

30th Anniversary Programme of events

17 February 2018 7:30 pm:

Georgian Banquet to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the Bristol Tbilisi Twinning and the inauguration of the first Honorary Consul to Georgia in the South West



February 17 – 19 2018

Visit by the Georgian Ambassador to the UK to Bristol, Tamar Beruchashvili

17 February she attends the banquet in the evening

18 February she visits business sites in Bristol, visit the Georgian Consulate in Woodside Road at midday and has lunch with members of the BTA executive

19 February she visits the Innovate Centre at UWE and gives a guest lecture at UWE



16 March 2018

In celebration of 30 years of the Bristol-Tbilisi Twinning Agreement, Tbilisi-based British author Katie Ruth Davies will be making a special visit to Bristol to talk about what life is like in Bristol's Twin City, Tbilisi.

Venue: The City Hall, Lord Mayor's reception Room

Date: 16 March 2018

Time: 7:00 - 8:30 pm



27 March 2018 7:00 pm at the City Hall:

Talk by Tony Anderson: An Edwardian Lady in the Mountains of Georgia

In the spring of 1911, Margaret Chambers, intrepid explorer and traveller, decided to mount an expedition to the High Caucasus. One of the first women to be admitted as a fellow to the Royal Geographical Society, she spent many months in Georgia, most of them in the mountains of Svaneti, walking or riding across remote passes with local guides and friends, observing, noting, drawing and painting as she travelled. All her writing and painting has lain undisturbed and unpublished in the library of the RGS since her death. Tony Anderson and Georgian colleagues are at present working to rectify this.

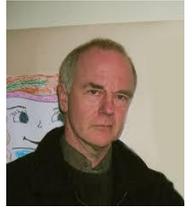
12 April, 17 May and 14 June 2018 at The Pickle Factory, All Hallows Road, Easton, BS5 0HH

Colin Evans, BTA executive member is putting together a number of Georgian films to be shown on these dates. Once the programme has details will be put on our website: www.bristoltbilisi.com

2 May 2018 7:00 pm at the City Hall

Talk by Peter Nasmith: The National Trust of Georgia

Peter Nasmyth's writings and photographs on the Caucasus region have been published in most major UK magazines and newspapers. He has also written for several in American publications, including the Washington Post. Since his first visit to Georgia in 1987 he has also developed several broadcast projects in the region and been nominated for the United Nations Media Peace Prize by the BBC.



15 May 19:00 – 21:30 at Bellita 34 Cotham Hill, Bristol BS6 6LA

Join us for an evening of Georgian Wine, hosted by Sarah Abbott MW, accompanied by some delicious food from Bellita's kitchen. There will be an opportunity to taste a wide variety of styles of wine, including wines representing the diversity of the regions, terroirs, grapes and wine styles of this resurgent and dynamic wine nation. Styles available to taste include aromatic whites and supple reds from contemporary large producers, as well as artisan wines from Qvevri in both Amber and Red wine styles.

A short menu of Bellita's favourite dishes will also be available on the night.

Links to the event registration pages are here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/an-evening-of-georgian-wines-with-sarah-abbott-mw-tickets-44916468366>

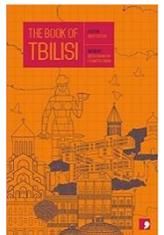
21 May 7:00 m in City Hall

Georgian poetry in translation: Diana Anphimiadi and Salome Benidze

The Poetry Translation Centre and the Bristol Tbilisi Association are delighted to present an evening of poetry and friendship in Georgian and English. Acclaimed Georgian poets Diana Anphimiadi and Salome Benidze will read their work alongside award-winning British poets Jean Sprackland and Helen Mort, before discussing the delicate art of translation with their bridge translator Natalia Bukia-Peters.

This event will be in English with poetry readings in Georgian and English.

22nd May, 19.00 - 20.00 in Waterstones Talk by two of the Authors of The Book of Tbilisi: Bacho Kvirtia and Zviad Kvaratskhelia.



28 – 30 July 2018 Upfest

Europe's largest Street Art and Graffiti Festival again featuring Georgia's renowned Graffiti Artist, Dr. Love.

Hopefully Dr Love will be joined by Tknaizer and Tamoonz, two further Georgian Street artists.

Furthermore the BTA will run a stall at the event, to promote the twinning link between Bristol and Tbilisi



July 2018

Georgian Banking conference hosted by TBC bank to take place in London



8 – 13 October 2018

Guild of Guardians Business Delegation to Tbilisi.

The Guild of Guardians are an organisation, whose objective would be to enhance the Mansion House and assist the Lord Mayoralty in Bristol.

During this anniversary year they have decided to visit Tbilisi, twin city to Bristol since 1988 and look at how the twinning link can be enhanced through business interests. The guardians will attend a business conference hosted by TBC Bank and attend a reception at the British Embassy.



25 -30 September 2018

The Annual Encounters Film Festival, featuring Georgian Entries

The UK's leading short film and animation festival, presenting an annual International Competition and Industry Forum for filmmakers and creative industry professionals alongside a Festival Celebration of and screenings and events for everyone to enjoy.

29 October – 3 November 2018

BTA trip to Tbilisi. A week of excursions to Tbilisi's famous sites.

On the evening of 2 November, the 30th Anniversary will be officially celebrated with Georgian friends and guests, who have been involved in our twinning over the past 30 years. We will organise a splendid Supra to mark this very special occasion.



During our visit to Tbilisi there will be a potential Art exhibition in the National Museum in Tbilisi, exhibiting works of Art by Bristol and Tbilisi Artists

1 November 2018

Georgian Studies Day (London)

GSD is an annual event co-organised by the UK Georgian embassy and focusses on current developments in Georgia e.g health care, tourism to name but a few issues

10 November 2018

Bristol Georgian Choir Concert and Supra in Brockweir (40 minutes from Bristol)

An evening of heart-stirring songs and sacred chants from the republic of Georgia, with Bristol-based Georgian Choir, Borghali.



For more information about the Bristol-Tbilisi Twinning Association or any of the activities arranged throughout the year, please contact:

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