

ENGLISH CLUB BIEL / BIENNE

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Programme, 14th April – 18 August 2021

Dear Member,

Welcome back to the weekly meetings of the English Club – not even during the second world war was it necessary to make such a long break.

We hope you will like the programme of mostly outdoor meetings, and we hope too that the weather will play its part in allowing us to carry them out.

This is the time of year when we ask you to pay your Club membership fee for the current year. As we have had to cancel so many of our activities, the 2021 membership fee will be at the reduced rate as follows:

Active member (single)	CHF 30.--	Active member (couple)	CHF 40.--
Passive member (single)	15.--	Passive member (couple)	20.--

Wednesday 14 April	WALK ALONG THE NIDAU-BÜREN CANAL We'll walk as long as the daylight (and our feet) allow and, if restaurants are by now open, call in for a drink on the way back.	Meeting place: Bus terminus Nidau at 6.30 pm.
Wednesday 21 April	TREASURE HUNT How long is it since you had a walk round the old town of Biel, or had a look at some of the interesting details on shops and houses in the centre. You will be given a not too difficult list of things to look for, bringing you back for a drink at Satrialis.	Meeting place Zentralplatz At 7.30 p.m.
Wednesday 28 April	PETINESCA, STUDEN (Take bus Nr. 74 at 6.59 from top of Bahnhofstrasse) How many of you who have lived most of your life in Biel have ever been to visit the remains of the Roman settlements in Petinesca, Studen? Do join us to learn more. Good shoes are advisable.	Meeting place Bus stop "3 Tannen", Studen at 7.15 p.m.
Wednesday 5 May	WALK TO THE WASSERKRAFTWERK, HAGNECK (take the BTI train to Hagneck at 6.50 p.m.)	Meeting place Hagneck
Thursday 13 May	ASCENSION DAY TRIP WITH LUNCH We will reserve places for lunch in Erlach before walking across to the St.Peter's Island. To return to Biel we'll again take the boat from the Island to Twann or Ligerz, where we will take a train back to Biel. If you would like to join us for this trip, please let Sylvia know (032 323 47 05) by Friday, 30 April	Meeting place: Boat harbour, Biel For the boat to Erlach at 9.45 a.m.
Wednesday 19 May	WALK ALONG THE LAKE TO RESTAURANT CAPRICCIO The terrace of this restaurant gets very crowded when the weather is good, so would you please let Sylvia know by Friday, 14 May, if you would like to join us (032 323 47 05) so that we can reserve a table.	Meeting place Boat harbour, Nr.9 Bus terminus 7.30 p.m.
Wednesday 26 May	NO MEETING	

Wednesday 2 June	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1. Opening of the Meeting 5. President's Report 2. Minutes of the AGM 2021 6. Election of Committee 3. Treasurer's Report 7. Election of Auditors 4. Auditors' Report 8. Any other business	Meeting place: Rest. Satrialis, at 7.30 p.m.
	We hope to see a good number of you at the meeting as this is a chance for you to give us your ideas and suggestions about the running of the Club.	
Wednesday 9 June	SOCIAL EVENING BY URS Our member, Urs Gabi has very kindly invited us to enjoy a drink and a snack together in his garden. Food and drinks will be provided at a cost of CHF 10 – 12, to cover expenses. Please let Sylvia know by Friday, 4 June if you would like to come.	Meeting place: Längacher 7 2564 Bellmund
Wednesday 16 June	MINIGOLF IN STUDEN Carrying on the long tradition, come and have a game and enjoy the beautiful summer flowers here. You can take a bus (Nr.74) to Studen Grien at 6.59 p.m.	Meeting place: Restaurant Florida, Studen at 7.15 p.m.
Wednesday 23 June	COME AND SEE THE STORKS AT ALTREU This should be a pleasant afternoon trip along the Aare which can be done by boat, train or bicycle. We can discuss methods of transport when we meet one or two weeks earlier.	Meeting place: To be decided.
Wednesday 30 June	END OF SEASON BARBECUE Again we are indebted to Serena and Peter Notz for allowing us to use their garden for our last meeting before our summer break. You will need to bring your own cutlery, plates and glasses, as well as something to grill and to drink. Please contact Sylvia (032 323 47 05) if you need further information.	Meeting place: Bernstrasse 51 3294 Büren a/Aare From 7.30 p.m.
	WE WISH ALL OUR MEMBERS A VERY HAPPY SUMMER HOLIDAY, AND LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AGAIN IN AUGUST	
Wednesday 18 August	BEGINNING OF SEASON BARBECUE We are grateful to Milanka and Kurt for again allowing us to use their lovely garden and swimming pool. For the barbecue we'd like you to bring your own cutlery, plates and glasses as well as something to grill and to drink. If you need further information or directions, you can phone Milanka (076 376 87 68). We would be grateful, if car owners could offer to take members without transport to the venue.	Meeting place: Schulriederstr. 16g 3293 Dotzigen From 6 p.m.

P.S.: We don't know if anything will change with regard to relaxation of COVID restrictions when the Bundesrat meet again on 14 April, but we should be able to carry out the programme of outdoor meetings, even if we have to go home afterwards without having had a drink!

We shall need a room for the Annual General Meeting and are hoping that the restaurants will be open again by the beginning of June.

Yours sincerely,
The Committee