



Österreichisch-Britische Gesellschaft Austro-British Society

Open most Thursdays, 7 pm onwards at Karfreitstr. 6/1.

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People don't have a strong sense of how much bigger 1 million is, compared to 1 billion. 1 million seconds is about 11 days. 1 billion seconds is about 31.5 years!

May 2022

Dear members and friends of the society

Our Annual General Meeting, with many of you in attendance despite Corona, took place in mid-February. We have a lot of events coming up including a special talk by **Chris Neugebauer at our club rooms on the 5th May** - see page 2. We hope many of you will be able to participate. Our club nights out have been very well attended, sometimes with highly interesting people turning up who are just passing through Klagenfurt.

The committee has been busy revising our social media presence: a new Facebook site, *Austro-British Society Carinthia*, has been launched - check it out!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/austrobritishcarinthia/>

Regarding Facebook the Vienna Facebook site `British in Austria` is highly interesting on all manner of topics, from plumbing to legal matters to Brexit issues to anything you can think of. They offer assistance if needed. Might be worth a look.

A big thank you to all of you who have paid their membership.

Helen and Australian Susan

Food for thought: *Have you ever wondered why there are 60 seconds in a minute and 60 minutes in an hour?* Sexagesimal (base 60) is a numeral system with sixty as its base. It originated with the ancient Sumerians in the 3rd millennium BC, then it was passed down to the ancient Babylonians and it is still used - in a modified form - for measuring time, angles and geographic coordinates.

The number 60, a superior highly composite number, has twelve factors, namely {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 12, 15, 20, 30, 60}, of which 2, 3, and 5 are prime numbers. With so many factors, many fractions involving sexagesimal numbers are simplified. For example, one hour can be divided evenly into sections of 30 minutes, 20 minutes, 15 minutes, 12 minutes, 10 minutes, 6 minutes, 5 minutes, 4 minutes, 3 minutes, 2 minutes, and 1 minute. 60 is the smallest number that is divisible by every number from 1 to 6; that is, it is the lowest common multiple of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6.

Calendar of Events

Unless otherwise notified the club rooms will be open in the Karfreitstrasse until our Summer Party. Then we will close the club until early September but will meet up at various locations around Klagenfurt during this time. You will be notified by email.

May 5 **Talk by Chris Neugebauer at our club rooms, 8pm, please be punctual**



Subject: "British Aspects of the Partisan-Memorial at St. Ruprecht, Völkermarkt: a James-Bond-Story reversed". Believe us - Chris definitely knows his stuff.

May 12 **A Guided Tour in English - "Stumbling Blocks", 6pm start**



The Stumbling Blocks tour commemorates the victims of the Nazi regime. There now exist 70.000 blocks in 24 countries. In Klagenfurt, 39 blocks were laid outside the victims' former homes. Meet at 6pm at the Sponheimer Brunnen, Dr Arthur Lemischplatz (just off the Neue Platz, north side, there is a fountain in the middle). Our tour guide is historian Horst Ragusch. It will take approx. 90 minutes. Afterwards we will visit Zomm Stehn in Wienergasse for drinks. €10 for the tour.

May 19 **Club night out - Hafenstadt, Villacherstr 16. Meet as of 6pm**

May 26 **Club closed due to the long weekend**

June 2 **Queens' Jubilee Party at the club: a very British evening. As of 6pm**



June 11 **Bus trip to Italy - please note this date is a Saturday**



The cost will be €30 for members which includes the cost of the bus and entrance to the Mosaic Museum: the cost for non-members is still to be determined. Food and drink you pay yourselves. More details nearer the time. The following website gives more info about Spilimbergo - Stadt der Mosaikkunst, which we will be visiting. <https://www.verliebt-in-italien.at/spilimbergo-stadt-der-mosaikkunst/>

June 16 **Club closed due to the long weekend**

June 23 **Club Night Out - McMullens, the Irish Pub, St Veiter Ring 16 (next to the prison)**

Meet from 6pm onwards. The food has improved since our previous visit!

July 9 **Summer Party at Gasthaus zur Alten Stadtgrenze (same venue as last year)**



Please note this date is a Saturday. Meet as of 5pm, food to be served as of 6pm. This is a very special and always a very happy and fun event for us all!

No fixed date - still being negotiated. Climb to the top of the Stadtpfarrturm, only 91.7 meters high. Get yourself into training! Wonderful views.

May 28 - Vienna. To mark the platinum jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Christ Church are hosting a Street Party!