

Philatelic Meeting in connection with the 40th Anniversary of GB&CWPS from 4. / 5. October till 7. October 2018 in Lindau on Lake Constance

Information updated as per May 2018.

The hotel is NOT on the island itself but a few kilometres or less miles away. The address you already received (Josephine-Hirner-Str. 4) is right but some GPS systems cannot locate it so better to use street: Bregenzer Strasse 109. The hotel is some 5 minutes from the island by car or taxi. Public transport is also available.

This is the updated programme (t.b.c.) and of course informal meetings for discussions, swapping, buying and selling can be held whenever!

Devlan Kruck will unfortunately not be able to be there as a dealer. We are hoping to find alternatives. The displays will also be presented during our time in the hotel and the exhibitors will be present for explanations and to answer questions.

3. October Wednesday:

Arrivals possible – informal get-togethers and dinner à la carte in the hotel or on the island.

4. October Thursday:

Jubilee Do / Excursion.

We start at 12 noon from the hotel and go by bus to Hörbranz, Austria. Lunch will be taken there at the well known restaurant *Landgasthaus Rose*. A short address is of course necessary. After lunch a visit of the nearby distillery Prinz is planned. In a ca two hours guided tour “from orchard into the glass” and tasting even of non-alcoholic drinks. Thereafter it is time to stroll through the distillery’s shop. The bus brings us back to the hotel in the late afternoon. The trip is free for GB&CWPS members. For members of other societies, a charge will be made but the trip will be subsidized anyway.

Back in the hotel a buffet dinner will be available and afterwards the auction lots can be viewed.

Our friends from the Philatelie Club Montfort have been kind enough to supply us with exhibition frames which will be built up on Thursday (volunteers always welcome!) and can be filled.

5. October Friday:

Trip to Friedrichshafen, leaving the hotel by bus at 9 a.m. The bus will be paid for by the GB&CWPS.

First stop is the Zeppelin Museum. Visit approx. 2 hours.

The exhibition is well worth seeing and in connection with our hobby there are also a number of Zeppelin covers on show. There are further exhibitions on at that time which may well be interesting for some of our guests: „Property entails obligations - Eigentum verpflichtet“ and „Innovations“. Anyone wanting to stay longer here is of course welcome to do so.

By bus to the airport and the Zeppelin „shipyard“, lunch there followed by a guided tour of the yard.

As an alternative to the tour, there is the possibility to take a flight in a Zeppelin! Cost: 245€ per head (30 minutes), 360€ (45 minutes) or 455€ (60 minutes).

With a minimum of 6 people a separate flight can be arranged, should there not be a scheduled flight at this time. Not cheap but a once in a lifetime opportunity and experience, especially in a group! All participants should choose the same flight time and be prepared to accept a majority decision. It is recommended to book 45 or 60 minutes to really experience something.

Return to the hotel (if necessary picking up guests who have stayed in the museum) and a short break there. Pick up guests who have since arrived and drive to Bregenz / Austria to visit a vernissage (opening of a philatelic exhibition organized by the Philatelie Club Montfort) in the *Landhaus* (Office of the State Government of Vorarlberg) with official opening by the President of the State Parliament Mag. Harald Sonderegger at 5 p.m. followed by a brief reception. 30-40 frames are being displayed under the motto „Selected Calendar Pages“ with various themes like „5.12.1839 Introduction of the 4d postage in Great Britain“ and „10.01.1840 Switchover to 1d fees“ from our areas.

Return to the hotel and at 7.30 p.m. „official“ welcome and opening of the weekend with a Bavarian Buffet.

Presentation of the latest work in the FgGB series „Conserved Heritage“ by Theo Brauers and the owner of the collection Bob Galland. Bob will be pleased to sign copies during the weekend!

After dinner, viewing of auction lots.

6. October Saturday:

9 a.m.: AGM of the GB&CWPS with committee elections.

10 a.m.: Jubilee Auction, break and lunch buffet.

2 p.m.: Keynote talk by Doug McGill „The French Connection“

3 p.m.: Franz Zehenter will explain his 7 frame exhibit „The story of Great Britain's One-Penny-Stamp from 1840 till 1879“, so the complete Line Engraved period.

4.30 p.m.: Annual General Meeting of the FGI.

7 p.m.: Dinner at the nearby *Strandhaus* (Game BBQ), either by car (any willing drivers not drinking) and taxis.

7. October Sunday:

After breakfast take down displays and the frames (volunteers!), we will try and process sales, purchases and returns from the auction, at least for punters from outside Germany. Around 10:30 a.m. there will be the possibility to take part in a guided tour of the island (approx. 90 minutes), lunch individually on the island and depart. Anyone staying on individual programmes.