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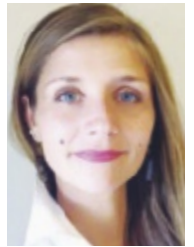
### EDITORIAL

Jungbürgerfeier has reached a good number of young Swiss people and this was the very first one held at the Embassy. The invitation was sent to all young citizens across the UK and 50 of them were able to attend. For the many invited the logistics of reaching London were certainly not easy.

■ *The Embassy and Organisation of the Swiss Abroad (OSA) delegates reassured us that they will work to further encourage participation for future meetings. In the meantime, I invite clubs and the Swiss community to support young people and*

*their families to consider the next Jungbürgerfeier's invitation.*

■ The National Council elections and the first round of elections for the Council of States will take place on the 20<sup>th</sup> October. Make sure to not miss this opportunity, please. For this occasion, OSA has also submitted an election manifesto to the political parties and actors. It is available on the organisation's website. Have a look!



GIOIA PALMIERI,  
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### JUNGBÜRGERFEIER: FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE UK THE EMBASSY WELCOMED THE YOUNG SWISS CITIZENS



The 28<sup>th</sup> of June, the Embassy welcomed dozens of Swiss citizens born in 2000 and 2001 for a Jungbürgerfeier / fête de jeunes citoyens / festa dei giovani cittadini – the occasion traditionally marked in Switzerland when young citizens have attained the age of maturity and can lawfully participate in the civil life of the Swiss Confederation.

The young citizens learned about the rights and responsibilities of Swiss citizens abroad and were treated to an exclusive performance by the Swiss singer Bastian Baker followed by a reception hosted by Ambassador Fasel. Thanks to the collaboration between the Embassy's staff – particularly the contribution of the Counsel General Manuela Ferrari and our OSA delegate for the UK Nathalie

Chuard – the event has been possible: 'It was the first time the Embassy has organised such a meeting. We are planning to hold it every two years. Next time it will be for young people born in 2002 and 2003' explains Mrs Ferrari.

'About 50 youngsters came with their parents, friends and siblings. The attendees were quite enthusiastic about the event. I think they were really impressed and honoured by the fact that they were invited to the Ambassador's residence.'

The celebration was held on Friday evening during the school year and this may have discouraged some young people who live far from the capital. 'Next time we will try to plan the meeting in order to encourage the participation of as many young citizens as possible,' assured Miss Chuard.

### FEEDBACK: A YOUNG SWISS IN WALES' EXPERIENCE OF THE JUNGBÜRGERFEIER

'I have visited Switzerland multiple times throughout my childhood and having a Swiss grandfather, I always felt close to Switzerland at heart and through our local Swiss group we have been able to exercise our Swiss culture in Wales. It was very exciting and honouring to be invited to visit the Swiss Embassy in London and meet the Swiss Ambassador Alexander Fasel.

It was a most informative and enjoyable event. I was told of the responsibilities that I hold as a Swiss citizen and the privileges of becoming

of age to claim Swiss nationality and voting rights. We had live music from Swiss performer Bastian Baker and after a short online Swiss-related Quiz we were able to go upstairs for a reception and mingle with other young Swiss people and the Ambassador himself. I talked to a few other young Swiss but I think I was the only one from Wales and I couldn't hear any Scottish accents either. It really was a great experience and I felt a stronger connection with the country and its people.'

SAM JONES, GLAN CONWY, NORTH WALES



## 1<sup>ST</sup> OF AUGUST IN LONDON: A CELEBRATION FOR 200 SWISS CITIZENS OF ALL AGES

About 70 volunteers and over 200 people joined the well attended celebration highly anticipated organised for the Swiss National Day at the Swiss Church.

OSA delegate Nathalie Chuard and Minister Carla Maurer have worked tirelessly for months to make the Swiss celebration possible again. The National Day has been suspended for two years waiting to find people willing to organise it again.

‘It has been crazy busy but amazing’ confessed Nathalie, ‘I was very impressed by the diversity of the people who arrived: there were youngsters, old people, families with children, professionals. We sang the national anthem in all our languages. We prepared an auction with several prizes, including a dinner with the Ambassador and his wife. Mr Fasel was present and spent the day with us. We ate bratwurst and listened to the Alp-horn. We hope that the National Day can be proposed to everyone next year. For making this possible we will need again the help and the support of our compatriots!’.



- 1: About 70 volunteers and over 200 people joining the National Day
- 2: Children enjoying the day
- 3: Ambassador Fasel's speech
- 4: Musicians playing the Alphorn

## KEY EVENTS: THE SWISS CHURCH IN LONDON AND ITS RENOVATION – TEN YEARS ON

This autumn it will be 10 years since The Swiss Church in London reopened its doors and people could witness the result of the spectacular renovation of the Church by prize-winning Swiss architects Christ and Gantenbein.

The temporary exile at the Dutch Church in Austin Friars was over. In autumn 2009 there were still a lot of finishing touches to complete. Many might argue that things weren't completed until 2012, just in time to celebrate 250 years of the foundation of the Swiss Church in London. So, as the decade of the 2010s draws to a close, it is a good time to pause and reflect.

The renovation placed the Church at the centre of things. The Consistoire and congregation chose their first woman Minister Natalie Dürmüller, and then a second Carla Maurer, both incredibly talented, hard-working and totally committed to nurturing the Swiss Church in changing times.

The outreach work of the Church evolved. Friday soup was introduced, and Breakfast on the Steps continues to provide a weekly breakfast to the homeless and vulnerable.

The renovated Church Hall has enabled the Church to host Swiss National Day over the last three years. This year Natalie Chuard, an

Organisation of Swiss Abroad delegate was key to the Swiss Church being able to continue to host the event. A full house enjoyed Swiss food and drink, Alphorn music, and ambassador Alexandre Fasel's thoughtful speech reflecting on the past and future. We need your help to be able to stage such events.

The Swiss Church has become a recognised cultural venue for emerging young musicians and artists over the last decade. At present Hamed Maiye is enjoying a summer artistic residency at the Church. In October, photographer Andy Palfreyman will be staging his second exhibition.

So, as we approach a new decade, we can celebrate our successes. However, we face new challenges too. The building is costly to maintain. Building maintenance alone costs £30,000 a year. We also need your help, whether as a volunteer at Swiss National Day and other community events, or as a trustee of the Church. Please email us if you can help.

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# EMBASSY NEWS

## LONDON: UPDATE FROM THE SWISS EMBASSY UK ON BREXIT

In recent months, Switzerland and the UK have taken further steps to ensure continuity in their bilateral relations after Brexit. In July, Federal Councillor Karin Keller-Sutter visited London for a series of meetings with her counterparts and for the signature of two documents. One of these was a Memorandum of Understanding that aims at deepening the already strong co-operation between Switzerland and the UK on police matters, and working more closely on fighting terrorism and crime.

The Federal Councillor also signed an agreement on mutual access to the UK and Swiss labour markets for a temporary transitional period in the event of a no-deal Brexit. This forms part of the Federal Council's 'Mind the Gap' strategy, which encompasses five other agreements previously concluded on trade, migration, road and air transport as well as insurance. This strategy is coordinated by the Swiss Foreign Ministry and aims to secure as far as possible existing mutual rights and obligations after Brexit and to expand them where necessary.

At the time of writing, there is an increased probability of the UK leaving the European Union at the end of October with no deal, and therefore no transition period. If this is the case, all these agreements will come into immediate effect. If there is a transition period, the bilateral agreements between Switzerland and the EU will continue to apply between Switzerland and the UK during that period.

Despite the current political uncertainty, we would like to offer reassurance that Switzerland has prepared as fully as possible for a no-deal scenario and is in close contact with UK authorities. In the coming weeks, we will continue to do whatever we can to help Swiss citizens and business who may be affected in some way, including via a dedicated Brexit helpline which will be activated towards the end of October.

Looking to the future, Switzerland and the UK will be leading exploratory discussions to deepen the scope of agreements concluded so far and identify other potential themes of mutual interest.



## RIGHTS OF SWISS CITIZENS IN THE UK AFTER BREXIT ('SETTLED STATUS')

Regardless of the Brexit outcome, Swiss citizens intending to remain in the UK past December 2020 will need to apply to the Home Office for Settled Status. This includes those married to a British citizen who do not have British citizenship themselves. If you have UK-Swiss dual nationality you won't need to apply as you already have full rights of residence in the UK. Acquiring settled status will allow Swiss citizens to continue to live, study and work in the UK and to have access to public funds and services.

Those with Indefinite Leave to Remain do not need to apply but we recommend that you do. Not only does Settled Status offer certain more favourable entitlements (for example it will not lapse unless the holder has been absent from the UK for more than four consecutive years, as opposed to the usual two years), it guarantees that your immigration status will be registered with the Home Office. The digital way in which Settled Status is evidenced will soon be more easily recognised by landlords, banks and other institutions than the older-style ILR stamps and documents.

For more information please visit our Brexit FAQs at [www.eda.admin.ch/london/brexit](http://www.eda.admin.ch/london/brexit)

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## IMPORTANT NOTE: SBS RECENTLY REGISTERED AS ADVISOR BY OISC

To support the Swiss Community in the UK, the Swiss Benevolent Society has recently been approved and registered as Advisor by the OISC (Office of Immigration Services Commissioner) to help Swiss Citizens through the Settlement Scheme application process.

Please think whether there are any Swiss citizens in your networks who might not have easy access to digital resources and share this information with them, or put them in touch with SBS through other means if they need help.

If you know of a Swiss citizen unable to complete the application and not able to rely on family members, please contact the Swiss Benevolent Society on:

[swissbenevolent.org.uk/i-need-help](http://swissbenevolent.org.uk/i-need-help)

telephone 020 7836 9119

(Tuesdays and Wednesdays only)

**CSA: WELCOME TO SARAH GRAND-CLÉMENT, OUR NEW UK DELEGATE**



UK delegates during the last OSA meeting in Montreux: Franz Muheim; Sarah Grand-Clément; Nathalie Chuard and Vincent Croset.

Congratulations to Sarah Grand-Clément who took the place of Mr Alexandre Tissot on the Council of the Swiss Abroad (CSA) as UK delegate.

Mr Tissot assumed a new job position abroad and resigned in March 2019. Miss Grand-Clément was the next candidate from the official vote count from the CSA Delegate Elections in 2017.

She was officially voted as accepted as one of the UK Delegates at the FOSSUK 2019 AGM by FOSSUK Members. She is from the Canton of Geneva, where she grew up before going to study abroad in the UK, Japan, and Jordan. She did her Master's in Arab World Studies in Durham and has lived in Cambridge since 2015, where she researches defence and security policy issues.

The 97<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Swiss Abroad has been held in Montreux from the 10<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup> of August. You can find all the information online: [www.aso.ch](http://www.aso.ch)

**FEDERAL ELECTION: FRANZ MUHEIM STANDS FOR THE NATIONAL COUNCIL**

Franz Muheim, Professor of Particle Physics at the University of Edinburgh, UK delegate on the Council of the Swiss Abroad, member of the Executive Board of the Organisation of the Swiss Abroad and President of FOSSUK is standing in the Elections to the National Council on the list of the Liberal Green party in Canton Zürich. His manifesto policies are outlined on his website.

These are: Climate Change, Scientific Research, Switzerland and Europe, Education, Digital Democracy and, of course, the Swiss Abroad. He says: 'The 172'000 Swiss citizens living abroad who have registered to vote correspond in size to the canton Thurgau, which has 6 seats in the National Council.

I encourage the Swiss Abroad to vote in this election and to make our voice count. For this the Swiss Abroad need a direct representation in the National Council. Furthermore, to solve the immense challenges of the future of Switzerland and the planet we live on, we will need politicians from all parties working together. As a non-career politician and Swiss Abroad I can bring the view from the outside and my professional experience as a scientist to the table. Physicists find solutions to complex problems – also in politics.'



For more information see [www.franzmuheim.ch](http://www.franzmuheim.ch)



**COMPETITION: TWO WINNERS OF A FREE COPY OF 'THE GREEN SILK SHAWL'**

Last SR edition (May 2019) we asked readers to send us an email message in order to get a free copy of the book 'The Green Silk Shawl'.

Congratulations to *J. Taylor* from Witney and *Eva Maria Hodel* from Liverpool who were successful in winning these books!

Books are available in Waterstones in the UK, WEGA and Orell Füssli in Switzerland, and many other booksellers around the world, as well as through the website: [thegreensilkshawl.co.uk](http://thegreensilkshawl.co.uk)

## SCOTLAND: A SWISS SELECTION AT THE EDINBURGH INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL AND FRINGE FESTIVAL

For three weeks in August, Scotland's capital becomes a place of celebration of performing arts – and an annual meeting point for people of all nations.

Ever since its inauguration in 1947, Edinburgh once again is host City of the World's greatest Arts Festival. This year, HE Ambassador Alexandre Fasel and his wife Nicole together with a delegation from the Embassy in London and ProHelvetia Switzerland paid tribute to the outstanding engagement of Swiss Arts, featuring Swiss Selection Edinburgh.

PETER MUELLER-MCDOUGALL  
SWISS HONORARY CONSUL IN SCOTLAND



L to R: David Kilian Beck, Head of Culture Embassy; Philippe Bischof, Director ProHelvetia; HE Ambassador Alexandre Fasel and Nicole Fasel-Rossier; Jane and Peter Mueller-McDougall, Hon Consul-General.

## CONCERT TOUR: SWISS AMBASSADOR'S AWARD 2019

This year's Award goes to the Switzerland-based AKMI Duo, with French saxophonist Valentine Michaud and Lithuanian pianist Akvilė Sileikaitė.

They met while studying for their Masters at Zurich University of the Arts, where their friendship and passion for modern and contemporary music inspired them to form the AKMI Duo.

### Dates and venues:

- 15 October 2019 Wigmore Hall, London
- 16 October 2019 Carole Nash Hall, The Stoller Hall, Manchester
- 17 October 2019 Dora Stoutzker Hall, Royal Welsh College of Music & Drama, Cardiff



## UNIONE TICINESE LONDON: CARLO GATTI WEEKEND AT LONDON CANAL MUSEUM

Inspired by the recent purchase of a pewter teapot from Carlo Gatti's Charing Cross Café-Restaurant, The London Canal museum, which occupies the former headquarters of Carlo Gatti's ice-importing business (founded in 1857), organised a weekend of celebrations for the 202<sup>nd</sup> birthday of the man himself.

To mark the occasion, several members of the extended Gatti family were present. They included Carlo's senior living descendant, his great-grandson Giacomo Corazza, a lively 90 year-old who came over from Tabbiano near Parma with one of his daughters and several English and Australian descendants of his nephew Agostino Gatti, who also ran restaurants and theatres. It was the first time that the English and Italian branches had met.

The programme for the weekend included, on Saturday, family activities and a delicious, traditional afternoon high tea.

This was followed by a reception, hosted by the Swiss Embassy; it was marked by the unveiling of a new plaque and the pewter teapot by the Swiss Ambassador Mr Alexandre Fasel, in the presence of the Mayor of Islington and the Pearly Queen of Islington (both in their distinctive attire).

In his speech, the Ambassador reminded those present of characteristics of Carlo Gatti, that can be found today amongst the Ticinesi people and their descendants: service provision in the catering and other sectors linked to tourism but also health-care, businesses acumen, and humanity, solidarity and generosity towards other human beings.

The festivities had received financial support from the Acquarossa village (TI) of which Carlo Gatti's home village, Dongio, now forms a part. Its mayor had come over with the town clerk. The mayor, in a short speech reminded the audience of how Carlo Gatti, like many other of his contemporaries, had been forced to flee the misery and poverty of Ticino to find better fortune abroad.

In the evening, there was a lively Music Hall performed by the Players Theatre which used to occupy Carlo's Charing Cross Theatre. On the Sunday there was the opportunity to go to the very bottom of one of the immense – and immensely deep – Ice Wells which Carlo used to store the ice that he imported from Norway.

There was also the chance to follow the route along the Regents Canal taken by his barges. All in all, a memorable weekend in the organisation and support of which members of the Unione Ticinese had, behind the scenes, played an active part.

EMILIE MARTINONI HOOGENBOOM

### Clubs' events calendar

#### October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2019 – Movie Night

NSH and UTL host a Q&A evening with the Ticinese movie director of 'Finding Camille' at the Swiss Embassy in London

#### December 7<sup>th</sup> 2019 – Celebrations

The two traditional celebrations of San Nicolao and of the Escalade, will take place jointly at the Swiss Embassy in London. Organised by UTL, NSH and Swiss Quality UK.

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**CLUB: SWISS IN SWANSEA**

1<sup>st</sup> Aug garden party for the Swiss and their families in Swansea by invitation of Ruth and John Thomas. We celebrated post National Day with good food, drink and company and sunshine in our lovely garden. A very relaxing and enjoyable afternoon!

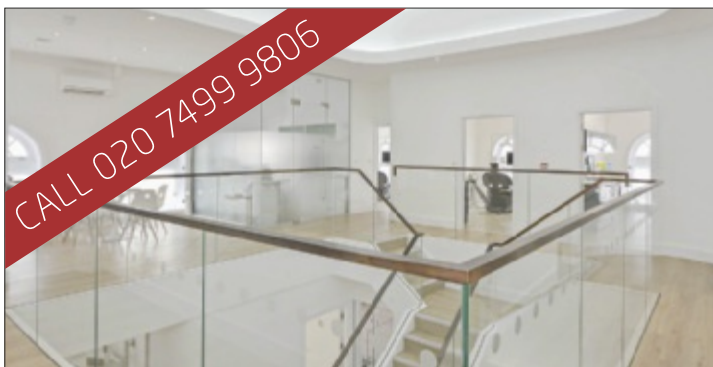
RUTH THOMAS

**CLUB: SWISS IN NORTH WALES**

We had our swiss BBQ last saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August in Martin-Ghislaines house in Mynydd Ilandigay and even welcomed two honorary Swiss on the day: Ghislaines Mum Roxane and Chris Weber, a maths teacher, specially flown in from CH to learn Welsh over the summer.

**Events calendar**

- 1<sup>st</sup> December:** Annual Adventsfeier of the South Wales Swiss at Ty Tawe, Welsh Centre, Swansea from 2pm – 5pm.
  - 6<sup>th</sup> December:** A family event with Samichlaus for the children. St. Nicholas Raclette chez Moser's in Cardiff at 7. pm
- More details will be on [www.swissinwales.org](http://www.swissinwales.org)



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## 1: PEMBROKESHIRE SWISS

Our 11<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> August Garden Party, in aid of Starlight Children's Foundation, was a great success as we were able to raise the astounding amount of £1,200.22 of which the full amount went to the charity. Around 50 people from 1 to 101 years old arrived during the afternoon. Denis Curry, artist, aged 101, accompanied by his wife Jenny, was our guest of honour.

Our friend and annual guest, Norman Waldron, was running the bar, welcoming everybody with a drink and a bite as well as reading out the speech by the President of the Swiss Confederation. Swiss and international music was played by Mac, our resident musician. Not for the first time, the 1<sup>st</sup> August Swiss/Inter/National Day was attended by a very international mix indeed, all with a certain kind of Swiss connection. This year ranging from Kazakhstan, via Israel, to Europe and further to South America not forgetting the delegation from Ethiopia, outnumbering the Swiss nationals. Little Newcastle was playing along too with flying the Swiss flag on the Village Green for the day!

BEAT AND ELISABETH WEHREN

## 2: TAUNTON & SOMERSET CLUB

The Taunton and Somerset Swiss Club met for a wonderful celebration on August 1<sup>st</sup>. The weather was beautiful and we all enjoyed the beautiful gardens and home of one of our members, Solange Zamora. We are very grateful to Solange for her very generous hospitality!

A younger member of our club, Sarah Rainford hosted her own Swiss celebrations on the 1<sup>st</sup> and a series of video messages were posted between the 2 events in French, German and Swiss German.

We continue to be a very happy, friendly and thriving Club. We enjoyed welcoming new members this year. We are also looking forward to our annual Raclette evening on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. For any further information on the Club, please call our president, *Christiane Greening* on 01823 327308

Swiss/Inter/  
National Day  
was attended by  
a diverse mix  
of people!



1

Cervelats  
cooked in the  
traditional  
manner!



2

Traditional  
Swiss fare and  
fun and games  
together.



3

Members of  
all ages  
gather for  
the traditional  
BBQ.



4

Food and raffle  
at the Southern  
Area Swiss Club's  
National Day.



5

National Anthem  
played on the bag  
pipes by honorary  
consul Peter  
Müller-McDougall.



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## 3: WEST SURREY SWISS CLUB

We are still a very active club and in our 25<sup>th</sup> year! In April we visited Greys Court, National Trust, just outside Henley. In May we took a river cruise on the Thames through the 'Goring Gap' from Pangbourne to Goring where we had Sunday roast before our return. In June we thoroughly enjoyed a matinee at the Orange Tree Theatre in Richmond and saw Terence Rattigan's 'When the sun shines' with lunch beforehand at the Orange Tree restaurant next door. We celebrated National Day in Ripley recently with the usual Swiss fare and fun and games together with imported Swiss Cervelat and Bratwurst! We look forward to an Advent lunch around December.

RUTH CROZIER

## 4: ABERDEEN SWISS CLUB

Around 30 members of all ages from the Aberdeen Swiss Club gathered for the traditional BBQ, this time held in Huntly. While the kids were playing on the lawn the adults from Inverness, the Coast, Aberdeen, the Royal Deeside and visitors from Edinburgh were enjoying Bratwurst and Zopf.

The next event will be the Golf on 06/10/2019 and the Samichlaus 08/12/2019. If you are interested to learn more about the Aberdeen Swiss Club please contact our Secretary *Erika Gill* on [jimbomoggiev8@gmail.com](mailto:jimbomoggiev8@gmail.com)

## 5: SOUTHERN AREA SWISS CLUB

We celebrated our 1<sup>st</sup> August last night 27.7. We had a lovely evening with 29 adults attending and plenty of delicious food and of course our famous raffle.

BERNI CURTRESS

## 6: SWISS CLUB EDINBURGH

The Swiss club Edinburgh had great event with about 30 people celebrating Swiss National Day. We ate the traditional Bratwurst and Cervelat from the BBQ grill together with tasty salads. After listening to the Federal Councillor, the National Anthem was played on the bag pipes by honorary consul Peter Müller-McDougall. More club info: [swissclubedinburgh.co.uk](http://swissclubedinburgh.co.uk)

## SWISS CLUB MANCHESTER: 1<sup>ST</sup> OF AUGUST CELEBRATION

The weather for this traditional event was far from ideal, there was rain or drizzle practically all day long. What a complete change to last year's celebrations, when we were unable to have a bonfire or fireworks due to the drought and restrictions from the Stockport Fire Brigade.

However, Ian Baker and Juerg still decided to Hire the Van and collect the pallets wood Saturday morning in anticipation that the weather would improve.

This year we were advised that many members and families were on holiday and were celebrating The National Day in Switzerland. Therefore we were reduced to only 37 adults and 3 children attending. After the meal provided by Posh Nosh we heard the recorded speech of our Swiss President, Ueli Maurer,

and then we sang the National Anthem.

John Easter expertly lit the bonfire in spite of the miserable weather and Ian and Julie Baker were in charge of the wonderful fireworks, which seemed better than ever this year. A very BIG thank you goes to Lola and Michael Cheetham for kindly sponsoring the cost of the fireworks this year.

We also had the added bonus of Helen and Neil Grundy – from Bury, who played the mellow, and reverberant sounds of their wonderful Alphorns both to welcome people and to add to the atmosphere outside with the bonfire and the lanterns held by both children and adults.

In June 2018 Barbara and Juerg Bentele had coincidentally met them whilst on holiday at the Alpine Restaurant at Alpiglen (above



Grindelwald). They then discovered that they had actually played at the Swiss Club Manchester 10 years ago and Helen and Neil then expressed how they would love to join us for Swiss National Day in 2019 and play for us.

We all enjoyed this evening and the weather could not dampen our spirits.

FRANZ BLUM

Further club's information on FB:  
[facebook.com/swissclubmanchester](https://www.facebook.com/swissclubmanchester)

## OBITUARIES: SWISS CITIZENS LIVING IN THE UK RECENTLY PASSED AWAY



**BERNARD FRIDOLIN SIMON**  
23/08/1923 – 09/07/2019

On Tuesday 9 July 2019, Bernard Simon, loving husband, father of two children and granddad to 3 grandchildren, passed away at the age of 95.

Bernard Fridolin Simon was born in Basel in 1923. After obtaining his diploma at the commercial college in Neuchatel he spent 18 months working in a private bank before joining Geigy's pharmaceutical business in 1945. In June 1948 Geigy Basel sent him to Manchester to gain some foreign experience. He spent a year here and started the pharmaceutical business before returning to Switzerland. In 1954 Geigy sent him back to Manchester on a more permanent basis and he was appointed Company Secretary. He retired as Personnel Manager in 1987 following over 40 years of service.

On April 15 1965 he married Joan Lee. They raised two daughters Julie and Nicola.

Bernard joined the Swiss Club Manchester in 1957 and spent many active years on the committee and took on various roles including secretary, Vice President and President between 1961–63 and again in 1970. He joined FOSSUK representing Manchester in 1969 and was President for ten years between 1974 and 1984. In 1982 he also became the delegate for the North of England for the Organisation of the Swiss Abroad until his retirement in 1998 aged 75.

Bernard enjoyed and excelled at DIY projects over the years and his hobby of model railways. His main passion was socialising with family and friends when he was partial to a glass or two of red wine!

A funeral service was held at Altrincham Crematorium on 29 July 2019 and his ashes were taken home to a family plot in Bad Ragaz, Switzerland.

Obituaries of Swiss citizens living in the UK recently passed away can be published in the last issue of the Swiss Review. Please send an email to [editor@swissreview.co.uk](mailto:editor@swissreview.co.uk)

After a long illness Mike Hauser, who was a Swiss Club Manchester member for many years, sadly passed away at home on 1st May 2019.

Erica Lawson has sadly passed away. She was a member of Swiss Club Manchester for many years.

Erica Brereton died on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2019. She was a Swiss Club Manchester member for many years. The funeral has already taken place in Cambridge.

### IMPRESSUM

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