

Heidelberg Old Framlinghamian Dinner 2021

- a note from the organizer and Vice President to the Society of Old Framlinghamians Kim Alexandra Dickel (M97-98)

Dear Fellow German Old Framlinghamians,

What a year is coming to a close! Many professional and personal challenges were inflicted upon us. The College, the OF Society and OFs all across the globe did their best to overcome them one by one. Virtual Speech Days, remote Council meetings and an online Remembrance Sunday Service are only a few examples of how moving along with the circumstances looked like during this year. I particularly enjoyed the latter and was grateful to be given the opportunity to attend remote, hopefully one of the many novelties this year that will remain in healthier times. You can still view the recording of the live streaming on Youtube in case you missed it (<https://youtu.be/p4eBEuqvLTw>).

Together with my best Christmas wishes for you and your families I would like to make you aware of our next German OF reunion. If the situation allows we would like to request the honour of



your presence on **September 4th 2021 at the Heidelberg Castle Illumination** (Heidelberger Schlossbeleuchtung). This beautiful event in one of Germany's most picturesque cities bathes the Heidelberg Castle in mysterious red light as if the ruins were on fire once again after 1693 when Sun King Louis XIV burnt down the castle. Fireworks over the Neckar - reminiscent of

Friedrich V staging a fitting welcome for his newly betrothed wife Elisabeth Stuart in 1613 - mark the climactic crescendo to this magical day. How fitting to celebrate our Anglo-German bonds with this historic backdrop.

True to the saying "friends are never apart, maybe in distance but not in heart" the close friendships that Framlinghamians form during their time at the College and which are fostered and extended in adult life remain a pillar of stability and comfort to all of us. Let us do our part to continue to cultivate and sustain these close bonds.

A merry Christmas Season to you and your families and a prosperous New Year!

All the best
Kim (M97-98)

