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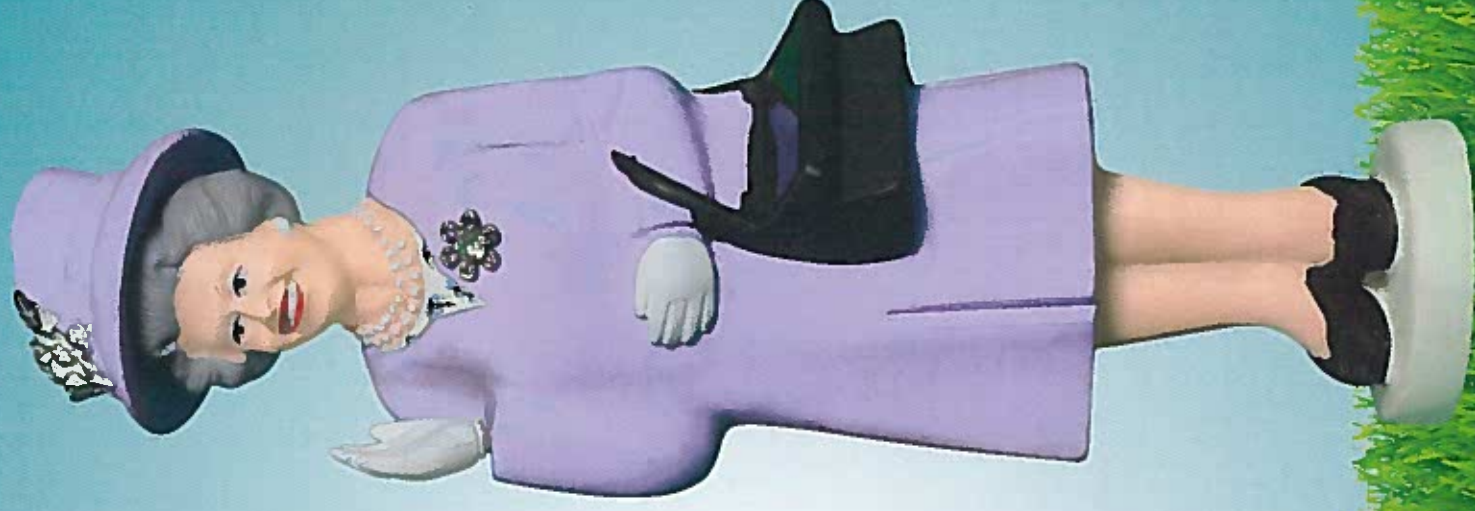


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Mad about Britain

LOIS HOYAL stellt Ihnen vier Deutsche vor, die sich in Großbritannien verliebt und es zu einem Teil ihres Lebens gemacht haben.

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for the tea room's 20 places not to be filled. Traditional afternoon tea, complete with cake stands and finger sandwiches, as well as English breakfasts, can be ordered on request.

Fehily uses self-raising flour and other British ingredients to give her baking that authentic touch. She clearly loves baking, and she likes meeting the people who come to her tea room. As well as enjoying the tea and cakes, people who visit like the friendly, welcoming living-room atmosphere. “Everyone talks to each other,” she says. “We even have strangers chatting across tables.” It's all very British.



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Passion: English gardens

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Bonn-born Markus Radscheit is happy to admit that he was hopeless at English at school. “I failed English,” he says simply. It took a weekend in London a full 25 years ago to awaken his interest in the country and its language. At the time, Radscheit was doing his horticultural apprenticeship at the Bonn University Botanic Gardens.

As well as encouraging him to spend a nice night out in London, a friend suggested that he visit the lovely gardens of the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) in Wisley, Surrey, south of London. “I went to Wisley and basically fell in love with the gardens because of the sheer diversity of the fruits, herbaceous

plants, trees, vegetables and anything and everything you can think of horticulturally speaking,” Radscheit says.

His enthusiasm for Wisley's gardens prompted him to enrol for a placement with the RHS, and he got on to their trainee programme. Following this, he attended a three-year horticultural diploma course at Kew Gardens, London, before completing his Master of Horticulture (MHort) in the UK.

After his studies, Radscheit returned to Germany, where he worked as garden manager at Bonn University Botanic Gardens. After 14 years in this role, however, he was “looking for a new opportunity to go back to England”, so he returned to Wisley as head gardener.

Last year, “full of impressions of English gardens”, he took up his work as garden manager once again at the University of Bonn. The Botanic Gardens there employ a staff of 50 who cultivate some 17,000 different types of flowers and plants. These are largely used for research and teaching purposes at the university.

Currently, Radscheit divides his time between Britain and Germany. He keeps up his connections with the UK via an agency called HortiTours, which he created. The agency organizes garden holidays, mostly to Britain, for groups of 15 to 20 people: “We travel to the UK and indulge in British gardening and horticulture.”

According to Radscheit, the UK is advanced in terms of horticulture, particularly in amenity or leisure horticulture. “There are fantastic gardens there, all embedded in a mentality that allows this to happen,” he says. “What I particularly like is the way the British think about their gardens, which are an integral part of society — very different from in Germany.” He refers to the National Gardens Scheme, for which 2,500 private British gardens are opened to the public once or twice a year, with the monies raised going to charity.

Radscheit points out how the British weather helps the nation's gardens to flourish. The mild winters in many parts of England, Wales and even some areas of Scotland allow plants to survive easily outdoors all year round.

amenity: - horticulture

[ə'mi:nəti]

→ Zierpflanzenanbau

cake stand

['keɪk stænd] → Kuchen-

stand, Tortenstander

diversity [daɪ'vɜ:səti]

→ Vielfalt

embedded [ɪm'bedɪd]

→ eingebettet

enrol for sth. [ɪn'rəʊl fə]

→ sich anmelden, eintragen

flourish ['flaʊrɪʃ] → blühen

herbaceous [hə'beɪʃəs]

→ Kräuter-

horticultural

apprenticeship

[hɔ:rtɪ,kʌltʃərəl

ə'prentɪsʃɪp]

→ Gärtnerlehre

indulge: - in sth.

[ɪn'dʌldʒ] → schwelgen

monies ['mʌni:z]

→ Gelder

placement ['pleɪsmənt]

→ Einstellung, Praktikum

prompt sb. [prɒmpt]

→ jmdn. veranlassen

self-raising flour [self

'reɪzɪŋ fləʊə] UK

→ mit Backpulver gemischtes Mehl

sheer [ʃɪə] → rein, bloß

staff [stɑ:f] → Mitarbeiter