



Swiss Societies in the UK & Ireland

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City Swiss Club	Reto Jauch rj@jauchassociates.com	Walter Isler walter.isler@bluewin.ch		www.cityswissclub.org
<i>Activities/aims</i>	The City Swiss Club provides a meeting place where its members can get to know each other in friendship and in a relaxed atmosphere. It helps its members to make closer contact within the Anglo-Swiss business and financial community. The Club offers a wide-ranging programme of business and social events throughout the year.			
New Helvetic Society	Loredana Guetg Wyatt President lguetgwyatt@yahoo.com	Camilla Ghislanzoni info@newhelveticsociety.org.uk	Lucienne Greg info@newhelveticsociety.org.uk	www.newhelveticsociety.org.uk
<i>Activities/aims</i>	The New Helvetic Society incorporating the Cercle Genevois is a Swiss cultural club based in London organising a wide range of events with a Swiss connection. Apart from jazz and classical concerts, film shows, visits to museums and social gatherings, it provides a forum for discussing issues concerning Swiss nationals resident in the UK. It offers an opportunity for people to exchange views on social, political and cultural developments taking place in Switzerland. Membership: approx. 200			

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<u>Unione Ticinese</u> Correspondence re administration to the Hon. Secretary, re official invitations to the President please	Rita Day-Giollo ritaday@btinternet.com ä Joe Broggini joebroggini@aol.com		Stella Eusebio utmembership@yahoo.co.uk	www.utl.org.uk
<i>Activities/aims</i>	(a) to encourage and promote social and cultural activities of a general nature, which embrace common values and traditions of the Ticino and of its neighbouring Italian-speaking regions; (b) to enable new arrivals from Italian-speaking Switzerland to integrate easily into the British way of life; (c) to maintain close ties with PRO TICINO, the ORGANISATION FOR THE SWISS ABROAD in Berne and with other Swiss and European organizations whose overall aims are in the interest of the membership of the Society; (d) to assist members in case of grave need. Although English is the lingua franca, every opportunity is taken to speak Italian and Ticinese dialect at formal and social occasions.			

<u>Swiss Benevolent Society</u>	Suzanne M. Egloff info@swissbenevolent.org.uk Elsbeth Baxter Vice President	Petra Kehr Cocks info@swissbenevolent.org.uk <i>Tuesday & Wednesday only</i>	Teo Gianinazzi info@swissbenevolent.org.uk	www.swissbenevolent.org.uk
<i>Activities/aims</i>	The Welfare of Swiss citizens in the UK is at the heart of the SBS. The Society's doors are open to fellow Swiss from all walks of life who are experiencing difficulties.			

<u>Swiss Church in London</u> info@swisschurchlondon.org.uk Rev Carla Maurer Minister carla.maurer@swisschurchlondon.org.uk	Peter Stauber President of Consistoir info@swisschurchlondon.org.uk David Hume Vice President info@swisschurchlondon.org.uk	Andrea Vedolin info@swisschurchlondon.org.uk	Marco Manoelli info@swisschurchlondon.org.uk	www.swisschurchlondon.org.uk Twitter: @SwissChurchLond@SwissRevLondon
<i>Activities/aims</i>	Services: 1st Sunday in English at 11am (with communion) 3rd Sunday in English at 11am The Church was founded in the Reformed tradition and is supported by the Federation of Swiss Protestant Churches. The aim is to encourage its members to explore actively the Christian faith as well as to be a meeting place for all Swiss and friends of Switzerland from all walks of life. Activities are: Services, pastoral advice, baptisms, weddings, funerals, activities for youth and families, Parish outings, music and visual art events.			

<u>La Causerie</u>	Lisa Hall-Zeller lisa.moerschwil@gmail.com	Geneviève Higgin genevieve@higgin.eclipse.co.uk	Françoise Mistovski francoise.mistovski@btinternet.com	info@swisschurchlondon.org.uk
<i>Activities/aims</i>	To meet and to promote friendship between French-speaking Swiss ladies. Meetings: every 1st Tuesday of the month at 12 noon in the Swiss Church			

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<u>Swiss Church Muttergruppe</u>	Marianne Fisher-Hertig mariannehertig@hotmail.com	Margrit Rahman margrit.rahman@gmail.com	Erika Tan	info@swisschurchlondon.org.uk
<i>Activities/aims</i>	<p>To meet and promote friendship between Swiss mothers of any language in a Christian environment. In order to meet the different needs, there are two different meetings: a) every 2nd Wednesday of the month for lunch and different activities such as cooking, information about novelties in Switzerland, handcraft, etc. b) every last Friday at 7.30 pm Venue for both meetings: Swiss Church in London</p>			

<u>Frauenverein Swiss Church</u>	No President atm	Margrit Vines	Helen Szlachta	www.swisschurchlondon.org.uk
<i>Activities/aims</i>	<p>Talks, helping Swiss Benevolent Society and the Swiss Church. Meetings: every 1st Tuesday of the month at 12 noon in the Swiss Church.</p>			

<u>The London Swiss Expats Meetup Group (online)</u>				www.meetup.com/london-swiss-expats
<i>Activities/aims</i>	<p>Social meetings are held once a month, to chat over drinks and nibbles and/or dinner, in different areas of central London. The Meetup's main goal is to allow Swiss expats in London, whether professionals or students, to expand their social circle and have a good night out. All federal languages spoken and welcome. Go to http://www.meetup.com/london-swiss-expats and check where our next Meetup is scheduled. If you want to join, just register and RSVP 'yes'.</p>			

<u>Swiss National Day London at the Swiss Church now</u>	VACANT	VACANT	VACANT	www.swissnationalday.co.uk
<i>Activities/aims</i>	(Responsible for the organisation of the Swiss National day celebration in London.) Celebration's at the moment at Swiss Church.			

<u>Swiss Relief Society Manchester</u>	Julie Baker juliebaker66@gmail.com	Sheila Salden sheilasalden@yahoo.co.uk	Vreni Worth jandv.worth@ntlworld.com	
<i>Activities/aims</i>	To grant relief in cases of need to Swiss citizens residing within the Manchester district, wherever there is no other Swiss Relief Society in existence			

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<u>Swiss Parents Association at the German School</u>	Chair: Filip Matic filmatic@hotmail.com Swiss Parents Association			www.dslondon.org.uk
<i>Activities/aims</i>	Association of parents of Swiss children at the German School in London as well as sponsors to guarantee the employment of a Swiss Teacher at the school and to obtain a grant from the Swiss Government towards the salary of this teacher. There is a social meeting every first Monday of the month at 8.00 pm at the pub „The Dysarts“ Petersham Road.			

<u>Twickenham Ladies</u>	Annemarie Locher walannlocher@yahoo.co.uk			
Meet every first Friday of the month to promote friendship between local Swiss ladies.				

<u>The British-Swiss Chamber of Commerce (BSCC)</u>	info@bscc.co.uk			www.bscc.co.uk
<i>Activities/aims</i>	The BSCC provides a growing forum for more than 650 Members. The primary aims of the BSCC are to promote Anglo-Swiss commerce and trade, to further the interests of its Members in each country, and to provide an extensive range of professional services together with opportunities to develop key professional and personal contacts. Through its ASSET membership, the Chamber also provides an excellent education and training service for anyone wishing to learn or improve their English or other language skills, or take further training seminars. Members benefit from a well-connected organisation which makes representations to the Swiss and UK governments on behalf of its Members.			

<u>The Midlands Swiss Society</u>	Graham Baker bakerperrin@googlemail.com	Erika Berry	Glynne W. Roberts	
<i>Activities/aims</i>	The fostering of camaraderie between members and invited guests through social occasions, outings, meetings etc. based on Swiss traditions or into which Swiss culture and ideas can be introduced. Also to keep in touch with the activities and ideas of similar societies in this country through membership of FOSSUK.			

<u>Swiss Friends Club South East Kent</u> Formerly: Swiss Club South East Kent	Monika Percy President monika.percy@kier.co.uk			
<i>Activities/aims</i>	Informal monthly get-togethers for Swiss Nationals and their partners for pub lunches, occasional rambles. Garden Party on or near 1 August and Christmas Dinner near St Nicholas Day			

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<u>East Anglia Swiss Group</u>	Hanni Beedel hannibeedel@btinternet.com			
<i>Activities/aims</i>	Meetings about 7 times per year in Farnborough. Venue information is circulated through the programme.			
<u>Southern Area Swiss Club</u>	Bernadette Curtress berni@nbtsc.plus.com	Karin Prier prier@btopenworld.com	John Williamson johnheidi.williamson@virgin.net (Contact for 1 st August)	www.saswissclub.org.uk
<i>Activities/aims</i>	Social and informative. Meetings 6 weekly, various dates, 8-11 pm, usually in the St. Peter's Centre, 60 Church Avenue, Farnborough also Elles Hall, Mendon Avenue, Farnborough GU14 7LE			
<u>West Surrey Swiss Club</u>	Ruth Crozier westsurreyswiss@aol.com	Peter Crozier westsurreyswiss@aol.com		
<i>Activities/aims</i>	We are an informal and social club which was established in 1994 and aims to offer "good fellowship" to any like-minded people of Swiss origin, or with strong Swiss connections, together with their families. The Club holds various functions during the year which can include walks, talks, concerts, outings to interesting places and other activities, such as skittles or even croquet. Additionally, we usually have a National Day and Christmas or Advent function. New arrivals from Switzerland may find membership a good way of finding out what this country has to offer. Activities are mainly in the West Surrey area.			
<u>East Surrey Swiss Club</u>	Renée J. Boyce reneeboyce1@yahoo.co.uk		0790 6078203	
<i>Activities/aims</i>	To contact as many Swiss people as possible and give them the chance to join the club (or any other organisation in London), give help or advice if needed, keep up own language (and teach children too), pass on important information and bring together people living in the same town or nearby. Family parties: Spring party (Fastnacht etc), barbeques, 1st August, Klaus Christmas Party, get-togethers in private houses and different regions of Surrey, Craft/Arts Group meetings in Banstead and Horley.			
<u>William Tell Group Bournemouth Region</u>		Trudy Bryant trudybryant@talktalk.net		www.williamtellgroup.co.uk
<i>Activities/aims</i>	Friendly chats every last Friday of the month, skittles, walks, barbecues etc.			

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<u>Swiss Artists UK</u> <u>Tel:01458834552</u>	Annelise Trelawny william.trelawny@talktalk.net			www.swissartistsuk.com
<i>Activities/aims</i>	The Society's aims are to form and maintain a group of Swiss Artists working in the UK to share information on forthcoming events and exhibitions, to promote members' work and to negotiate support and financial backing through the strength of the Group's network.			

<u>Swiss Club Manchester</u>	President: Mr Juerg Bentele bjbentele@ntlworld.com Vice-President: Position Vacante	Franz Blum ftblum@gmail.com	Lola Cheetham jml@cheetham.org	www.swiss-societies.co.uk Facebook: www.facebook.com/swissclubmanchester
<i>Activities/aims</i>	We provide opportunities for the Swiss to meet and form a happy circle of friends, for mutual support and solidarity. We arrange a social event each month, as well as other entertainment and „get-togethers“ at our homes. We aim to enjoy Swiss traditions, uphold our Swiss values and culture and foster cordial relations with our host country.			

<u>Yorkshire Swiss Club</u>	Helen Crabtree President yorkshire_swissclub@mail.com	Jennie Dransfield mrs.dransfield@btinternet.com yorkshire_swissclub@mail.com		Yorkshire swissclub@gmail.com
<i>Activities/aims</i>	We are a community of Swiss men and women who are looking for other expats or anyone interested in Swiss culture to include in our network and activities.			

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<u>Swiss Club Tyne Tees</u>	Ursula Quick uquick58@gmail.com			Yorkshire.swissclub
<i>Activities/aims</i>	<p>The club covers the entire region of Northumberland and Cumbria. The members' mother tongues are Schweizerdeutsch, French and Italian and with only a few English speaking members.</p> <p>The club's main interest is to uphold the culture and friendship between Switzerland and Great Britain. All ages, including younger members of 2-16 years old, attend social events, monthly club meetings (held usually at either: Chester-le-Street Co. Durham, Darlington, Bernard Castle, Carlisle or Durham City.</p> <p>The Consulate General of Switzerland in Manchester is our link for guidance and news of our homeland.</p>			

<u>South Wales Swiss Society</u>	Rainer Arnold rains1954@gmail.com		Rolf Brown rolf.brown@merthyr.gov.uk	www.swissinwales.org
<i>Activities/aims</i>	<p>The Society organises larger events for members of all regional Clubs. These events can take place in all of the three regions of South Wales and are generally in collaboration with the Swiss Consulate in Cardiff. Recently the society has started to hold music events for its members with the aim of providing local Swiss musicians or Swiss music students in Cardiff with a stage. For such events, SWSS has teamed up with other societies such as the German Society in Cardiff.</p>			

<u>The Cardiff Swiss</u>	Rainer Arnold rains1954@gmail.com			www.swissinwales.org Facebook group: Swiss in Wales
<i>Activities/aims</i>	<p>Since setting up an informal Cardiff Swiss group in 2007, a social event for members takes place at least once a year, usually in December. The Cardiff Swiss also support events, organised in Cardiff by Swiss Consulate and the Swiss Embassy, such as the Swiss Ambassador's Awards concert which takes place in Cardiff every year. The Cardiff Swiss also support the Mansion House concerts, organised by the Consulate in Cardiff. These concerts are held in association with the Cardiff-Stuttgart Association and aim at provide a platform for Swiss (and/or German) musicians living/studying in Cardiff. To find out details about Cardiff Swiss events, visit our website www.swissinwales.org/New and join our Facebook group 'Swiss in Wales'</p>			

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<u>The Swansea Swiss</u>				www.swissinwales.org Facebook group: Swiss in Wales
<i>Activities/aims</i>	The Swansea Swiss are an informal group of Swiss living in Swansea and its environment. Their aim is to meet at least twice a year. Their main event in Swansea for all family is the annual December social event, held on the 1 st Sunday of Advent at the Ty Tawe, Welsh Centre Swansea. On 1 st August, members of the Swansea Swiss group join the Pembrokeshire Swiss. To find out details about Swansea Swiss events visit our website www.swissinwales.org/New and join our Facebook group 'Swiss in Wales'			

<u>The Pembrokeshire Swiss</u>	Beat Wehren bwehren@btinternet.com			www.swissinwales.org
<i>Activities/aims</i>	The Pembrokeshire Swiss are an informal group of Swiss living in Pembrokeshire. It is an informal club. They meet once a year on 1 st August in Little Newcastle, Pembrokeshire to celebrate the Swiss National day together with the Swansea Swiss and anyone else who wishes to join them. The Pembrokeshire Swiss usually join the Swansea Swiss for the 1 st advent event in December. To find out details about the 1 st August National day event, contact Beat Wehren or visit our website www.swissinwales.org/New and join our Facebookgroup 'Swiss in Wales'			

<u>The North Wales Swiss Society</u>	Beatrice Schlegel eiretrix@hotmail.com			www.swissinwales.org Facebook group: Swiss in Wales
<i>Activities/aims</i>	The North Wales Swiss Society was set up in 2009 in Caernarfon. It is an informal group of Swiss people and their families who meet socially twice a year (before the summer holidays and pre-Christmas) at a location in North Wales. Their Christmas 'cheese melt' event is usually held at Penrallt Church in Bangor. To find out details about the two events, contact Beatrice Schlegel or visit our website www.swissinwales.org/New and join our Facebook group 'Swiss in Wales'			

<u>Swiss Club Guernsey</u>	Trudy Ferbrache-Amman trudyferbrache@hotmail.com			
<i>Activities/aims</i>	To keep in touch with Swiss-born people now living on the small island of Guernsey. Only one organised event on 1st August, when all the Swiss Nationals with their families meet to celebrate Swiss National Day.			

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<u>Swiss Club Jersey</u>	Michael Dudli michael.dudli@sc.com mike101@bluewin.ch			
<u>Helvetia Philatelic Society</u>	Neville Nelder nevillenelder@gmail.com	secretary@swiss-philately.co.uk	treasurer@swiss-philately.co.uk	www.swiss-philately.co.uk
<i>Activities/aims</i>	The Helvetia Philatelic Society celebrated its Diamond Jubilee in 2006. Its main object is to collect and distribute up to date information on all aspects of Swiss Philately. A monthly Newsletter is published and members have access to the Society's excellent library containing a variety of relevant books and magazines. Member's interests are varied and the Society aims to cater for all collectors from beginner to specialist. Regular meetings are held in London, Leeds and Salisbury. Sales packets, containing members' material provide a useful source of stamps and covers.			
<u>The Swiss Railways Society</u>	John Jesson chairman@swissrailsoc.org.uk	Martin Fischer secretary@swissrailsoc.org.uk	Steve Buck membership@swissrailsoc.org.uk	www.swissrailsoc.org.uk
<i>Activities/aims</i>	Various meetings/talks at the local branches based in: Bristol/Bath, East Midlands, London, Manchester, West Midlands, Birmingham, West of England. Publishers of the Journal SWISS EXPRESS. Details of local events are listed on the website or can be obtained from the secretary.			
<u>Association of British Member of the Swiss Alpine Club</u>		abmsac@gmail.com		www.abmsac.org.uk
<i>Activities/aims</i>	Programmes of climbing and walking meetings in Britain and of lectures and social events in London. Climbing and walking meetings in Switzerland. The Association has a climbing hut in the English Lake District. Association founded in 1909.			
<u>Aberdeen Swiss Club</u>	Simone Green mcknecht.green99@outlook.com	Erika Gill Jimbomoggiev8@gmail.com	Ian & Linda Sandison	www.aberdeenswissclub.org.uk
<i>Activities/aims</i>	The Aberdeen Swiss Club is a social club for people of all ages and all kind of professions and occupations who wish to maintain their Swiss connections, customs and languages, based on socialising and friendship. The club fosters cultural exchange between Switzerland and Scotland by organising a variety of events throughout the year.			
<u>Swiss Club Edinburgh</u>	Ruth Muheim ruth.muheim@gmail.com Franz Muheim Vice President f.muheim@ed.ac.uk	Mr Josef Jans sepp.jas@bluewin.ch	Alex Lamb aleclamb@blueyonder.co.uk	www.swissclubedinburgh.co.uk
<i>Activities/aims</i>	The Stammtisch of the Swiss Club Edinburgh takes place every first Wednesday evening of each month throughout the year from 7.30pm on wards at Le.vin, 9, Randolph Place, Edinburgh EH3 7TE.			

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<u>Swiss Club Inverness</u>	Carmen Rose Tel. 01463/711098	Emma Rose	Amy Rose	
<u>Swiss Club Ireland</u>	Nicol Michel swissclubireland@hotmail.com	Paola Binzoni	Anne Mauroux-Kyne	www.swissclubireland.ie
<u>Club Suisse Bermuda</u>	Donald Duerr Vice Chairman	Nicole Johnson info@clubsuisse.bm	Heidi Proctor	https://clubsuissebermuda.org
<i>Activities/aims</i>	Occasional get together's and 1st August celebration.			