



Österreichisch-Britische Gesellschaft Austro-British Society

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Sep 2018, Newsletter

Dear members and friends of the society



Due to our summer closing there are not many activities to report on. Early June we visited PANIMA, a restaurant in town, which used to be the Wimitz Zauberhütte. The premises have been taken over by three young men, one of whom is Irish. The food was good, including the 'fish and chips' which was maybe adjusted a little from the traditional British way of cooking it: more to the Austrian taste, but nevertheless good.

Then in July we had our annual summer party, often the most well-attended event of the year. We had about 42 people attending! This year it was held at Gasthaus Falkenberg, a wonderful setting out in the countryside, surrounded by 'everything green'. Thanks to Christa and Ingrid for suggesting the place. Food was good, company was good - what more can one say. Plus, check out some photos our bus trip to Schloß Herberstein on page 4.

Helen and Australian Susan

Summer Party 2018



Calendar of Events

Sep 20, Thu



Club Night Out - Bacchus, 6.30pm onwards

Waagplatz. 3, at the 'quiet' side of the city arcade, near the Bestattung.

Oct 13, Sat

Walk on the Plöschenberg with Peter Ross

In the event of bad weather Sunday 21st. Details nearer the time.

Oct 18, Thu



Club Night Out - GH Had'n Wirt

Official address: Krastowitz Straße 1, Klagenfurt. It is on the Pischeldorferstr so to speak, next to the A1 Tankstelle going out of town, on the left. The NKD shop is on the right.

Nov 1, Thu

Closed - Allerheiligen

Nov 11, Sun



Remembrance Service

The service starts punctually at 10.50am so please arrive from 10.30am onwards. Many dignitaries from Vienna attend this important service. Address: Commonwealth War Cemetery, Lilienthal Strasse, just off Villacherstrasse.

Nov 8 or 15, Thu

Mystery Holiday Photos

Start 8.15pm. Details nearer the time.

Nov 22, Thu



Club Night Out - Pizzeria, Piccolo Mondo, 6.30pm onwards

Gabelsbergerstraße 14 - right next to the bus station at the main Bahnhof, on the far side away from the train station.

Nov 24, Sat

Christ Church Xmas Bazaar, Vienna

Dec 13, Thu

Christmas Carol Service followed by Party



Dec 27 and Jan 3

Club closed for Xmas. Reopens Jan 10

Jan 25, Fri

O R F guided tour being discussed, details to follow

Thu Jan 31, Thu

Club night out - GH Hamatle, 6.30pm onwards

Linsengasse 1: opposite the Dorotheum.



Feb 21, Thu

Annual General Meeting - Rokohof Hotel, start 8pm punctually

We sadly say goodbye to two good friends, John and Ron, who died within two months of each other. They continued to keep in touch with each other over the last few years, despite Ron being in the UK. Many of you will not have known Ron but he was an active member and was 'finance minister' on the committee for many years.



John Gayler started off as a 'brewery boy', followed by work on building sites and then on the buses and with the Post Office. Between about 1967 - 72 John joined the SAS (Special Air Service) as, no less, a parachutist: he also gained experience on submarines and much more. John met his wife, Elisabeth, in 1969 in Bad Gastein, where she was with a dancing group and he was on holiday. About this time John was travelling everywhere in the army, including Germany so many letters passed between the two before, in 1971, Elisabeth went to North London and they got married in 1972. After 20 years in the UK Austria was calling, especially for John and here he stayed until his sudden death on 1st June this year. He loved the club, he loved being barman and chatting to anybody and everybody and he loved walking his dogs.



Ron Welsh passed away on the 20th May. He was born in 1929 in Stanley, Co. Durham and he joined the army when 18, joining the RAMC (Royal Army Medical Core). His first post was "A" Field Hospital in Graz and his second post in 1949 was at BMH & HQ British Troops in Klagenfurt. He met his wife at this time, Johanna. She was a telephonist at the hospital and had many admirers and as she didn't want the soldiers to know her real name she told everyone she was called Sonia! They fell in love and married in the Domkirche in Klagenfurt in Nov 1951. To the very end she was known as Sonia! In 1952 he was posted to Woodside Green, London. They travelled to Gibraltar, Aden and various places in Germany and Ron kept his promise and brought her back to Austria in 1984 when he retired. They joined the Anglo-Austrian Society and loved it immensely making new friends and having lots of fun. They renewed their marriage vows, 50 years later, again in the Dom. Sonia passed in 2010 and Ron went back to England to spend his last 8 years with his family and grandchildren.

Origins of the LAST POST



On the 11th November we remember the end of hostilities after the end of World War 1 and those who died in it, in our case at the cemetery in Waidmannsdorf. At exactly 11 am, the exact time the armistice was signed, the bugle plays THE LAST POST. How did this originate?

Although now recognized as the Bugle Call signifying the 'Final Farewell' at a military funeral or Remembrance Parade, it was originally a call used daily by the Army. It followed "The First Post" (which signaled the start of the Duty Officer's inspection of the sentry posts) and signaled that the inspection of the final sentry post had taken place and all was secure for the night.

It was first published in 1790, and during any prolonged battle it was also sounded to signal that fighting was over for the day and that any combatants who were still out in the field, or were injured, should find help or refuge by following the sound. From 1850 it became the custom overseas for it to be played when a soldier died or was killed in action and for the Regimental Bugler to play it at the graveside.

The transition of the Call from being an official tune for timekeeping to one of mourning occurred during the 1880s when the overseas graveside tradition began to be observed at home. Its use in a symbolic way during Remembrance Day parades and ceremonies signifies its acceptance as a token of remembrance as well as of death.

Our trip to Styria and 'Schloß Herberstein', Sep 8



We ask for your understanding

The person or persons opening and closing the premises are often tired. They may also have been working hard all day and maybe have to work the next day. Hours at the club are from 7pm - 10.30 pm. Please don't be upset if you turn up at 10pm and are 'thrown out' so to speak, shortly afterwards. Opening hours can be longer but this is at the discretion of the person running the bar and closing