



Österreichisch-Britische Gesellschaft Austro-British Society

Open every Thursday 7 pm onwards at Karfreitstr. - 6/1.

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Sep 2015, Newsletter



Dear Members

We jumped into summer with Hannes Krakolinig's talk about his world travels and life in Ecuador helping the indigenous people: what an inspiration such people are. This event was followed by our Summer Party at Schlosswirt in Ebenthal, which despite the slightly tricky weather, was fabulous, as always.

We have some great events upcoming including two special treats. The first is a presentation from Dietmar Innerwinkler on Kenya and the second a reading from PG Woodhouse by our very own Walter Ludescher. We also have three Club Nights Out and another Quiz Night. And, wait for it to share the season's cheer we have our Christmas Party, at the club, on December 10th.

Some not so good news, at least for us at the club, because we will miss them sorely. Colin and Helga Finch have left to reside in Tyrol, about 30 kilometers from Innsbruck. So with renovating their new property in Tyrol, they will be very busy, but not too busy to welcome us, I hope, if we pop in to Tyrol (or Spain) to say hello. And just a quick note: you may remember that we included quite a lengthy feature on Colin in our March 2013 Club Newsletter.

Australian Susan



Summer Party 2015



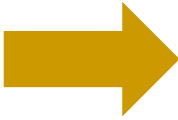
Hannes Krakolinig



Colin and Helga, "goodbye"

Calendar of Events

Oct 8



Club Night Out at Kärntner Hamatle, 7pm onwards

Address: Linsengasse 1. This lovely gasthaus is at the very beginning of the Villacher Ring, opposite the Dorotheum. We have met at this venue before, in October 2013 and had a smashing time.

Oct 29

Presentation on Kenya by Dietmar Innerwinkler, 8.15pm

Dietmar (and Nadia) have spent their lives living between the UK, Austria and especially Kenya. Given Dietmar has a keen interest in photography, this presentation should be a delight.



Nov 10

Church Service, 6 pm (please note this is a Tuesday evening)

Altkatholische Kirche, Kaufmannngasse, Klagenfurt.

Nov 19



Club Night Out at Heiliger Josef, 7pm onwards

Osterwitzgasse, Klagenfurt

Nov 26

Reading from P.G.Woodhouse by Walter Ludescher, 8.15 pm

P. G. Wodehouse (1881 - 1975) was a prolific English author and one of the most widely read humorists of the 20th century. Walter will read to us one of his hilarious short stories.



Dec 10



Christmas Carol Service, 6 pm

Altkatholische Kirche, Kaufmannngasse. A small donation to help cover the costs would be much appreciated. This will be followed by our Christmas Party.

Dec 10

Christmas Party at the Club, 7pm onwards

Always a wonderful evening is had by all/

Buffet: paid up members free, non members €10

Drinks: at your own cost



The club is closed on the 24 & 31 Dec and then re-opens on the 7 Jan 2016.

Jan 21



Quiz Night with Colin Grey

Always a crowd puller. Always a crowd pleaser. Quiz Night rocks! And we have prizes too.



Jan 28



Club Night Out at Felsenkeller

Great location, great ambience, great food if you choose to eat. Let's make a great evening of it.

Feb 4

Fasching evening

Your opportunity to dress for the occasion and get your free doughnut.

Membership Fees, 2016

As agreed by the members present at the AGM in March of this year, membership fees are to be increased as of January 2016. The last increase in fees was in 2003.

New Rates

Family/partner: €55.00

Single: €35.00

Please pay at the bar or to:

Österreichisch-Britische Gesellschaft
Kärntner Sparkasse

IBAN AT50 2070 6000 0010 9876

Any questions: phone 06645722622

Beginning to feel the cold?



So do our homeless animals and you can help ...

Please donate any blankets, sheets, towels, floor rugs and outdoor furniture cushioning that you do not need to the animal shelters.

If transport is difficult, please just telephone me.

I will collect them from your home.

Susan on 0688 811 2832.

Peter † Matthews



You will all be aware by now that Peter Matthews passed away in June this year at the age of 90.

The word 'legend' can often be overused but, in Peter's case, here indeed was a true legend of the Austro British Society. He was our oldest and longest serving member, a stalwart of the Committee, a talented musician, comedian and a beautiful artist. Indeed, we can still glance with fond memories at some of Peter's drawings and paintings adorning the walls of our club. Peter was just as famous in his adopted home town of Völkermarkt where for generations of children his warm personality and many talents made him the highlight of the annual Fasching festival.

Peter's fame was reflected in the huge numbers that attended his funeral. Those of us able to be there will long remember the moving speeches given by Helen on behalf of our club and by the local Bürgermeister but each and every one of us will have our own special memories of this much loved 'English Gentleman'.

Rest in Peace and God bless.

(Written by Colin Grey)



Herwig Schuhböck

Herwig Schuhböck passed away on 28 August at the age of 72. He was loved by many members of the club: a quiet and intelligent man. Herwig learnt English from scratch only a few years earlier and became fluent in a short time. He established an English Speaking Group in Villach which became very successful, with many people attending. How sad that Herwig died so young.

About the Union Jack



Christoph Neugebauer asked one evening why the Union Jack (as seen hanging above the bar) isn't symmetrical - so we decided to investigate!

The Union Flag is an amalgamation of three Saints' crosses. The cross of St George (for England) is a horizontal and vertical red cross on a white background. The cross of St Andrew (for Scotland) is a diagonal white cross on a blue background. The cross of St Patrick (for Ireland) is a diagonal red cross on a white background.

Why is the Union Jack so asymmetric?

On the staff side (pole side) of the flag, the crosses are arranged so that that of St Andrew is above that of St Patrick. This was done to give Scotland precedence over Ireland because they were part of the union (alongside England) before Ireland. The Irish flag is actually called the St Patrick's Saltire and was used to represent all of Ireland in the union (but now just Northern Ireland in the modern context).

So therefore "The flag does not have reflection symmetry, due to the slight pin wheeling [*see note below*] of the St Patrick's cross ... Thus, it has a right side and a wrong side up. To fly the flag the correct way up, the broad portion of the white cross of St Andrew should be above the red band of St Patrick (and the thin white portion below) ... giving the Scottish symbol precedence over the Irish symbol. This is expressed by the phrases wide white top and broad side up."

Please don't fly the Union flag the wrong way up!

To deliberately fly the flag upside down is a signal indicating a situation of 'DISTRESS'. It is also "lese Majeste" (which means: insulting the Crown) and is theoretically still a crime in the UK and its commonwealth. Be warned!

Note: Pin Wheeling is when a design generates an apparent movement even though it isn't moving at all. The motion is anti-clockwise.

And what about our website?

With Colin now living in Tyrol, who will be our Webmaster? Luckily, Colin is happy to carry on as Webmaster, for the moment (thankyou Colin) until someone with the interest and the ability puts their hand up to take over. Is this you or someone you know? Please let us know.....



A discount is available at the Volkskino. You just have to mention you are a member of the Austro British Society.