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SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY

The members of the Swiss Mercantile Society had the annual pleasure of listening to Mr. Werner Statbacher from Glasgow, who showed them a series of sunny slides from Majorca. The meeting appeared to be less well attended than usual but all present enjoyed the evening's programme and a friendly reunion over a beer afterwards.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY.

Wednesday, 15th December at 35 Fitzroy Square, extraordinary general meeting followed by a monthly meeting with film show. 7 p.m.

SWISS RIFLE ASSOCIATION. Friday, 10th December at 6.30 for 7 p.m. at the Glendower Hotel. Annual Dinner.

ANGLO-SWISS SOCIETY Reception at 6.30 p.m. at 2 Upper Brook Street, on Tuesday, 7th December.

CITY SWISS CLUB. Christmas Dinner on Tuesday, 14th December.

SWISS CLUB EDINBURGH. Tuesday, 30th November. AGM at 8 p.m. at 112 Hanover Street. Preparation of the Alpelchilbi.

CERCLE GENEVOIS. "Escalade" Dinner with Fondue Bourguignone at the Valchera Restaurant, Richmond, on Friday, 10th December, at 7.30 for 8 p.m.

SCHWEIZERBUND. Wednesday, 1st December at 7 for 7.30 p.m. at the Orpheus Luncheon Club, London, E.C.3. Christmas Dinner.

SWISS CLUB MANCHESTER. Christmas Party on Saturday, 11th December.

NOUVELLE SOCIETE HELVETIQUE. Thursday, 16th December. Annual Cup Competition.

FORTHCOMING CULTURAL EVENTS

Monday, 29th November and Tuesday, 30th November, National Film Theatre, 6.15 p.m. London Film Festival: Three-minute short *Alunissons*, by Ernest Ansorge, shown with André Delvaux' *Rendezvous* at Bray.

Thursday, 2nd December, Publication by Oswald Wolff (Publishers) Ltd. of *Switzerland and Europe*, Essays and Reflections by J.-R. de Salis, a selection from *Im Lauf der Jahre* (Zurich, 1962), and *Schwierige Schweiz* (Zurich, 1968).

Sunday, 12th December, Royal Festival Hall, 7.30 p.m. *Bela Siki* plays Liszt's Piano Concerto No. 1 with New Philharmonia Orchestra under Edward Downes.

Sunday, 12th December, Queen Elizabeth Hall, 7.15 p.m. The tenor *Ernst Haefliger* sings the Schubert song-cycle *Winterreise*, with Irwin Gage at the piano.

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