



Österreichisch-Britische Gesellschaft Austro-British Society

**Open every Thursday 7 pm onwards at Karfreitstr. - 6/1.
Club Tel: 0650 5668278 & 0664 4506196.**

March 2013, Newsletter



Dear Members

As we say goodbye to a very snowy winter I look back on the fun we have had at the club since October of last year.

The wine tasting at Karnburg Vineyard and the dinner afterwards at Gasthaus Moser was a huge success. In November we had a busy, busy, busy Gold Party followed by our Christmas Party that boasted a great spread to behold. Then a big surprise. Jurgen treated us all to champagne and sandwiches for his 75th birthday, adding a very special feeling to our Fasching Party. And, most recently we had many heads down at our Bingo Evening.

Over many years, while some of you were even in nappies, Peter Matthews has been contributing to the club as a committee member, an entertainer and an artist. For what seems like an age Peter has helped to keep the society ticking over.

The entertainment side of Peter is well known: singing, 'squiggle' evenings, clowning and lucky dip evenings (where he often supplied the prizes out of his own pocket). The artistic side of Peter was on display whenever it was Christmas, Easter, Fasching and Halloween: he decorated the club most often on his own. The effort he put into this was enormous and could only be appreciated if one helped him. Your President did, once, and she was astounded at the length of time it all took.

As you know from the AGM, Peter has decided to step down from the committee but the good news is that he will still carry on with his other activities, mentioned above, for as long as he is still able. Peter - we all say a very big thank you for all your efforts on the committee and look forward to your visits to the club.



Yours faithfully
Australian Susan

Calendar of Events

14th March
Thursday

St. Patrick's Day
Dress in Green to celebrate the 17th March.



28th March
Thursday



Easter Bonnet Competition

Want to win? Then you had better start designing now, because last year's efforts were astounding!

There will be prizes, good cheer and wonderful fellowship. Mark this date in your diary now.

18th April
Thursday



International Quiz Evening, start 8.15pm sharp

This event has become one of our most popular. Arrive 8pm to decide your team. This may be a team based on nationality, gender, football allegiance or whatever you wish! Definitely a must attend!

TBA



Easter Church Service

We are trying to secure a date for just after Easter. You will be advised via email but if you have no internet, please call Helen (0650 5668278) at Easter.

16th or 23rd May
Thursday



Guided Tour of Klagenfurt, Departs 6.30 or 7pm sharp

Discover Klagenfurt with an Irish Tour Guide. This tour will give you completely new insights to Klagenfurt.

Date and exact time to be confirmed, via email, nearer the time. If you are not on the internet please call Helen (0650 5668278) at the beginning of May.

New Official Closing Time

Please note: Last orders will be called for at 10pm and the premises will be locked up at 10.30pm. However at the discretion of the barman this time can be extended to 10.30pm, with an 11pm lock up.

Take a tour of our very own website

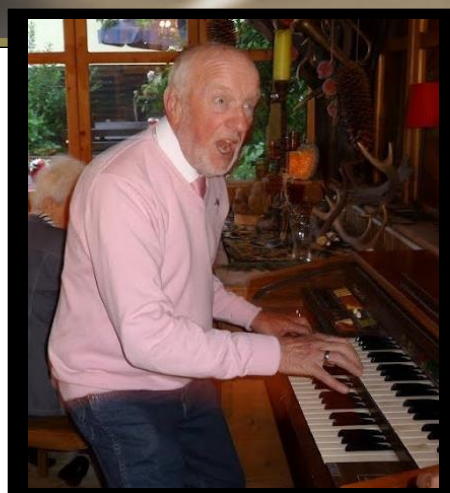
We really do have a fabulous website. It's easy to navigate, full of excellent information and ... up-to-date.

Some of the pages we have included: all our newsletters since Feb 2009, upcoming events, a BBC interactive sports page, a ten day weather forecast, sky news, our flea market and you can even go straight to Gmail, youtube and maps.

www.austrobritish.com

Who is our Webmaster, Colin Finch?

Colin was born in 1941 as the eldest of his 10 siblings. As a boy his favourite play places were the air raid shelter in his garden and the many bombed building sites. Colin was a feisty boy: armed with his peashooter or cap gun, driving a tractor at 12 or his push bike with no brakes, Colin got into his fair share of scrapes and mischief. At 16 he graduated to his first motorbike and rode with the 'lilac gang'.



At 14 Colin started studying Engineering. Two years later Colin took his first job as an electrical apprentice and then, not long after, he started 'life on his own' learning to be a Plumber and Heating Engineer. This took him around the country working on various building sites.

During this time a long term love affair bloomed with Carole Johnston. They went to the Cavern Club in Liverpool where the Beatles used to play and often to Brighton Tower where there would be at least 12 Liverpool groups playing live and a star from America, a favourite of Colin's - Jerry Lee Lewis.

Work bought Colin to Cardiff where he discovered yachting and met Pauline whom he married in 1965. Colin's love of sailing thrived but his marriage to Pauline did not. Then Friederike, an Austrian from Klagenfurt, came into Colin's life and another marriage. Work took Colin abroad and he eventually settled in Klagenfurt opening a Café House in Klagenfurt. In 1994 Colin was divorced again and went back to his original profession and the travel it demanded.

Eventually Colin decided to "hang up his mouse" and live the life of a gentleman, taking life easy and relaxing. The years went by and then happily refurbishing his new house in Feistriz im Rosental, Colin learnt that cupid was not yet done with him. After a short whirlwind romance, Colin married Helga in April of 2007. Together they travel to their apartment in Spain, cruise the seas in luxury, garden for their hearts delight and enjoy their children and grandchildren. And, Colin still finds time to collect and restore his beloved motorbikes.

Committee 2013

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Thank you for your nominations and votes of confidence.

**STOP
PRESS!**

AUCTION

A Canon printer has been donated to the club. It is a current version A3 and A4 colour printer model Nr iX6550. Retail value is about €145.

Email your bid to
info@austrobritish.com

Bidding closes on April 18th.
Highest bid wins.

Just a reminder

We have books at the club available to borrow or take.



Membership Fees 2013

Thank you to those who have paid their membership fees. For those who have not, as yet, please pay at the bar or directly to our bank:

Österreichisch-Britische Gesellschaft
Kärntner Sparkasse

Account no. 109876

Bilanz code 20706

Individuals €30

Family €40 (Parents and children to 14 yrs.)