



Österreichisch-Britische Gesellschaft Austro-British Society

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Dear Members



Being closed for two months over summer we did not have a lot of events, however people regularly met up at venues outside of the club. We discovered new places we didn't know existed despite having lived here for many years.

We did however have a wonderful club trip to Mauterndorf (see pics below) in September. A big thank you to Peter Ross for organising it all and guiding us throughout the trip with his fascinating information.

We look forward to quite a packed calendar of Events coming up, so check out page 2 with your diary at hand. Highlights include a Quiz Night, Car Rally, Stamp Evening, Vineyard Visit, Remembrance Service, Club Nights Out, Christmas Carol Service and of course our Christmas Party.

Australian Susan



Calendar of Events

1st Oct

Sat



Vineyard in Karnburg (Kegley Lexer), 2 - 6pm, Leiten 6, 9063 Maria Saal

This vineyard has an 'open afternoon' from 2 - 6pm. Helen will be there at 3.30pm. Sem Kegley, the pioneer of wine growing in Karnten, is an American. This is not a private event - it is open to the public, so bring your friends. Further details have been emailed or phone Helen 0650 5668278.

16 Oct

Sun



Car Rally, Organised by Peter deRidder

Follow the clues and hopefully get to our final destination for refreshments and good cheer. We leave from Schleppekurve (Felsenkeller). We will meet here between 3 - 3.30pm where you will be given your Sheet of Clues. Cost €5. *In the event of bad weather the rally will be on the 23 Oct.*

20 Oct

Club Night Out, Trattoria Siciliana da Carmelo e Mimmo, 7pm onwards

Address: Kardinalplatz 2, 9020 Klagenfurt am Wörthersee

10 Nov

Thu

Anglican Church Service (in English), 6pm

Address: Altkatholische Kirche, Kaufmannngasse, Klagenfurt am Wörthersee

11 Nov

Fri



Remembrance Service, 10.30 am

This commemoration is observed on the 11th Nov, to recall the end of hostilities of World War 1, in 1918. The service starts punctually at 10.50 so please arrive from 10.30pm. Many dignatories attend. Address: Commonwealth War Cemetery, Lilienthal Strasse - just off Villacherstrasse.

17 Nov



Quiz Night with Colin Grey, Starts 8.15 sharp!

This well attended event may be held in our Club Rooms or at the Rocohof. You will be advised closer to the date.

24 Nov

Club Night Out, 7pm onwards

Address: Gasthaus Hamatle.

15 Dec



Christmas Carol Service in English, 6pm

Address: Altkatholische Kirche, Kaufmannngasse, Klagenfurt am Wörthersee
Patrick will be attending from Vienna.

Christmas Party and Buffet, 7pm onwards at the Club

Buffet free for paid-up members and €10 for non-members.

22 Dec Club Closed, 29 Dec Club Closed, 5 Jan We open again

26 Jan

Club Night Out, Augustin's, 7 pm onwards

2 Feb

Stamp Evening, Presented by Hadmar, 7pm onwards

Hadmar is a specialist in this field, friends and guests welcome.



The Great Fire of London

1666

The people of London who had managed to survive the Great Plague (Pest) in 1665 must have thought that the year 1666 could only be better, and couldn't possibly be worse! Poor souls...they could not have imagined the new disaster that was to befall them in 1666.



A fire started on September 2nd in the King's bakery in Pudding Lane near London Bridge. Fires were quite a common occurrence in those days and were soon quelled (put out). Indeed, when the Lord Mayor of London, Sir Thomas Bloodworth was woken up to be told about the fire, he replied "Pish! A woman might piss it out!" . However that summer had been very hot and there had been no rain for weeks, so consequently the wooden houses and buildings were tinder dry.

The fire soon took hold: 300 houses quickly collapsed and the strong east wind spread the flames further, jumping from house to house. The fire swept through the warren of streets lined with houses, the upper stories of which almost touched across the narrow winding lanes. Efforts to bring the fire under control by using buckets quickly failed. Panic began to spread through the city. As the fire raged on, people tried to leave the city and poured down to the River Thames in an attempt to escape by boat.

Absolute chaos reigned. By the 4th September half of London was in flames. The King himself joined the fire fighters, passing buckets of water to them in an attempt to quell the flames, but the fire raged on. As a last resort gunpowder was used to blow up houses that lay in the path of the fire and thus create a fire-break, but the sound of the explosions started rumours that a French invasion was taking place even more panic!! As refugees poured out of the city, St. Paul's Cathedral was caught in the flames. The acres of lead (Blei) on the roof melted and poured down on to the street like a river, and the great cathedral collapsed. Luckily the Tower of London escaped the inferno, and eventually the fire was brought under control. Finally by the 6th September the fire had been extinguished altogether. Only one fifth of London was left standing! Virtually all the civic buildings had been destroyed as well as 13,000 private dwellings, but amazingly only six people had died.

Although the Great Fire was a catastrophe, it did cleanse the city. The overcrowded and disease ridden streets were destroyed and a new London emerged. A monument was erected in Pudding Lane on the spot where the fire began and can be seen today: a reminder of those terrible days in September 1666. Sir Christopher Wren was given the task of re-building London, and his masterpiece, St. Paul's Cathedral, was started in 1675 and completed in 1711.

350 years later

Crowds gathered in London Sunday night , 9th September 2016, to watch flames devour a replica of the city's 17th-century skyline, an event marking the 350th anniversary of the Great Fire of London. The 120 meter long sculpture was set ablaze in the middle of the river Thames.

Gossip Column ...

We sadly say goodbye to Edward who has been with us for the last year. We wish him all the best.

Jon and Angie, with the B&B in Portschach, are also leaving us at the end of October. They are moving into a flat in Gloucester but also buying a holiday apartment at the Alm Resort in Gerlitz. We hope to see them again very soon.

Taking over this same B&B in Portschach is another English couple (Emma and Nick) so we hope to meet them sometime.

We congratulate Nadia (of the Russian variety) on obtaining her Masters from UCB Birmingham, University College, Birmingham. As Dietmar, her husband wrote to: "Mit großer Freude kann ich mitteilen, dass Nadias Arbeit "Stripped" bei der Präsentation der Abschlussarbeiten des MA Studiums als Beste mit dem Gertrude Aston Prize



Concerned about Brexit?

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) have created a website, especially with Brexit looming, "Advice for British nationals travelling and living in Europe":

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/advice-for-british-nationals-travelling-and-living-in-europe>

We understand that this website will be updated regularly, so please take a look at it periodically. The contact details for the British Consulate in Vienna, which deals with administrative matters, are:

viennaconsularenquiries@fco.gov.uk

„Es war die Nachtigall und nicht die Leiche“

Our answer to Hollywood, Sonja Welsh, is again playing in her Senioren Theatre Gruppe 'Die Gafasassten'. The play will be in German and is a comedy.

When: 27 Oct - 7.30pm, 28 Oct - 7.30pm, 29 Oct - 3pm and 7.30pm, 30 Oct - 3pm only

Some words from Andy Rooney, a man who had the gift of saying so much with so few words.

I've learned ... that life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes.

I've learned ... that money doesn't buy class.

I've learned ... that being kind is more important than being right.

I've learned ... that life is tough, but I'm tougher.

I've learned ... that to ignore the facts does not change them.