



Österreichisch-Britische Gesellschaft Austro-British Society

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Feb 2017, Newsletter

Dear Members



Please regard this newsletter as your invitation to attend the 2017 Club Annual General Meeting on 9th March at the Rocohof Hotel. The meeting starts punctually at 8 pm but if you come at 7pm we will provide you with a complementary goulash soup and drink.

As usual we have had some great events since the last newsletter, including the Car Rally. Weather perfect, we set off following our sheets of clues supplied by Peter and Chrissie deRidder. We wound our way through the countryside to the Maltschacher See, one of Peter and Chrissie's favourite haunts. Congratulations to Nadia and her friend for not quite 'getting lost' and thanks to Peter Ross for going off to 'rescue her' so she got to the destination before midnight.

The xmas party was a great success even though we had fewer attending than normal because it seems that 'every man and his dog' had organised their Xmas parties for the same date, so there was a conflict of loyalties in deciding which party to go to. The raffle offered a lot of prizes, many brought in and donated by members, and the amount from the sales, thanks to Lotte and Karen, came to €141!

On 2nd Feb this year club members were given a most interesting insight into the world of Philately (stamps). Hadmar Fresacher, one of our members, explained how he got involved in the world of Philately from a very young age and how he rose to become a member of the Royal Philatelic Society, London. He has been in the society for 35 years and has been the representative for Austria for more than 10 years. Should anyone have any questions about stamps or other such items, then get in touch and we can put you in contact with him.

Australian Susan and Helen

Calendar of Events

23 Feb

Quiz evening with Colin Grey as Quiz Master

Starts 8pm with a free doughnut before you start with the 'Fastenzeit'.

9 Mar

Annual General Meeting

Rocohof Hotel, Villacherst. 135 (next to the Wulfenia Cinema)

This is your invitation to attend the most important event of the year where you can have your say. Come as of 7 pm and get a free Goulash Soup and a drink of your choice. The meeting starts punctually at 8pm.

See page 4 on voting how and where you want the club to continue.



23/30 Mar

Games Evening

Join in the fun and try your hand. There will be more information about this evening closer to the time.

6 Apr

Club Night Out, 7pm onwards

Restaurant Wimitz-Zauberhütte, Osterwitzgasse 6, Klagenfurt

22 April

Easter Church Service (in English)

Altkatholische Kirche, Kaufmannngasse. Start 4.30 pm. Father Patrick will be coming from Vienna.



27 Apr

Plant Evening

Come along and swap, buy, sell or give away your plants or seeds. This is a new event and we expect a fair bit of interest.



4 May

Club Night Out, 7pm onwards

Old lemon Tree, Mediterranes Restaurant Villacher Straße 11. At the beginning of the Lendkanal near the traffic lights and the Dorotheum.

11 May

Bring a Friend Evening

This is a great chance to meet new people and introduce a friend (or two) who you feel may enjoy the club.



About Leigh Turner:

Excerpts from his Blog



I hope you find this blog interesting and, where appropriate, entertaining. My role in Vienna covers the relationship between Austria and the UK as well as the diverse work of the UN and other organisations; stories here will reflect that.

About me: I arrived in Vienna in August 2016 for my second posting in this wonderful city, having first served here in the mid-1980s. My previous job was as HM Consul-General and Director-General for Trade and Investment for Turkey, Central Asia and South Caucasus based in Istanbul.

Further back: I grew up in Nigeria, Exeter, Lesotho, Swaziland and Manchester before attending Cambridge University 1976-79. I worked in several government departments before joining the Foreign Office in 1983.

Keen to go to Africa and South America, I've had postings in Vienna (twice), Moscow, Bonn, Berlin, Kyiv and Istanbul, plus jobs in London ranging from the EU Budget to the British Overseas Territories.

2002-6 I was lucky enough to spend four years in Berlin running the house, looking after the children (born 1992 and 1994) and doing some writing and journalism.

To return to Vienna as ambassador is a privilege and a pleasure.



Beauty and Remembrance in Carinthia

As he wrote in his blog after visiting Klagenfurt for the Remembrance Day service in November 2016

The grass is perfect. Rows of tombstones stand in rows. Two Austrian musicians play "The Last Post". I was honoured recently to attend Remembrance Day commemorations at the Commonwealth War Graves cemetery at Klagenfurt, in Austria. The cemetery contains 589 Commonwealth burials of the Second World War. Most died on Austrian territory as prisoners of war, or were airmen who were shot down or crashed.

It was promised at the 70th anniversary celebrations last summer that a copy of the power point presentation would be made available on the website. Go to the club website www.austrobritish.com Photos and a film can be seen by clicking the ARCHIVES link. You need time for each page to download - the files are BIG.

Did you know?

IMPORTANT

We pay rent for our rooms as and when we use them?

It seems some people have not been aware of this. We rent the rooms from I.F.L. the Lerninstitut. So all the bar profits and some of your membership fee goes towards this cost. You should bear this in mind with the **Annual General Meeting** coming up when one of the main points of discussion will be how our club should run in the future. Discussions will be held on the evening and you will then be given a 'voting card' with various options. You will be asked to Tick the Box which you feel is the best option. This will be by secret ballot. Please therefore make an effort to attend. If for some reason you can't attend but would still like to make your voice heard, please contact us info@austrobritish.com

GOSSIP SECTION

We sadly said goodbye to Helmut Schröder who has now moved up to Vienna to be with his wife, Daisy. Maybe he might pop in sometime when back down this way.

Latest from Edward who moved back to the UK is that at Xmas he had already been allocated a flat with a small garden and he was delighted to be 'back home'.

Welcome to new member Annelies Wallace.

Membership fees

Fees are valid for a calendar year.

single €35, family / partner €55

Pay at the bar or via the bank:

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Have you got a hobby or interest which you would like to share the details of with club members?

After Hadmar's interesting talk about his life in the stamp world, we are sure that there are other members out there who would have something interesting and exciting to present.

If so, please get in touch.

For the cat lovers among us

Cats are rather delicate creatures and they have many different ailments, but I have never heard of one who suffered from insomnia. Joseph Wood Krutch