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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Every Thursday from 6 to 7.30 p.m. Discussion Circle in English. Young men especially invited. Tea from 6 to 6.15 p.m. Swiss Room, YMCA, Gt. Russell St., W.C.1.

Secours Mutuels des Suisses a Londres. No meetings until October.

JUNE

NOUVELLE SOCIETE HELVETIQUE open meeting postponed from Thursday June 18th to Thursday June 25th owing to general elections. Dr. Peter Hollenweger will speak on the Revision of the Constitution. Swiss Hostel, 7.45 p.m.

SWISS RIFLE ASSOCIATION's second June shooting session to take place on June 21st (and not June 28th as advertised in the Association's programme), Siberia Range at Bisley from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday 21st, 10 a.m. at Hebden Bridge, Memorial Park, 22nd LANDSGEMEINDE OF THE SWISS OF THE NORTH.

Friday 26th, INFORMAL DINNER DANCE of the City Swiss Club, Great Fosters, 7.30 p.m.

Sunday 28th, Swiss Mercantile Society family outing. Details from Secretary, 01 636 2892-2894.

Tuesday 30th, Swiss Club Edinburgh. Barbecue on the shores of the Forth. 7.30 p.m. at Binn's Corner.

ASSEMBLY OF THE SWISS

ABROAD, Zofingen 28th-30th August.

SWISS CULTURE: Tuesday 16th June, Queen Elizabeth Hall, 7.45 p.m., *Margaret Kitchin*, Thursday 18th June, Queen Elizabeth Hall, *Albert Ferber*, Monday 22nd June, Wigmore Hall, 7.30 p.m., *Ruth Gagnebin*. *Hans Jenny* and the beauty of vibrations at the Institute of Contemporary Arts. June 11th for six weeks.

TWO EVENTS IN LONDON

The Swiss Embassy is very keen in preserving friendly relations with its neighbours. To ensure their future goodwill, it invited the classy inhabitants of Bryanston Square and a wide representation from the Swiss Colony at the stone-laying ceremony of the new Embassy (which is now at an advanced stage of erection). The Mayor of Westminster counted among the distinguished guests. His was the honour of "laying" the foundation stone. Also invited to make speeches were the Minister in charge of monuments, a spokesman for the Architects and the Chairman of the local residents association. His address was noted for its fluency and its reference to Schiller. Our Ambassador, Monsieur René Keller, naturally made a speech as well and introduced the ceremony following which we were invited, two or three hundred of us, to a temporary construction in the centre of Bryanston Square to enjoy cookies, refreshments and socialising.

The annual afternoon tea and dance of the Unione Ticinese was a new experience to me. It took place this year, as usual, in the vast ballroom of the Dorchester Hotel. It was a delightfully informal event and the spread of the generations present really made a family event out of it. Grandparents and grandchildren were dancing with equal zest and youth on the spacious floor. There were children all over the place, tots racing across the dance floor after each other and skidding on the lacquered boards, young girls practising the fox-trot together. The Harry Vardon band performed with flying colours. It is a faithful friend of the Unione Ticinese since on this occasion it helped to make the annual dance a success for the 30th time.

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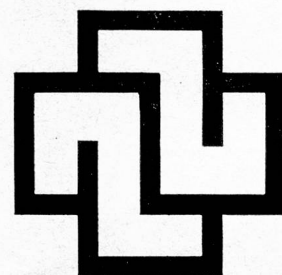
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