

# English Speaking Club Zurich

Buebeseggstr. 3  
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Programme FEBRUARY – APRIL 2025

95<sup>th</sup> Edition

*Old young - young old*

at

**HAUS APPENZELL**



*Tuesday, February 4, 2025*

Register by January 31 latest



**2025**

with apero

*Tuesday, February 11, 2025*

*Animals in Town*

at

**Naturhistorisches Museum Zürich**  
former Zoologisches Museum Zürich



*Thursday, March 20, 2025*

*Excursion*

to

*Zug & Zugerberg*



*Saturday, April 12, 2025*

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## SUMMARY

### FEBRUARY

Tuesday, 4 <sup>th</sup>	Old Young, Young Old at Haus Appenzell – <i>register by 31<sup>st</sup> January</i>
Tuesday, 11 <sup>th</sup>	Annual General Meeting 2025 at Werdguet with apero
Tuesday, 25 <sup>th</sup>	Open House at the Werdguet

### MARCH

Tuesday, 4 <sup>th</sup>	Greek Restaurant Mazi - <i>register by 28<sup>th</sup> February</i>
Thursday, 20 <sup>th</sup>	Animals in town – <i>register by 15<sup>th</sup> March</i>
Tuesday, 25 <sup>th</sup>	Open House at the Werdguet

### APRIL

Tuesday, 1 <sup>st</sup>	Racetrack Oerlikon – <i>register by 27<sup>th</sup> March</i>
Saturday, 12 <sup>th</sup>	Excursion to Zug & Zugerberg - <i>register by 5<sup>th</sup> April</i>
Tuesday, 29 <sup>th</sup>	Open House & book swapping at the Werdguet

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>INFORMATION TO ALL MEMBERS</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">****</p> <p>Your registration for an event by phone is only valid when you leave (in a clear voice) your last and first name as well as the telephone number where you can be reached. Ticket events are non refundable - No show policy will be applied</p>
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## A note from the secretary

Are you afraid of artificial intelligence (AI)? To all those who missed last December's event "Maschinenpoesie" at Museum Strauhof: We met a computer which generates poetry, supported by AI. Command to the computer: Please make poetry with the terms "Christmas Party", "dreamy" and "verses". The following result came out within seconds:

*The candlelight flickers warmly in the room, the pine trees smell fragrant, glasses ring delicately. The friends laugh, dance hand in hand, that night the whole country shines. The snow covers the world in quiet peace, but inside there is a joyful celebration. The songs sound, hearts expand, the time for the Christmas Party has come...*

Let's put Christmas time behind us now in January but here you can see what will be expecting us in the future.

Back to the present: The upcoming programme has a bit of everything: culture, food and an excursion outside Zurich with the chance to get a slice of really good Zuger Kirschtorte – and of course the beloved or hated Annual General Meeting, however you see this...and this event is always introduced by an apero.

Warmest regards

Jürg

January 31

[Register with Jürg for Old Young, Young Old at Haus Appenzell](#)

February 4  
18.00 h sharp  
**Register**



### **Old Young, Young Old at Haus Appenzell**

The current exhibition at Haus Appenzell is dedicated to two Appenzell-born artists from different generations. In their sculptures, both take up figures, objects and materials that revolve around the old and the new, transience and permanence in their very own way. One uses polystyrene as a metaphor for ageing and for vulnerability and instability in life. The other one presents discarded chairs under the catchy title "Friends of hopeless chairs" and presents them in a new artistic light.

With our tour guide Mrs. Hao Hohl, we will have an English guided tour through Young and Old, lasting about 1 hour. Entrance fee is CHF 10.00 for members, guests contribute with CHF 20.00.

How to get there: take any tram to Paradeplatz and walk along Bahnhofstrasse and towards main station. After about 200 meters you will arrive at Bahnhofstrasse 43. The entrance to the exhibition is at St.Peterstrasse 16, just a few meters further.

Please register with Jürg by January 31, phone 079 580 10 81 or e-mail all details to [info@escz.ch](mailto:info@escz.ch).

Afterwards, for those who wish, we will have something to eat and drink at the nearby Italian Restaurant. Therefore, please let me know whether you will join or not as I like to make a table reservation as early as possible.

February 11  
19.00 h

### **Annual General Meeting 2025 with apero**



This year's AGM requires your extra support. Two Committee members will stand **one last time** for re-election at this AGM 2025. In order to be well prepared for 2026, it will make sense to already bring two new Committee Members into our "Club Boat" so that we can introduce them well into their new tasks and duties.

As usual we start with an apero and then go over to the agenda. We meet at Restaurant Werdguet, how to get there, see frame below.

For further information about this event or questions about Committee membership, please phone Jürg 079 580 10 81 or e-mail to [info@escz.ch](mailto:info@escz.ch)

For various events like slide shows, lectures, the AGM or the so-called "Open House" events on the last Tuesday of the month, we meet as usual at the

**Restaurant Werdguet, Morgartenstrasse 30, 8004 Zurich.**

How to get there: The restaurant Werdguet can be difficult to find. Those coming for the first time are recommended to take tram 9 or 14 to Bahnhof Wiedikon. Cross the street so that you are on the opposite side to the Wiedikon station entrance. Then walk back down Birmensdorferstrasse towards Stauffacher until you see Morgartenstrasse on the right hand side. Walk down Morgartenstrasse and you will see the restaurant Werdguet on the left hand side at the first corner. [www.werdguet.ch](http://www.werdguet.ch)

February 25  
19.00 h

### **Open House at Restaurant Werdguet**



Club members start coming together at 19.00 h at the Restaurant Werdguet in Wiedikon. It's an informal evening to chat with fellow members. Guests are always very welcome. No registration needed. This is Sonja's event. How to get there, see under February 11 (frame).

February 28 Register with Barbara for a succulent meal at Restaurant Mazi

March 4  
19.00 h  
**Register**

**Visit to a Greek Restaurant downtown Zurich**

*Θα φάμε ελληνικό φαγητό απόψε – let's eat Greek food tonight !*



Please join me for an unforgettable delicious meal at the Greek restaurant Mazi in Zürich-Wiedikon. For the menu card please go to the following page

<https://www.docdroid.com/oJlXrlw/mazi-speisekarte-de-pdf> where you can also find various vegan dishes.

How to get there: It is best to take over the instructions of how to get to the **Werdguet Restaurant** where we have our monthly Open House event → see frame under January 11, because this Greek Restaurant Mazi is just **opposite of the Werdguet**, at Morgartenstrasse 26.

To register, contact Barbara by SMS on mobile 079 582 19 48 or by e-mail to [merk.barbara@gmail.com](mailto:merk.barbara@gmail.com) leaving your full name and phone number.

March 15 Register with Sonja for ‚Animals in town‘

March 20  
17.45 h  
**Register  
In German  
Thursday**

**Animals in town (in German so-called 'Kulturfolger')**

The large-scale remodelling of the countryside had, and still has, inevitable consequences for animals and plants. Some of the animals were forced to look out for a new habitat, and found it in towns. Some species, e.g. foxes, pigeons, rats or cockroaches, can benefit from stocks and leftover food. But a lot of other animals had to come to terms with another type of food, life in the middle of houses, human beings, traffic, unusual sounds and noises, scents .....



At the Naturhistorisches Museum Zürich (former Zoologisches Museum Zürich), you can learn more about this very interesting topic, and join Sonja for a in **German** guided tour of about 1 hour. Members pay CHF 5.00 and guests CHF 10.00. Meet Sonja latest at 17.45 h opposite the University Hospital at tram stop ETH/Universitätsspital (tram 6, 9 and 10 will bring you there).

Please register as early as possible with Sonja by [sonita@sunrise.ch](mailto:sonita@sunrise.ch) or by phone **044 302 45 47** (preferably in the evening). **While registering, state if you will come to a nearby restaurant for supper after the tour!**

March 25  
19.00 h

## Open House at the Werdguet

*The boy threw a piece of butter out of the window. Why?  
He wanted to see a butterfly.*



An evening with funny word games? Or just good conversation? Join us in our monthly Open House event in our „Stammbeiz“ Restaurant Werdguet. Interested in past times of our 61-year-old club? Tonight, I will also present some very old documents from our club i.e from 1963 and ... This is Jürg's event. For more info, phone 079 580 10 81 or [info@escz.ch](mailto:info@escz.ch)  
How to find the Restaurant; see directions under February 11.

March 27

## Register with Jürg for Racetrack Oerlikon

April 1  
17.30 h

## Register In German

## Racetrack Oerlikon

...belongs almost to the inventory of the city of Zurich – But have you ever been **in** these premises?

The “Rennbahn Oerlikon” is older than all of us, it was built in 1912! It had its most brilliant times in the 40s and 50s when champions like Ferdi Kübler or later Urs Freuler competed there with their race bikes. This evening, we have the unique opportunity to see the inside, and this **before** the race season starts in May. So we will be admitted to see more of the whole infrastructure. Our tour guide Alois Iten will reveal the inside of the Rennbahn in a one hour tour.

For more historical info see [www.rennbahn-oerlikon.ch](http://www.rennbahn-oerlikon.ch) submenu “Geschichte der Rennbahn”.

Your contribution for this tour is CHF 5.00 (members), guests pay CHF 10.00.

How to get there: Take any train to Zurich Oerlikon. From there, take tram 11 (direction Auzelg) and exit at Messe/Hallenstadion. Over the intersection, you will immediately see the Rennbahn. Location and meeting point is at Thurgauerstrasse 2 where the tour will start.

Please register with Jürg no later than March 27, phone 079 580 10 81 or send all details to [info@escz.ch](mailto:info@escz.ch). After the tour, for those who wish, we can go to a nearby Italian Restaurant for drink and food. Please specify whether you join for it or not.





April 5

Register with Heinz for Excursion to Zug + Zugerberg

April 12

09.15 h

**Register  
Saturday****Excursion to Zug and Zugerberg**

Within a few decades, the smallest canton of this country managed to jump from the country's poorhouse to its jewelry box - a clever tax policy made that possible, particularly attractive for commodity companies.

But today we are not focusing on their pompous headquarters. Our special attention goes to the historic core of Zug with its history of 800 years. Under expert guidance we shall visit the old town in 1 ½ hrs: 25 charming historical buildings will convince us by their entity directly at a most charming lakeshore.

After that round tour the public bus takes us to the base station of the funicular and in less than 10 minutes we arrive at the Zugerberg.

The view from up there is simply gorgeous \*\*\*\*.

After lunch at the Restaurant Zugerberg right at the end of the funicular, you might have a stroll (extensive network of easy hiking on flat ground) – the lake, Rigi and Pilatus always keeping company.

*To keep in mind:*

**Meeting point: 09.15 h at the hall clock of the HB**  
(departure train 09.35h)

**Everyone gets his/her own ticket**

**→ Zurich HB – Zug - Zugerberg return (½ Tax CHF 25.00)**

For the guided tour we will ask for a contribution of CHF 10.00 for members, guests contribute with CHF 15.00.

There will be a limited selection of two course meals (Tagesmenüs) for reasonable prices at the restaurant.

Return journey will depend on weather conditions – trains to Zugerberg run twice/hour, Zug-Zurich 4 times/hour.

Idea and concept of this event is from Rolf (thank you Rolf 😊!)

- but registration is with Heinz, not later than **by April 5:**

H: 044 780 19 45, O: 044 784 85 87, or E-Mail

[hvifian@bluewin.ch](mailto:hvifian@bluewin.ch)

**When you register, please leave your full name and phone number in a clear voice.**

April 29  
19.00 h



## Open House at Restaurant Werdguet & book swapping

English Book swapping? Not a must? If you happen to own second hand books or brochures/magazines in English, feel free to take them along with you to this event i.e. novels, thrillers, travel books or poems and short stories. If you have no books in English, feel free to come to the restaurant Werdguet choosing from books brought by other people free of cost or just chatting and having a bite to eat.

At Werdguet, there is of course a menu, and not only one, but a whole variety, from Swiss food over to Austrian dishes leading to pizza and ending with Kaiserschmarrn as dessert. So come along for good food or just a drink and feel yourself a bit like in a library as well. In the restaurant, we always have our cosy corner for us. Guests and visitors are very welcome to this event. How to get there: see under February 11 (frame).

### Upcoming Club events in 2025:

December 2025 Excursion to Maggi Museum Singen (DE) & Christmas Market  
December 2025 Christmas Dinner