulating talk from a German perspective on a very topical and important subject in which Germany is making great strides – and in which Freiburg is a leader.

The talk is free and open to the public. Please publicise it to your friends

### **Freiburg Choir to sing in Guildford**

On Saturday November 1 at 7.30, Guildford's Vivace Chorus will be joined by the Freiburger Bachchor and the Romsey Choral Society and the Brandenburg Sinfonia to sing Verdi's Requiem in Guildford Cathedral. Freiburg's Bachchor and the Vivace Chorus sing together regularly and this is sure to be an excellent concert.

Tickets from Michael Taylor on 07958 519741 ([tickets@vivacechorus.org](mailto:tickets@vivacechorus.org)) or from the Guildford Tourist Information Centre on 01483 444334

### **Feedback on Freiburg environment meeting**

In June Freiburg invited all its twin cities to a climate change meeting to discuss renewable energy and energy saving. The aim was to share experiences and to set up collaborative activities between the partner cities. Guildford was represented by Trudy Thompson, CEO of the "Naturally Amazing" company, Andrew Day, partner in Gerry Little Architects and Dr Michael Peters, University of Surrey. The meeting was a great success and the three Guildford participants will be providing their enthusiastic feedback on the outcome and future prospects at a meeting of the Guildford Environmental Forum at 18.30 for 19.00 on Thursday 23 October in the Council Chamber at GBC's Millmead Office.

All Association members will be welcome.

### **Freiburg in China**

Freiburg's Oberbürgermeister Dieter Salomon and first Mayor Otto Neideck were in China recently to finalise Freiburg's contribution to a forthcoming international Expo on renewable energy.

### **Guildford Friary Brass Band in Freiburg**

This excellent band recently gave a very well-received concert in Zähringen, near Freiburg, which also included a performance by the Freiburger Rathausmusik Band (made up of City Council employees and who played here in 2004). The Friary Band then performed in a 2-day music festival at Waldbronn in Baden-Württemberg. We helped to facilitate the Freiburg concert and provided some modest financial support

The band will be playing here in a traditional family Christmas concert at Weyfield Primary School at 8 pm on December 17.

For details and tickets call 01483 480518.

### **German Film Festival**

The festival of German films which we had suggested and helped to sponsor took place at the Electric Theatre in mid-September to appreciative audiences. We hope that the Electric Theatre will show German films at future festivals. Let us know if you have suggestions for films you would like to see.

### **Our mini-Christmas Market**

This annual event will take place in the Guildhall on November 29. As usual we shall be selling wooden toys, candles and seasonal bakery items from Freiburg and dispensing Glühwein. If you would like to help please contact Peter Slade on 01483 531472.