



Österreichisch-Britische Gesellschaft Austro-British Society

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Dear Members

Since the last newsletter we have had some great evenings. Two very stimulating presentations come to mind being that by Dietmar Innerwinkler on Kenya and Walter Ludescher's reading from P. G. Wodhouse. The Christmas Party was as usual a complete success - pics page 4. We had two winners at our Fasching party, but let's face it, only two members dressed up - pics below. I hope we can do better than this next year!

We have some great events coming up. First and foremost, our AGM on the 10th March, some say the most important evening of the year. We have stepped up the number of 'Club Nights Out' due to their popularity. The venues chosen are a little more exotic - to tempt your sense of adventure - let's see how this goes.

On June 11th we have the event of the decade. Not only is it the Queen's birthday but it is the 70th anniversary of the club's inauguration. Yes, we have been meeting continuously since 1946! This event will also celebrate the life of Edith Harrison who passed away a year ago. This party is going to be big, bold and beautiful. It is most definitely NOT to be missed.

Australian Susan

Membership Fees

Thank you to all those who have paid their membership.

Please remember the fees have now gone up:

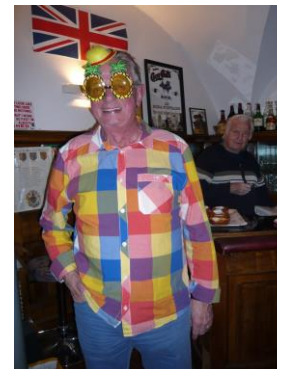
Single to € 35 and family/partner to € 55.

You can pay through the bank

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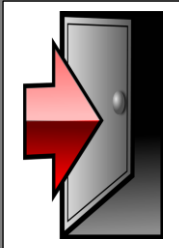
Payment slip attached.

Fasching Party 2016



Calendar of Events

10 Mar Annual General Meeting, Rocohof Hotel, 8.30pm sharp



Address; Villacherst. 135: next to the Wulfenia Cinema.

This is your invitation to attend the most important event of the year where you have your say and is to be held at this location because we cannot have the large seminar room at our normal premises.

Light meals are available from 6.30pm (*if you wish to eat, please arrive early so you can finish your meal before the meeting starts.*)

31 Mar Club Night Out - Indian Delights at SHIVA, 7pm onwards

Address: 8.Mai Straße 11 (Just across the road from the club.)

Cuisine: Indian. Caters for vegetarians and vegans.

2 Apr Easter Anglican Church Service (in English), 4.30 pm.

Where: Altkatholische Kirche, Kaufmannngasse, Klagenfurt

Our minister, Patrick, will be coming especially from Vienna.

Please note this is a Saturday.



28 Apr Club Night Out in "New York", 7pm onwards

Address: 8. Mai Straße 16-18. Tables have been booked in the back room. There are also billiard tables. Apparently New York does very good burgers!

2 Jun Club Night Out - Greek Style, 7pm onwards

Address: OUZERI-ILIOS. Karfreitstr. 8, directly below the club.

30 Jun Club Night Out - Doing it at the Lake, 7pm onwards

Address: Club Lido, Lido, Friedelstrand 1 (Where the boats leave from.)

Jun 11 The Party of the Decade - Schlosswirt Ebenthal, 5pm onwards



Address: Schlosstraße 26, 9065 Ebenthal in Kärnten

This grand event is to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the club, the 90th birthday of the Queen and to remember Edith Harrison, one of our distinguished members who died just over a year ago. Edith's family have made a large donation to the society. Details nearer the time. Please note this is a Saturday!



Owing to all the rooms being booked out we were unable to hold the Quiz Night, scheduled for 21st Jan, at our club premises. As soon as a room is free and Colin Grey is with us again, this popular event will be rescheduled - probably at short notice. Watch your emails!

In the last issue we explained the design of the Union Jack. How come none of you picked up that Wales is missing?



The Welsh dragon does not appear on the flag because when the first Union Flag was created in 1606, Wales had already been united with England since the 13th century. This meant that Wales was a **Principality** instead of a **Kingdom** and as such could not be included. In 1536, under Henry VIII, the Act of Union joined England and Wales officially.



In November 2007, a Welsh MP, Ian Lucas, asked parliament why Wales is not represented in the Union Jack. Immediate above you can see Ian Lucas' version of the Union flag with Wales represented.



Conclusion to a long story. The laying to rest of Major Pritchard.

As part of the annual Remembrance commemorations last November, Lt. Colonel Andrew James, the UK Defence Attache to Austria and the Reverend Canon Patrick Curran laid a poppy wreath at the graveside of Major Alfgar Hesketh-Pritchard MC in St Ruprecht's churchyard in Völkermarkt.

Major Hesketh-Pritchard was a member of the British Special Operations Executive during the Second World War, one of the forerunners of the 'Special Forces' we hear about today. He acted as British Liaison Officer with partisans and other allied groups in the border region between Austria and Yugoslavia before being killed on the Saualpe in December 1944. His name adorns the memorial on the communal wargrave in this churchyard where 83 other combatants from eight different countries are also buried.

Until recently the grave and its memorial had fallen into disrepair but thanks to the efforts of, among others, our own club member Dr Christoph Neugebauer, the site has been renovated and refurbished to once more serve as an appropriate place of remembrance for the fallen including our own Major Hesketh-Pritchard.

A special thank you to Colin Grey for submitting this article.

“Very British“ in Klagenfurt

Klagenfurter magazine, 27/28. Jänner 2016

Schriftführerin Elisabeth Riedl, Obfrau Helen Taupe
und Walter Ludescher



Die Austro-British-Gesellschaft feiert heuer ihr 70-jähriges Bestehen. Bei Clubabenden und verschiedenen Veranstaltungen wird der Austausch zwischen Österreich und Großbritannien gelebt. **Stephan Fugger**

Als Helen Taupe vor 30 Jahren von Südafrika nach Klagenfurt kam, konnte sie kein Wort Deutsch. Ihr Mann fand heraus, dass es die „Austro British-Society“ gibt. „Das war meine Rettung“, sagt Taupe, die Präsidentin des Vereins ist und ursprünglich aus London stammt. Ihr Freundeskreis erweiterte sich und der Verein half ihr bei Behördengängen. Nach einem Jahr hatte sie sich in Klagenfurt eingelebt. „Nur an eines habe ich mich bis heute nicht gewöhnt: Selchwürste und Sauerkraut zu Weihnachten“, muss Taupe lachend eingestehen.

Englischer Lebensstil. Der gesellschaftliche und kulturelle Austausch steht bei der Gesellschaft im Vordergrund. Im Rahmen von Clubabenden werden typisch englische Veranstaltungen wie z.B. Darts, Quizabende oder Bingo veranstaltet – wobei die Quizabende immer bestens besucht sind. 1946 wurde die Österreich-Britische-Gesellschaft von britischen Besatzungsmitgliedern gegründet.

Gemütliche Treffen. Jeden Mittwoch um 19.30 Uhr können sich Mitglieder zu einem zwanglosen Zusammenkommen treffen. Der ehemalige BG-Mössinger-Direktor und Englisch-Lehrer Walter Ludescher, der schon lange Mitglied ist, kommt in der Pensionierung liebend gerne zu den Treffen, um seine Englisch-Kenntnisse nicht einrosten zu lassen.

Jubiläum. Heuer wird die Gesellschaft ihr 70-jähriges Bestehen feiern. Im Sommer wird es eine große Feier geben. Wo und wann ist noch nicht fixiert. Auf alle Fälle feiert die Queen – Elizabeth II – ihren 90-jährigen Geburtstag im Juni. Die Austro-British-Gesellschaft plant daher, diese beiden Jubiläen zu verbinden.

Comment from Helen - Mistakes – meet every Thursday as of 7 pm !!

Christmas Party 2016



Welcome to new members

**Eleonora Schleifer
Sonja & Axel Gibelhauser**