



THE 54th CONGRESS AND SOCIAL WEEKEND 17th – 19th MAY 2019

FULL PROGRAMME

FRIDAY 17 MAY: Talk & Exhibition

Meet **Neil Heritage** (war hero) and view an exhibition of professional alpine photographer **Fiona Bunn** at the Victorinox London Flagship store in New Bond Street. Throughout the evening participants will have the opportunity to enjoy a glass of Swiss wine or Swiss beer and taste some unique Swiss cheeses.

Hosted by New Helvetic Society, in partnership with "Victorinox" & "Swiss Quality UK".

Time: Doors will open at 6.30 for drinks and light food, followed by the event at 7:30pm.

RSVP: Free event, however the registration deadline is Friday, 13th May.
Space is limited – booking confirmations on a first-come, first-serve basis.
You must book to attend this event via **EventBrite**:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-art-or-perseverance-tickets-59671446904>

Location: 95 – 96 New Bond Street, Mayfair, London W1S 1DB

SATURDAY 18 May: AGM & Cultural Programme

Join us for the Federation of Swiss Societies UK (FOSSUK) 2019 Annual General Meeting followed by addresses from **HE Ambassador Fasel** with an update on Brexit and OSA Director, **Ariane Rustichelli**. **Suzanne Egloff**, President of the Swiss Benevolent Society will update the community on the available assistance on Brexit (Settlement Status applications) for the vulnerable.

The cultural programme will start off with Swiss painter and writer, **Alexandra Lavizzari** talking about her work followed by a drinks reception generously provided by the **Swiss Embassy London**, accompanied by entertainment by the singer **Elena Flury**.

Time: AGM Registration at 1:30pm, with the meeting and formal addresses from 2 – 4pm.
Cultural programme commences at 3:30pm.

RSVP: Free to attend with Members and guests registration deadline Friday, 10th May.
Space is limited – booking confirmations on a first-come, first-serve basis for guests.
FOSSUK Members, Consul Generals and Speakers' have been block-booked.

Location: Swiss Embassy London, 21 Bryanston Square, Marylebone, London, W1H 2BQ



SUNDAY 19 MAY: Guided Walking Tour

Join us for a guided tour with **Peter Barber**, historian of the British Library and former President of the "Unione Ticinese London" Swiss club, to discover the Swiss heritage and Swiss historical contribution to the Capital.

The basic route will take us to and along The Strand (and the Gattis), past St Martin's in the Fields (stucco work by Ticinese) to Orange St and the site of one of the earliest Huguenot churches adopted by the Swiss community. Leicester Square follows looking at memories of the Swiss presence in Leicester House, the home of George III's parents, and of course the Swiss Centre, to Piccadilly Circus (and the Monico family).

Then up Shaftesbury Avenue to Cambridge Circus and the site of the first Swiss Chapel with perhaps a diversion to the present Swiss Church. The tour finishes at a building that formerly housed the George and 13 Cantons (of which relics remain) on Great Compton Street – one of the centres of the Swiss Community in the 19th century.

Those who can, will then say their goodbyes and have a little bite to eat and well-deserved refreshment at the Sun & 13 Cantons pub (<https://www.sunand13cantons.co.uk>).

Time: 10:00am – 12:00pm; informal lunch afterward

RSVP: Free walking tour, however the registration deadline is Friday, 10th May.
Pub lunch and refreshments paid individually at the venue.

Location: Meeting point is the Villiers St entrance of Embankment Station
(Northern, District and Circle and Bakerloo tube lines)

Registration deadline: Friday 10th May 2018

Please return the Congress Booking Form to info@swiss-societies.co.uk

Remember to book your place for the Friday Victorinox event on the EventBrite link:
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