

FFWPU UK: Look At Some Of Our Community's Recent Seasonal Gatherings!

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From celebrating autumn and German culture in the South to a Christmassy retreat in Dundee. Have a look at some of our seasonal gatherings!

Across the country, our communities have held a few seasonal gatherings and celebrations, below are just a few from the River South Community, the Scottish community and WWW:



Sigrun V, member of River South Community, was the main organiser of the German Autumn Festival, held in November:

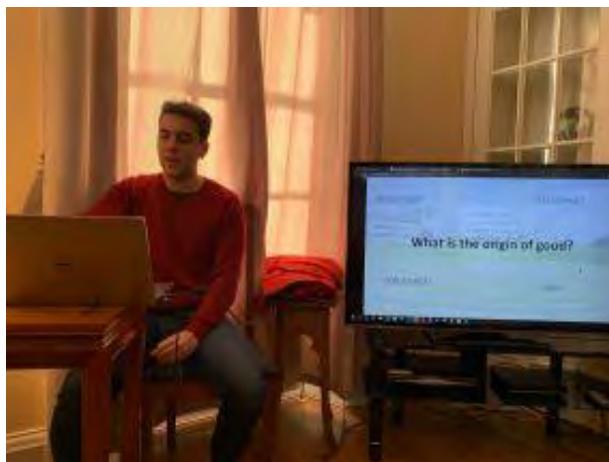
"14 years ago I started my idea of the German Friendship Club. The idea came through prayer of what is my task, what am I meant to do in the UK. I recently organised a German Autumn Festival in November. The event was educational, centred on heart and friendship, passing on knowledge about the German culture and language and German Food. I have been working with several British charities together in the past and had received Grants in support of the event. More recently, I have also been asked to join the Twintown organisation between Germany and UK.



Up in the far north, the Scottish community held a Christmas retreat from the 9th-11th of December at Benvie farmhouse near Dundee. Here's more from Maryann M:

"It was a fun weekend where we could spend precious time with our brothers and sisters. It started with arrivals on Friday night, which was an adventure in itself; a few of our members arrived late due to railway disruptions caused by a cow. At least it was a good excuse!

On Saturday we started with a Hoon Dok Hae reading about prayer, which gave plenty of food for thought and reflection. Between breakfast and lunchtime, we had various activities such as board games, visiting iconic tourist sites in Dundee, and playing badminton in the sports hall.



During the afternoon we all headed to the sports hall to learn some Ceilidh dancing. This was very patiently taught by David Fraser Harris and soon we were even clapping in sync! During the break, Oliver Lane presented gifts to our visiting Korean family who has been a shining light to our community during their stay. We wish them a safe journey back home and that they will come back to visit us very soon!

In the evening we gathered to watch England versus France World Cup game. It wasn't long after watching an intense match that we were divided into teams ready for our own competition. This was our famous Christmas Quiz, hosted by quizmasters Eric Williamson and Shinyi Breslin.

On Sunday we had another Hoon Dok Hae, this time on the theme of happiness, which gave a bright start to the day. After breakfast, we had a Christmas-themed Sunday service. Simon Jaupi gave an interactive sermon on the topic of Ethics, particularly in medicine, which he has been learning about in his studies. It was a fascinating topic raising lots of questions!

After a lovely weekend, it was time to travel home. Special thanks to the organisers, especially Robert Williamson Sr. and the catering team (mostly mums!) who looked after us during the weekend."

Here are some more photos from this weekend retreat:



