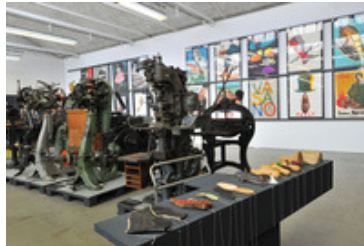


**Saturday, 14th April 2018 14:00h**

## **Ballyana, Schönenwerd – Bally factory museum**



Who hasn't heard of Bally? Yes, shoes, leather goods of topmost quality. Less known perhaps is the production of ribbons and tapes, which was the origin of the Bally family business. And it all started in the basement of Carl Franz's home in Schönenwerd. They added shoes to the ribbons business because Carl Franz wanted to buy his wife some bootees in Paris in 1849. He couldn't remember her size so he bought no less than twelve sizes of the same design hoping that at least one would fit. What a husband!



On our visit to the exhibition, in the onetime ribbon factory, we will catch a whiff of what industry was like in those bygone days. You will see, hear and even smell it, the original machines, the industrial culture and history will be presented, and also the story of the Bally family, in all its aspects. They were quite a bunch. The tour will be in English.

We meet in front of the main building in Schachenstrasse 24 at 13:45. By train: S23, S29 taking bus 3 from near the station.

Note: It is Ballyana, not the Bally Schuhmuseum or the Bally House.

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Cost: non-members SFR 10.- members paid for by the club.