

# English Speaking Club Zurich

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Programme AUGUST – OCTOBER 2025

97<sup>th</sup> Edition

Cattle and arable farming  
...close to Zurich City  
Guided tour through the  
**Seeholz Farm**



*Wednesday, August 13, 2025*  
Register by August 5 latest

 **KYBURZ**  
ELECTRIC VEHICLES

Guess who is this guy on the Kyburz «DXP»?  
**Open Day in Embrach**

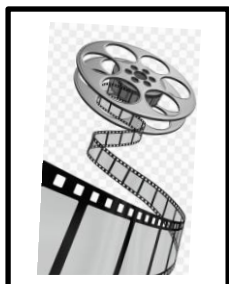


*Saturday, September 6, 2025*

*When did your last cinema visit take place?*

## Cinema Houdini

English guided tour through the premises



*Tuesday, October 7, 2025*

*...the green enclosure  
of the motorway*

**EINHAUSUNG  
SCHWAMENDINGEN**



*Tuesday, October 14, 2025*

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## AUGUST

Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup>    Seeholz Farm - *register by 5<sup>th</sup> August*  
 Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup>      Pestalozzi Library - *register by 14<sup>th</sup> August*  
 Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup>      II. Open House at the Bauschänzli / Old Fashion Bar

## SEPTEMBER

Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup>        Open days at Kyburz - *register by 23<sup>rd</sup> August*  
 Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup>        Universitarian Animal Hospital – *register by 18<sup>th</sup> September*  
 Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup>        Open House at the Werdguet

## OCTOBER

Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup>         Houdini Cinema – *register by 3<sup>rd</sup> October*  
 Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup>        Einhausung Autobahn Schwamendingen - *register by 8<sup>th</sup> October*  
 Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup>        Open House at the Werdguet

### ***A short note from the secretary***

*Again comes a programme with many highlights, ranging from urban farming up to a look behind the scenes of a cinema. There is something for everyone's taste.*

*As you know, in October we will have our regular send out with Christmas Dinner & other paper stuff by post. If your post mail address has changed meanwhile, please let us know via [info@escz.ch](mailto:info@escz.ch) or call me. Thanks.*

*Warmest regards  
 Jürg*

August 5

Register with Barbara for Seeholz Farm

August 13  
14.00 h

**Register  
Wednesday**



### **Guided Tour at Seeholz Farm near Katzenrüti, ZH**

Please join me for a worthwhile guided tour at Seeholz Farm, specialised in cattle and arable farming (agriculture). Before the tour, which starts at 15.00 h, for those who wish, there will be coffee, ice cream and cold drinks available at a self serve cubbyhole or "Kabäuschen" (only cash or Twint accepted). When the tour ends around 16.00 h to 16.30 h, we shall continue on foot, passing green pastures and a pond and reaching Bärenbohlstrasse 47 in Zürich Affoltern (a half hour walk on more or less flat countryside), where we can have an early dinner at the lovely Restaurant Büsi. People not attending the dinner can either continue to Bahnhof Zürich Affoltern or directly walk back to the bus stop Holzerhurd (bus 32) commuting in direction of Strassenverkehrsamt. From Restaurant Büsi it takes a 1/4h to reach the station for onward transportation.

To study the menu of the restaurant please consult the following website:

<https://www.swipein.restaurant/de/restaurant/busi-zurich-zurich>

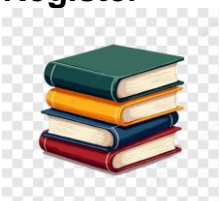
**For the guided tour we will ask for a contribution of CHF 5.00 for members, guests contribute with CHF 10.00.**

To take part, please **register** with Barbara either by SMS or WhatsApp to 079 582 19 48 or by e-mail to [merk.barbara@gmail.com](mailto:merk.barbara@gmail.com) by August 5, writing your full name and phone number, **stating if you do NOT come to the restaurant after the tour.** Meeting point is at bus stop Holzerhurd (bus 32) at 14.00 h. Therefore, take any tram to Bucheggplatz and change to bus 32 till bus stop Holzerhurd. If you drive directly to Seeholz Farm (Im Seeholz 15, 8105 Regensdorf) there are parking lots, please also mention this. It's best to take a drinking bottle, comfortable shoes, an umbrella or sun hat and suitable clothing depending on the weather along with you.

August 14

Register with Sonja for \*Schlaraffenland für den Geist\*

August 19  
17.45 h  
**Register**



### **PBZ Pestalozzi Library Zurich - *Schlaraffenland für den Geist***

On the occasion of Johann Heinrich Pestalozzi's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday the „Verein Pestalozzigesellschaft“ was founded in Zurich. The purpose was to promote education while awakening children's love for books. Adults too had the chance to sit without compulsive consumption in heated special rooms

and read newspapers or books. The very first Pestalozzi library opened 1897 in the schoolhouse Schanzengraben. With 14 libraries PBZ is nowadays represented in various city districts with about half a million media for loan. And we have the wonderful chance to get an English guided tour of about 1 hour through the "Schlaraffenland für den Geist - paradise of the mind" at Zähringerstrasse (opened 1932). It's free of charge for members, guests pay CHF 5.00. Meet Sonja at 17.45 h at tram stop Rudolf-Brun-Brücke (tram 4 and 15 will bring you there). Please register early with Sonja via [sonita@sunrise.ch](mailto:sonita@sunrise.ch) or by phone **044 302 45 47** (preferably in the evening).

**While you register, don't forget to mention, whether you will come to a nearby restaurant after the guided tour.**

August 23

Register with Tom for Open Day Kyburz Switzerland

August 26  
19.00 h



## II. Open House at Bauschänzli

This is not a printing mistake. But as summer has not yet passed away, we meet again on the most beautiful island of the Limmat river.

Thus, **August's** Open House event will take place at the Bauschänzli, Stadthausquai 2, located near Bürkliplatz. If it rains and the Bauschänzli is nevertheless open, we can still sit under a huge tent, maybe not all of us immediately together at the same table. If it's officially closed (therefore check website [www.bauschaenzli.com](http://www.bauschaenzli.com)) then we will move to the nearby Old Fashion Bar at Fraumünsterstrasse 15 to find shelter. But let's keep our fingers crossed that we will be able to enjoy our get together at this special garden restaurant in downtown Zurich on a mild summer evening.

PLEASE, always check at the Bauschänzli FIRST, to see if we are there. Experience has shown that "good" and "bad" weather is a very individual perception and people have ended up in both places. In case of doubt, call Jürg (phone number below). As the Bauschänzli can be quite busy and some faces might not be familiar I will try and put some mark of identification (the Union Jack or a small English flag) on our table.

How to get there: Take any tram or bus to Bürkliplatz.

Walk across the square towards the Limmat where you will see the Bauschänzli on its island in the Limmat.

This is Rolf's event, but for questions, call Jürg on phone 079 580 10 81 or e-mail to [info@escz.ch](mailto:info@escz.ch).

September 6  
10.15 h

**Register  
Saturday**



## **Kyburz Switzerland AG - an electrifying visit !**

KYBURZ Switzerland AG develops and produces high-quality electric vehicles for delivery companies, industrial companies, municipalities and private individuals ... and they are right here in our back yard !! DAILY, nearly all of us are in contact with at least one Kyburz product. (Jürg is even more “in touch”, as you can see from the picture). Of course, this refers to the very visible “Yellow 3-Wheel Electric Postal Delivery Vehicle” which brings most of us our physical mail and small packages in Switzerland.

Due to their successful and rapid growth, KYBURZ have recently consolidated all of their operations into **one brand new facility** in Embrach, just north of the Zürich Airport.

To celebrate and introduce their ALL NEW facility, they are holding an “Open Door” Day on Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, which is **free to everyone!** We have decided to meet there and participate in this special day with attractions:

- **10.00 h Kyburz “Open Door Day” opens (we arrive slightly after)**
- **MEETING POINT: 10.15 SHARP - Meet Tom at Kyburz Entrance**
- **10.30 h German Guided Walking Tour (approx.1 hour) of the new Kyburz facility (good walking shoes!)**
- **Throughout the day:**
  - **Free food available on site: Sausages/Bread; Thai Food; Drinks and Coffee Stands**
  - **Test drives & product demonstrations (They have products for private customers, too!)**
- **13.30 h Presentation by CEO Martin Kyburz**
- **The event remains open until 17.00 h for those who wish to stay longer. Otherwise, individual travel home.**

### **Recommended Travel to Kyburz AG**

**(Address: Stationsstrasse 90; 8424 Embrach)**

- **By Train from Zürich HB:** 09.07 h Depart Zürich HB with S9 (direction Schaffhausen from Platform 41/42); 09.32 h Arrive Bülach; 09.35 h Depart Bülach on S41 (direction Winterthur from Platform 4); 09.38 h Arrive Bahnhof Embrach-Rorbas. Walk 5 minutes (300m) to Kyburz. (NOTE: short changing time in Bülach!)
- **By Bus from Zürich Airport, Bahnhof Q:** 09.25 h Depart BUS 520 Embrach-Rorbas (21 min/15 stops) to Bahnhof Embrach-Rorbas. Walk 5 minutes to Kyburz.



- **By car:** Travel to the above address in Embrach; look for signs for Parking (at the time of registration, please indicate to Tom if you are travelling by car.)

**Please register** for the event directly with the organiser, Tom Albright ([te.albright@icloud.com](mailto:te.albright@icloud.com) or by phone/WhatsApp: 079 159 93 07) **no later than August 23<sup>rd</sup> !** The event is **free!** As there will be food available at the event, we do not plan to meet for a restaurant meal afterwards ... perhaps spontaneously for a drink for those who are interested.

September 18

Register with Jürg for Universitarian Animal Hospital Irchel

September 23  
17.00 h

**Register**



### **Universitarian Animal Hospital Zürich Irchel**

The Universitarian Animal Hospital in Zurich Irchel is a modern high-tech animal clinic, dedicated to the diagnostics, treatment and rehabilitation of animals. Dogs and cats, horses, farm animals, zoo-, home or wild animals, this animal hospital offers a wide range of services on a very high level in order to improve the well-being of the animals.

This is one of the biggest animal clinics in Europe, more than 28'700 "patients" are treated here. 50% are dogs, 23% cats, 14% horses and 7% bovine. It is operated with 24h emergency supply, more than 450 employees work here, also in the function of apprenticeship and research.

Let's have an English guided tour of 1 ½ hours through the premises. We will mostly be outside, so please dress appropriately and wear good shoes. The tour is **FREE** for members, guests pay CHF 5.00. How to get there: preferably arrive by public transport, use tram 7 or 9 to station „Tierspital“. This is the meeting point at the same time. Car drivers may find a few parking places at Irchel Parkhaus.

After the guided tour, we will go to a nearby restaurant for food or just a drink. Please register with Jürg no later than September 18, phone 079 580 10 81 or e-mail all details to [info@escz.ch](mailto:info@escz.ch) Please specify whether you join for dinner or not.

September 30  
19.00 h

### **Open House at the Werdguet**



*“What starts with T, ends with T, and is full of T?”  
“A teapot”*

Instead of coffee, for a change, you may also order a cup of tea. Come and enjoy some friendly conversation on the last Tuesday of the month at the Restaurant Werdguet. This is our regular event and a chance to meet up with members. Guests

are welcome! This is Jürg's event, call me on phone 079 580 10 81 if you have questions. How to get there, see frame below.

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)

October 3

Register with Jürg for Cinema Houdini

October 7  
17.00 h\*

**Register**



How does a movie find its way into a cinema? How is a cinema programme made? How is the "cake" in the Swiss movie branch divided up? The technical progress determines how this business is running nowadays. Film rolls are passé in the Houdini Cinema which nowadays uses actively the digital possibilities. This English guided tour of 1 hour spans the bow over the last 100 years of cinema tecnics and considers their economical, political and aesthetic influences. Costs are CHF 10.00 for members and CHF 20.00 for guests. Location: Badenerstrasse 173, 8003 Zurich. How to get there: Take tram 2 or 3 and exit at "Kalkbreite", the Houdini is just on your left. We meet in the Houdini bar at the ground level. More info, see also [www.riffraff-houdini.ch](http://www.riffraff-houdini.ch)

After the guided tour, we will go to a nearby restaurant for food or just a drink. Please register with Jürg no later than October 3, phone 079 580 10 81 or e-mail all details to [info@escz.ch](mailto:info@escz.ch)  
Please specify whether you join for dinner or not.

*\*For those who like, you can join me in the cosy Houdini bar from 16.00 already. Why not have a pleasant chat with a drink in a relaxed atmosphere...?*

October 8

Register with Sonja for „Schwamendingen and the new Overland Park“

October 14  
17.30 h **sharp**  
**Register**



## **Schwamendingen and the new Overland Park**

As you most probably have read or heard, the district Schwamendingen in Zürich is becoming more and more attractive. In spring 2025 there was a great opening ceremony for the „Ueberlandpark“- the green enclosure of the motorway. With almost one kilometre the Overland Park is one of the longest green areas in Zurich. Paths, lighting, benches and planting give the park a wonderful optical structure. Let's go and have a look!!!

Alfons Nievergelt, the president of the Neighbourhood Association Schwamendingen, will give us an English guided tour of about 60 - 90 minutes to the topic Ueberlandpark as well as to the history, status quo and future of Schwamendingen. This event is free of charge for members, guests have to pay CHF 5.00. Meeting place is Sternen Oerlikon in front of the flower shop Oertig (tram 10, 11 or 14 and buses 61, 62 or 75 will bring you there). At 17.34 h the bus towards Schwamendingen will leave. Please register as early as possible with Sonja via [sonita@sunrise.ch](mailto:sonita@sunrise.ch) or by phone 044 302 45 47 (preferably in the evening). **While registering, please don't forget to mention, whether you will join for a meal in a nearby restaurant.**

October 28  
19.00 h



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

Members and guests may come for a social evening of conversation in English. You can have a meal or just a drink and spend an hour or two for catching up on news or meeting new people. Non-members are welcome! We meet in the Restaurant Werdguet in Wiedikon. This is a kind of “Stammbeiz” to us.

Directions how to get there, see under September 30. No registration necessary. For any questions contact Jürg, phone 079 580 10 81 or [info@escz.ch](mailto:info@escz.ch)

## **Upcoming Club events in 2025/26:**

- December 2 Art Exhibition in Pfäffikon ZH
- December 6 Excursion to Maggi Museum Singen (DE) & Christmas Market
- December 13 Christmas Dinner at Restaurant Oberes Triemli
- February 10 Annual General Meeting 2026
- Open date Mammut Museum Niederweningen