



Österreichisch-Britische Gesellschaft Austro-British Society

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Dear members and friends of the society



Since our last newsletter we have had our A G M in March. No major changes were made at the meeting: the committee stays much the same but with the addition of Peter Ross, who will be an advisor, especially with regard to any travel. Travel was, and still sometimes is, Peter's profession so it is our fortune to have him on board.

The visit to the Eboard Museum in March did not attract many members (could that have been the rainy weather) but those who did go enjoyed themselves tremendously. We were shown round by Gert Prix, the owner, who had us spellbound with tales about the history of the instrument, from its first creation to the present day. And as a bonus Gert intermittently played us some music which he performed marvellously. The Eboard Museum is well worth a visit.

Club nights out included the Old Lemon Tree in April and Reiterklause GH early May. Any suggestions you might have for future venues for club nights out would be appreciated. On our events page you will notice a Club Trip to Schloß Herberstein. If you want to join the trip you will need to confirm your place with Helen by the date to be advised.

Helen and Australian Susan



The Eboard Museum



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Dave, forever hungry, and Walter.



Reiterklause

Calendar of Events

Thu 17 May



Time to Celebrate

Enjoy a prosecco and nibbles at the club to celebrate the forthcoming wedding of Prince Harry and Megan.

Sat 26 May



Anglican Church Service, in English.

Where: Kaufmannngasse, Klagenfurt. *When:* 3 pm

Afterwards: we will meet with Patrick, from Vienna, to discuss the future of church services. It would be much appreciated if those interested would attend. Finally we will head to the Landhaushof for eats.

Thu 14 Jun



Club Night Out at Wimitz Zauberhütte

When: As of 6.30 pm onwards

Where: Osterwitzgasse 6

9020 Klagenfurt am Wörthersee - not far from the city arcade, in the alleyway behind the 'Croc' shop.

Come and join us; the more the merrier.

Sat 7 Jul



Annual Summer Party

This year to be held at GH Falkenberg, behind the Schleppe. Meet for drinks at 5 pm. Dinner at 6 pm. If you need a lift, please let us know. Paid up members; buffet free. Others; price €25 per person. Drinks - pay your own.

Thu 12 Jul until Thu 23 Aug the club rooms will be closed for a summer break. We propose to organise a couple of meetups elsewhere during this time, so watch your emails and check our homepage. Any suggestions as to where, please let us know.

Thur 30 Aug

CLUB REOPENS. 7 pm onwards, as usual.

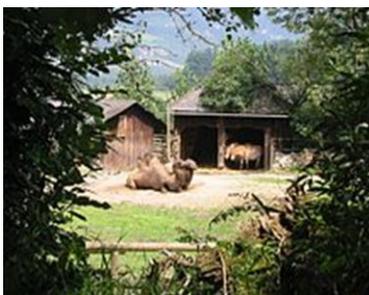
Sat 8 Sep



Bus Trip to Schloß Herberstein, east of Graz

We will enjoy a guided tour of this magnificent building and hear about the galant knights of past centuries. There should also be time to walk through the beautiful gardens. En-route to Herberstein we will visit another place of interest (let us surprize you) plus stop at a typical Styrian "Buschenschank". See page 3 for more details.

The most romantic castle in Styria



Herberstein Castle sits on a rock in the Feistritz (de) ravine and is thus not accessible from 3 sides. The castle is also not visible from outside of the ravine and was thus naturally protected from attackers.

The oldest parts of the castle, situated near the zoo, date from the 12th century. The first small castle called 'Herwigstein' stood under the fiefdom of the Stubenberg Clan. Otto von Hartenberg soon purchased the castle from the Stubenbergs and is considered to be the ancestor of Herberstein Castle since then.

By 1400 the castle was expanded by a massive outer wall, which included the previously built Gothic chapel of St. Catherine. This wall was extended in the 15th century a number of times. Mid-16th century, the castle was transformed into a residential building with Renaissance elements and expanded to accommodate numerous offspring from the family. In the 17th century the magnificent banqueting hall and the deep moat were added. Mid-17th century the 'Florentinerhof' was constructed after an Italian model and by the end of the century St. George's Chapel, the gardener's home and the 'Maierhof' were completed.

In the 17th and 18th century about one-fifth of Styria was possessed by the Counts of Herberstein. Some 1,000 farms were tributary to the castle. The castle is still owned by the Herberstein family and serves as a residential and administrative center. Admission to the castle includes guided tours of part of the castle, access to the historic gardens, the zoo and the Gironcoli Museum, which features works by contemporary Austrian artist Bruno Gironcoli.

The Gardens

As early as the 16th century, there were significant gardens in Herberstein. Their heyday was in the 18th and 19th centuries, after which they were neglected for economic reasons and then finally destroyed after the First World War.

In 1997 the gardens of the castle were reconstructed based on a 17th century engraving by GM Vischer. For this purpose 2,000 tons of earth were moved, 1,500 meters of paths were newly built, a pond with the capacity of 1 million liters of water was created and 1,200 m of pressure pipes were laid for the irrigation system.



Cute and Royal

As if the forthcoming royal wedding wasn't enough, we would also like to mention and welcome the birth of the 5th in line to the British throne, Prince Louis Arthur Charles. The names honour the Prince's grandfather, Prince Charles and Louis Mountbatten, Prince Charles's mentor who was killed by an IRA bomb in 1979.

Prince George and Prince William both have Louis as a middle name, with the announcement confounding bookies and experts who had believed it would not be repeated for the third baby. The baby will be known as His Royal Highness Prince Louis of Cambridge.

Our New WEBSITE ...

Have you checked it out yet? It still needs fine-tuning (give us time) but hopefully the calendar of Events will be kept up-to-date, showing week by week what is going on and where, plus the photo section has photos going back over many years. That was a mouthful of a sentence!

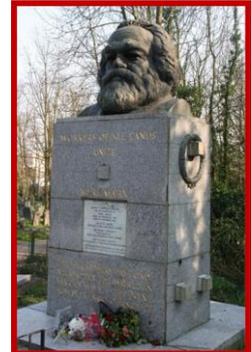
Interested in Cinema?

Sign up to our 'what's app' group of cinema goers by letting Helen know.

Then whoever sees that something good is showing, especially English speaking films, can just post a message and see who else would like to go.

What has Karl Marx got to do with Britain?

Now if we asked you where Karl Marx was buried you would probably guess Germany. But if you had been at Susan's last quiz evening you would know the answer to this very interesting question - Highgate Cemetery in London.



Marx (May 1818 - March 1883) was a German philosopher, economist, historian, political theorist, sociologist, journalist and revolutionary socialist. Due to his political publications, Marx became stateless and moved to London in early June 1849 and would remain based in the city for the rest of his life. His best-known titles are the 1848 pamphlet, *The Communist Manifesto* and the three volume *Das Kapital*.

Visiting London? The cemetery is a fascinating place to visit, as parts of it are so overgrown and spooky, with some of the tombs rotting so you can see inside: you might even become a bit scared.

"I think all politicians should wear uniforms. You know, like Grand Prix drivers, so we could identify their corporate sponsors!"