

NEWSLETTER

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English Speaking & Anglo-Swiss Club of Lausanne



ES&ASC



*Your committee wishes you
a Happy Christmas and a wonderful
New Year 2021*

English Speaking & Anglo-Swiss Club and ICL Christmas Party Saturday 5th December at «Restaurant du Port de Pully» 19h

The date, time and venue are set, but as at the moment of going to press we are unable to confirm whether our 2020 Christmas party will be able to go ahead. For many reasons we do hope it will, not least as Rudolph is getting twitchy at the thought of missing the most important night of his year. As far as Santa is concerned, he has been 'comfort eating' so much these past months that we can only hope he will still be able to fit into his suit on the night.



In a spirit of optimism we have already sent you the menu by email, so that you can indulge in a little hopeful anticipation. Rest assured that we'll be in touch as soon as we have some concrete news.

And here are some cringeworthy Christmas cracker jokes to set a seasonal tone...

Why don't you ever see Father Christmas in hospital? Because he has private elf care.

Why does Donald Trump have his Christmas dinner on a plastic plate? He doesn't get on with China.

What would you call an elf who just has won the lottery? Welfy!

**Happy
Birthday
to :**

Paul Bissegger
Heinz Fischer
Chantal Pineau
Eva Gasser
In December



| Date | Event | Time | Booking |
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| Friday 4 th December | Monthly Get-Together at Mövenpick, Ouchy | From 18h30 | If you are planning to go along, please be sure to let one of the committee members know. |
| Saturday 5 th December | ES&ASC Christmas party to be celebrated jointly as last year with ICL. Deadline to be advised. Cost: CHF 60 to members, 70 for non-members | 19h | With Heinz (079 231 86 70) or Janet (021 791 14 42) latest by Tuesday 24th November |
| Friday 8 th January 2021 | Monthly Get-Together at Mövenpick, Ouchy | From 18h30 | If you are planning to go along, <i>please be sure to let one of the committee members know.</i> |

Other events December

Most traditional seasonal events have been cancelled. If we have news of any last-minute events we will be sure to let you know, and please feel free as always to pass on to us any information of interest.

Saturday 12th Austria Club Christmas party is still scheduled. Contact Heinz for info.

Second half of January - ICL's traditional New Year brunch - Details to follow

All current events are subject to prevailing Covid-10 restrictions.



PHILLIP HOEGARTS R.I.P.
10th February 1925 to 24th October 2020

It was with enormous sadness that we learned of the death of our friend and long-standing club member, Phillip Hoegarts.

Born in the Yorkshire town of Bradford, Phillip began his working life in the world of diamonds, subsequently moving into the printing industry. Here he worked notably with the Moore Paragon group, for whom he managed up to five companies in Europe, with particular focus on machines for the printing of administrative documents.

He had learned to fly at the end of the war, and thus it came about that he met Jacqueline, whom he had been asked by a mutual friend to fly from London to Paris. They married in 1953 and their son, Mark, was born in 1968. The family arrived in Epalinges in 1978, and in 1983 acquired their property in Grandvaux. They very quickly integrated into the life of the municipality, on one occasion making a trip to Japan during the cultural exchanges established between the authorities of Grandvaux and Furusato-Mura; and they would regularly meet up with the locals in Grandvaux over a glass or two.

They built up a circle of friends amongst the extensive international community of the area, and were active in a number of clubs, notably the English Speaking Club of Lausanne (later to become the English Speaking & Anglo-Swiss Club). Many of our club's members have fond memories of the summer parties generously hosted by Jacqueline and Phillip at their home over the years, and of unforgettable 1st August get-togethers enjoying the firework celebrations along the lake from the perfect vantage point of their wonderful garden.

Phillip's contribution to the club was significant, both in his active participation in events and in providing professional support and advice to the committee. His experience, diplomatic skills and range of contacts were valued and appreciated. The club's online photo gallery bears out his frequent appearance at club activities, where we all remember his friendly and avuncular presence.

Our deepest condolences go to Jacqueline and Mark on their loss.

So many events and activities have had to be curtailed or abandoned in this strange year, which has proceeded like no other we have known. The Remembrance Day ceremony at the Cenotaph in London has taken place, though in a limited form, to reflect the restrictions that currently affect all of us. One of the latest cancellations, as we prepare this newsletter, is the Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Commonwealth War Graves' Cemetery in Vevey, which was to have been held on 11th November. But we *shall* remember, with or without ceremonies.

Meanwhile, let's celebrate the end of the year in every ingeniously appropriate way we can find. A very happy Christmas to all our members and our warmest wishes for a bright New Year!

FASC News



At the FASC's President's Meeting held in Zurich on 10th October 2020, it was finally agreed to dissolve the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs with effect 31st December 2020. This decision was taken after a lengthy period of reflection and discussion, and was

fully supported by all the member clubs.

Due to Covid-19 and the uncertainty involved in making any concrete plans, it was also unanimously agreed not to hold the previously planned party celebration to mark the closure of FASC.

Assets remaining after debts and liabilities will be returned to all current member clubs, with amounts depending on their membership count.

Representatives of the individual clubs were unanimous in thanking everyone involved with the FASC for their work over the years, and those who have contributed to performing this sad but necessary final task.

All the clubs are wished every success in their independent ongoing efforts to promote Anglo-Swiss understanding throughout the country, and it is hoped that the liaison between them will continue.

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