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A Smile Means So Much!

Hello everyone.

In the last Newsletter I wrote that spring has arrived, now we are well into June summer has arrived!

Time seems to go by so quickly, but the main thing in life is to be happy with what we have and to make other folks be the same. One of my favourite songs I love is "When you're smiling". It is a simple little song which explains so much. You all probably know the words to the song, but if not I will write them for you:

"When you're smiling, when you're smiling, the whole world smiles with you.

When you're laughing, keep on laughing, the sun comes shining through.

But when you're crying, you'll bring down the rain, so stop your crying, be happy again, when you're smiling, when you're smiling the whole world smiles with you."

Naturally the song is much more effective when it is sung with a musical accompaniment, and I have pleasure in informing you that way back, many years ago in England, I was a member of a group of entertainers, and we used to open up our shows with the song, and end the shows with it too!

There is something about a person who can smile. Do that yourselves folks, you'll be admired and you'll feel good.

Peter Matthews.

Austro-British Society New Image Launch

The Austro-British Society are pleased to announce the launch of its new website in July, a new telephone number and membership cards for members.

After months of organisation and dedicated work by the new committee members there is now a new destination for both members and non-members. To find out more information on the Society and its events happening through-out the year visit (From July 2008)-

www.austrobritish.org

Introduction of the Societys' new main A1 telephone number will allow organisations and individuals who have concessions on their telephone contracts a better opportunity to contact the Society at a lower cost.

0664 5722622

The long awaited membership cards will allow members discounts at the Society and in the future to events and attractions around Carinthia.



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The Kammerchor Quartet

Supersonic Kammerchor!

The British Society on the 29th May 2008, welcomed to its premises the Kammerchor Quartet.

The choir performed a program of both traditional English and Carithian folk songs to a full house. Many of which stood through-out the evening.

Their Kammerchor finished there performance with an Encore which lasted for over thirty minutes, for which they received a standing ovation.

The Austro-British Society look forward to welcoming Kammerchor Quartet back later in the year after their tour of Canada.

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Peter Matthews 83rd Birthday.

On 8th May 2008 Peter Matthews celebrated his 83rd birthday with friends at the Austro-British Society.

The evening started off with an aperative at the bar and some casual smalltalk among members. This was followed by an indepth video presentation on Peters distinguished life.



The Distiguated Peter Matthews

The presentation detailed the long and colourful life of Peter and his many excapades from his work, in the mountains, his personal drive for charity and especially his artistic flair!

Peter Matthews is one of the longest standing members of the Austro-British Society. We are honoured that he is a member and thank him for all his contributions to the Austro-British Society over the years.

The Govena! Our Man behind the Bar

Husband to Elizabeth, father of five children, two dogs and one cat. John Gayler has been our barman extraordinaire for many years. Sitting in John's sunny and spacious kitchen, looking out to the snow topped mountains and drinking tea was a lovely way to get to know 'our man behind the bar'.

John takes his duties seriously.

He makes the effort to remember who drinks what, always lends a friendly ear and a patient disposition and all while managing the business of the bar: the takings of which contribute substantially to the finances of the club.

For those who do not know John so well; he enjoys walking and loves animals. An avid reader of detective stories he likes movies of the same ilk. His passion is his family and he is most upset and outraged by cruelty to animals.

John married an Austrian and lived happily in London for many years. So the big question is why did he move here? John explained that he was getting older and realised that statistically he would be more likely to die before his wife. "Given Elizabeth's family reside in Klagenfurt I wanted to ensure that when I 'go' she will have her family around her." John is indeed a very special and admirable husband.

Inevitably discretion goes hand in hand with judgment, and in John's case good judgment. He is discrete and knows how to keep his own counsel. But ask him for his opinion, as I often have, and then be prepared, there's no 'beating around the bush' - John is not afraid to 'tell it as he sees it'.

I asked John who he sees as his heroes. He was quick to reply. "Our (British) troops in Afghanistan." He explained that those who are wounded are not recognized and compensated for the injuries they receive. He cited a recent case of a soldier returning home with two legs blown off and brain damage received in action. "The man was compensated £250,000. How can this sustain him for the rest of his life?" Putting the same question in respect to heroines John nominated



The Govena - John Gayler

nurses, "particularly those caring for very ill or terminally ill children". Similarly John believes nurses are under compensated for the job they do, receiving little money for the dedication they give to their patients. He argues "dedication alone doesn't put bread on the table".

So what is the view from behind the bar? According to John we are "a friendly lot: A good crowd who mix easily with each other and readily welcome new visitors". John is proud of the club and caring of the people who make it what it is. He is a dedicated committee member who believes in giving to the member. For the future he wants to:

1. Focus on encouraging members who seldom visit the club, to do so more often
2. Increase new membership
3. Add new events to our calendar, particularly outings and trips and
4. Manage the club finances

We look forward to seeing John behind the bar for many more Thursdays to come.

What A Line Up for Summer!

Well its summer again! This second quarter in Carinthia will once again see a number of exciting events, European Football Championships, Ironman, Beach Volleyball just to name a few. But what about at the Austro-British Society?

Action packed are the wise words. We have the annual Summer party to be held at Konoba in Viktring on the 12th July 2008.

As the Summer hots up we have introduced an annual summer barbeque in Krumpendorf at a private residence located directly on the lake, provided courtesy of Ms. Philippa Maurer-Stroh.



Late in the Summer, brought back by popular demand, the Summer Wörthersee Boat trip for both members and non-members will be held.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Austro-British Society.

For information or to register for these events please contact us on:

Tel: 0664 5 722 622

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Austro-British Society Social Calender



Summer Party

This year our Summer Garden Party will be held at Konoba a traditional Croatian Cuisine in Viktring. An elegant buffet will be provided and soft soothing tunes for the day. Should it rain we will move to its cosy downstairs.

Date - 12.07.08 - 4.00pm

Members - Free

Non-Members - € 10

Transport - Not Provided

Beverages - Self Purchase

Koschuta House

A cosy "Hutte" nestled in the Koschuta range of Alpen mountains. Offers a fantastic view from the northern side of the Alps. The Hutte has its own animals and the area is suited for children. Koshuta hutte is accessible by car and for those who have a passion for walking can hike to the top of Koshuta. Guide Provided.

Date - 09.08.08 - 10.30am

Members - Free

Non-Members - Free

Transport - Not Provided

Tscheppaschlucht Gorge Hike

The Tscheppaschlucht Gorge with its falling brooks is located near the Slovenian border. At 1,2km long it offers unique natural surroundings such as the "Tschaukofall" "Felsentor" cascade. One of the main highlights of the hike is the "Teufelsbrücke" bridge. At the end of the hike is a traditional inn "Deutsche Peter" with centuries of history.

Date - 06.09.08 - 10.30am

Transport - Not Provided

Summer Barbeque

Located directly on the lake near the old lead shot tower in Krumpendorf. Ms Philippa Maurer-Stroh has provided her private lake residence for a Summer Barbecue.

Date - T.B.A

Members - Free

Non-Members - € 5

Transport - Not Provided

Beverages - Self Purchase



Jazz Evening!

To be held open air on the Society premises

Date - TBA

Members - Free

Non-Members - € 10

Beverages - Self Purchase

Wörthersee Boat Trip

This year our exclusive Summer boat trip will be held on the Wörthersee. The private cruise will depart from Klagenfurt at 5pm, returning at approximately 9pm. Food and refreshments will be provided. **(Payment in Advance)**

Date - 20.09.08 - 4.30pm

Members - € 10

Non-Members - € 15

Beverages - Self Purchase

Food - Free

EVENT SUMMARY

5th July 2008

The Time Travelers
Concert- Zauberhuette
25th Anniversary.

12th July 2008

Annual Summer Party.
4.00pm

9th August 2008

Koschuta Huette Hike
10.30am

xxth August 2008

Austro-British Society
Summer Lake Barbeque
xx.xxpm

6th September 2008

Tscheppaschlucht Gorge
Hike **10.30am**

xxth September 2008

Jazz Evening
7.30pm

20th September 2008

Summer Wörthersee
Boat Party. **5.00pm**

RESCHEDULED EVENT

Due to the Ironman on 12th July 2008 the Austro-British Society's Summer Boat Trip has been rescheduled for the 20th September 2008.



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TEMPUS FUGIT

To-day and to-morrow are phases of time
distinguishing present from future
but in future to-day is yesterday
with to-morrow taking up its former place.

The very word TIME is the metre of rhyme
or the passing of which forms an era
or the measure of distance between two fixed points
at the spot linking one with the other.

Is each of us guilty of wastage of time?
Do we use it the best way we can?
There's only so much of it given
to all of us, woman or man.

It matters not where we consume it
whether shackled or wandering loose.
Is it frittered away like confetti
or conserved to obtain its best use?

The seasons are good indicators
to show us the passage of time.
The next one to come is the autumn
then winter – the end of the line.
You don't get any more!

Joe Welsh

YEARLY SUBSCRIPTIONS

Individuals – €30
Family – €40
Students – €15

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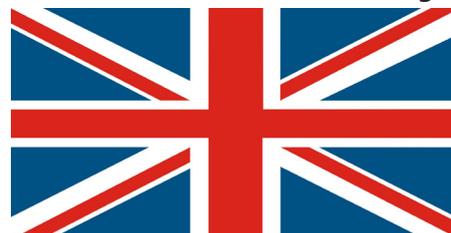
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