



Österreichisch-Britische Gesellschaft Austro-British Society

Open every Thursday 7 pm onwards at Karfreitstr. – 6/1. Club Tel: 0676 7965583.

September 2011, Newsletter



Dear Members

As we gently move into Autumn I take with me the memory of our annual Summer Party. We had perfect weather. Held in the garden at Gasthaus Alte Stadtgrenze we all relaxed, chatted and enjoyed a superb spread of the finest food.

How happy I am to be back in beautiful Austria, just in time for our delightful Cruise on Wörthersee. There was such a buzz amongst us as we left port with perfect weather and majestic scenery. Docking at Velden we strolled the boardwalk, found a comfortable place to enjoy refreshments and watched the colourful display of Harley Davidson bikers cruising our lake's shores. Interesting to say the least! On our return trip we were awed by the spectacular lightshow that the sunset and dusk painted especially for us.

Ahead of us we have our Annual Car Rally, organised by Peter de Ridder, on Saturday, the 1st of October. Mark this in your diary NOW, along with our club trip to Weinstraße for the Gamlitzer Weinlesefest on the 22nd October. The cost of the trip is FREE for members!

By popular demand we have scheduled a second Quiz Night for the 17th November. Colin Grey will be our Quiz Master and I think he has some special surprises in store for us. I suggest you arrive early as this has now become a full house event.

For further information about these and other upcoming events (including our Christmas Party and Annual General Meeting) please go to page two of this newsletter.

Warm regards
Australian Susan



Summer Party 2011



Cruise on Wörthersee 2011

Did you know
that it is
impossible to
sneeze with
your eyes open.

Calendar of Events

Sat 1st Oct



Car Rally

Always a huge success. Meet at Schloss Mageregg Car Park between 2.15 and 3 pm. €5 entry fee will be charged per car.
For further info tel Peter de Ridder: 0676 7701971

*Elisabeth Riedl
will provide her
famous
pumpkin soup.*

Thu 6th Oct



Pumpkin Competition:

How big is yours versus quality and shape!

In Spring of this year Anthony Hall distributed seeds and on this evening he will judge your pumpkins, so **bring them along.**

Trip to the Weinstraße / Steiermark

Go to page 3 for details.

5th Nov

Guy Fawkes Night, 5pm onwards

Am unteren Kreuzbergleich Fischerwirt, Zigullnstrasse 37. We will have a bonfire so **wear warm clothes!** Free Glühmost will be served.

Wed 10th Nov

Anglican Church Service, 6pm

At Altkatholische Kirche.

Thur 17th Nov

Quiz Night, 8pm sharp! ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ?

By popular demand the club will host a second Quiz Night for the Year with Colin Grey as Quiz Master. Bring your thinking caps!

Thur 1st Dec

Savings Club Payout: € € € €

A few small euros saved throughout the year equals a lot of euros at the end of the year.

For more information about these events, including links, pictures and comments from past events go to our website:
www.austrobritish.com

Thur 15th Dec

Christmas Party, 7pm onwards



Buffet will be supplied.

Members free, Guests €10, Refreshments - pay your own.

Anyone able to bring along a small 'food' contribution (savoury or sweet) would be much appreciated.

Sat 17th Dec

Xmas Church Service, 4pm

At Altkatholische Kirche, then to Landhaushofs for dinner.

Thu 29th Dec

Christkindlmarkt

Meet at the club and then at 8pm we will make our way to the Christkindlmarkt.

Thu 12th Jan

Annual General Meeting 2011, Starts 8.15pm sharp.

Trip to Weinstraße

Full Day Trip - detail

22nd October



Want to go to EuroDisney?

Gary Wallsh is organising a trip to EuroDisney in Paris, leaving from Austria, for March/April 2012. If anyone is interested please contact him directly, via gwallsh@btinternet.com.

Depart Minimundus at 8 am.

Arrive in Bärnbach, Steiermark at 10am. We will have two hours free to take refreshments, view the

Hundertwasser Church or partake in an optional guided tour of the Stölzle glass factory: Price around €5 per person (however depending on the numbers this could be more). Then back on the bus to Gasthaus Hubertus, Maria Lankowitz for lunch.

Depart 2.00pm for Erlebnishof Reczek, a farm producing Kurbiskernöl (pumpkin seed oil). From 3 - 4pm there will be an optional guided tour of the production facilities. Price around €5 per person, again depending on numbers.

Depart 4 pm for Weingut Gasthaus Kugler, Reinischkogel where we will enjoy wine (Schilcher, but they also have other red and white wines), Jause, chestnuts and Sturm. Arrive in Klagenfurt at approximate 9pm.

Cost: The bus (a 33 seater) is free for paid up members.

(All other costs to be covered by the individual)

Priority will be given to members up until the 30th September. Only after this time can guests be included, if we still have seats available, for a cost of €25 per guest.

Please reserve your place at the bar, or send an email to Helen at info@austrobritish.com

Dear Members and Friends

Did you know that Antarctica is DRIEST continent. It is a desert!

If you have any comments or questions, you can go to our homepage www.austrobritish.com, call us on 0676 7965583 or send an email to info@austrobritish.com

PS Please advise us if you no longer wish to be on our email list.

90.9 % of all the ice in the world is on Antarctica.

DieKärntner
SPARKASSE
In jeder Beziehung zählen die Menschen.

READING CORNER

A member in our midst, John Langdon, though unknown to many of you, has published a series of 4 novels - partly based on some of his experiences in the Middle East and the establishment in the 1800's of the telegraph system between Britain and India and other parts of the Empire.

He has suggested giving a reading from his books, but the committee felt that some of you might first like the opportunity to acquaint yourselves with them. Helen Taupe will make available her copies to members, on the condition that they are returned. They need to be read in sequence. As of now ask behind the bar if you want to borrow one.

Your committee, your future

Decisions about YOUR club are made by the committee, the members of whom you vote in and out at each AGM.

We are seeking a new member with a fresh approach and new ideas. If you are interested or know someone who is, please contact Joy on 0664 5141910 or email www.austrobritish.com

The bookshelves

in the corner near the bar can be borrowed at any time by members. We will try to keep the collection as interesting as possible.



Derek Fildes

Very sadly we lost one of our longest standing members, Derek Fildes, this June.

When Derek walked into the club one always knew he was there: his powerful voice, his laughter and forever smiling. He was also a regular attendee at the Anglican Church services. Following is a personal tribute from his daughter Janet Sablatnik.

When you lose parents it's always too soon: Mummy in 2008 and Daddy in June 2011.

Daddy was born in Salford, Manchester on August 7th 1926. He joined the army and in 1947 he was stationed in Tessedorf, on the outskirts of Klagenfurt. Mummy also worked there in the depot. Daddy fell in love with Mummy and with Austria.

After being posted all over the world Daddy left the army in 1972 and we settled down in Klagenfurt. My parents built a lovely bungalow. Listening to the organ was a real passion of Daddy's and that is why he started to play the keyboard at the age of 61. We then had many nice hours listening to him. He loved being amongst people and always had positive thoughts in every way. That of course helped tremendously working as an Insurance Consultant for Wüstenrot. During his 35 year career with them he was honoured and awarded many times for his work.

I miss Daddy's phone calls asking what everybody is doing, and the cups of tea, and me popping in to see him. We had lovely times together and sadly they have now gone. All my love and God bless you Daddy.