
Austrian Philatelic Society

The Austrian Philatelic Society is a truly international organisation of around 180 members, one third of whom live outside the UK including many in the USA and some 15 other countries! Our objective is to cater for every aspect of Austrian philately, from the beginnings of the postal system to the latest issues, from the Postal History of all the territories within the Hapsburg Empire before 1918 to studies of interest to Thematic (topical) collectors.

Regular meetings are held, normally in the North of England and London, and our very successful Fest/AGM weekend is held, usually in September, at various locations around the country. All meetings are advertised in the Newsletter which is issued with each copy of **AUSTRIA**.

Our quarterly magazine **AUSTRIA** has achieved international recognition as the foremost English language publication on the subject. The Society has a comprehensive and specialised library that members can use and a list of available books is sent to all members. A flourishing Exchange Packet operates, through which members can add to their collections or dispose of surplus material. Because of tax and insurance limitations, circulation is restricted to UK members, but non-UK members can (and do) sell through the packet and also buy and sell through the Society's quarterly auction, which always offers a wide range of interesting material.

We have stocks of all back numbers of **AUSTRIA**, although some earlier copies, as well as a few later ones, are available only as photocopies. Many new members like to buy these, as together they form an extremely comprehensive handbook. Prices are printed inside the back cover of **AUSTRIA**, together with details of other publications.

Membership records are held in a secure computer database that is accessible only to Officers of the Society. Information recorded is restricted to name and address, membership number, telephone number, email address, collecting interests and how a member heard of the APS. This database is used to conduct the Society's business including the generation of subscription invoices and reminders, and mailing labels for **AUSTRIA** and the Auction List. Contact with other members is only possible via Officers of the Society. The Society's data handling policy is shown overleaf.

Annual Subscriptions are £20 (US\$35 or Euro30) per year for UK and Europe or £23 (US\$40) for Overseas Airmail. The membership year runs from 1 April to 31 March and subscriptions are due on 1 April each year. If subscriptions are not paid by 1 October, membership will be deemed to have lapsed. Irrespective of when they join, new members will receive all the back numbers for the calendar year in which they join. The subscription of members joining between 1 January and 31 March will be treated as if they had joined on 1 April.

Please send applications and subscriptions to the Membership Secretary, making cheques payable to "APS". Please note that UK banks impose a significant charge on foreign currency cheques, so we only accept sterling cheques drawn on a UK bank. Banknotes (Sterling, US dollar bills and Euros) are also welcome at the risk of the sender. Payment by some credit cards is accepted; please refer to the membership application form (overleaf) for details. Finally we have a Paypal account, account id andy@kitzbuhel.co.uk. If you want to pay by bank transfer please contact the Membership Secretary.

The Society is happy to provide advice on all manner of philatelic problems. If in doubt, please ask; we will be happy to help.

Why not visit our website for more information? Find us at: www.austrianphilately.com

Please complete your details below and send it by post or email to:

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I wish to apply for membership of the Austrian Philatelic Society. **PLEASE PRINT YOUR DETAILS CLEARLY**

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I enclose a cheque for £ _____ in payment of ___ years subscription (Cheques should be made payable to "APS").

Comments, special interests etc: _____

How did you hear about us ? _____

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- Data requested: the Society requests the following information from its members - name, address, telephone numbers, email address, philatelic interests and how a member heard of the APS.
- Purpose: the supplied data will be used for the purposes of organising the Society and providing services to the membership.
- Period of holding the data: the Society will hold the supplied data until a member instructs otherwise.
- Removal of data: a member may request at any time the removal of their details. This can be done by contacting the Membership Secretary whose contact details can be found in the Society's Journal.
- Security of data: the Society will handle the data in a secure form and will not disclose it to third parties.

Signed _____ Date _____ Print name _____