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Advice on a new branch

MR G. Broggini, who is on the executive of the Federation of Swiss Societies, writes:

"I am pleased to hear about the 'birth' of the new branch in Bristol (Swiss Observer, May) and would like to invite the three ladies named to contact me if they would like any advice on the problems which may occur when first starting up such a venture."

Mr Broggini can be contacted at 45 Margravine Gardens, London W6 8RN.

THE Yorkshire Swiss Club has now elected the following officers:

President: Jeffrey Long, 30 Finsbury Drive, Bradford, West Yorkshire BD2 1QA. Tel: (home) 0274-588189; (business) 0274-726310.

General secretary: Mrs L. Baumann, 8 Springfield Place, Selby Road, West Garforth, West Yorkshire LS25 1LP. Tel: Leeds 862078.

Membership secretary: Mrs E. Lerch, 30 Southleigh Drive, Leeds LS11 5TR.

Treasurer: Mr K. Kagi, 2 Beck House, Silsden, West Yorkshire BD20 0EH. Tel: Steeton 52027.

Earlier in the year, the club

Good response to Yorkshire invitation

wrote to all known Swiss people in the Yorkshire area, inviting them to join members at forthcoming events. There has been a good response to the letter.

On March 25, the club had its annual general meeting and a film show, together with a raffle in aid of club funds. This proved to be a very successful evening, with many new members present.

The president, Jeffrey Long, made a presentation to Mrs R. Leathley on behalf of the club in appreciation of the hard work she

had put in as general secretary until her recent retirement, and wished her well for the future.

At the AGM, members approved the recent appointment of the officers of the club, and the treasurer reported that club finances were satisfactory.

Future events are:

Saturday, September 10, 2pm: Three-hour pleasure cruise, boarding at Shipley.

A Saturday in November: Annual luncheon (further details later).

Annual event in Scotland?

ABOUT 25 members of the Glasgow and Dunfermline clubs (Edinburgh members were unfortunately unable to attend) met for lunch for the first time in years on April 16 in the beautiful Swiss owned Roman Camp Hotel in Callander.

The owners of the hotel Mr and Mrs Sämi Denzler, made everyone welcome, and after a splendid meal there was plenty of time for getting to know each other.

Everyone agreed with Mrs Proudfoot, the Glasgow club president, that we ought to make the luncheon an annual event, and Dr Ditchburn, the deputy ASK member for GB North, gave a short account of the March meet-

ing of the mini-parliament in Berne.

She reminded members of the need to deal with the United Nations questionnaire, and gave information on how to make AUV payments in future.

Federation sets AGM date

THE annual general meeting of the Federation of Swiss Societies in the United Kingdom will be held at the Swiss Embassy in London on June 10.

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North West's programme

THE Swiss Club Manchester has announced its programme for 1983/84, so North West readers can make a note of these popular events in their diaries:

June 19 - Treasure Hunt

July 29 - National Day celebration

September - Bowling competition/barbecue

November 26 - Dinner dance

December 10 - Children's Christmas party

January 26 - Raclette party

March 1 - Annual general meeting

An additional event has been arranged for the ladies of the Manchester club by Mrs Sandra Glauser.

A group of ladies will be enjoying a guided tour of Manchester on the afternoon of Tuesday, June 28, preceded by lunch at the Farmhouse Kitchen.

The tour will cost 75p per person and as the party will be limited to 24 people Sandra Glauser would like to hear from interested members as soon as possible. Her phone number is 061-487 1428.

DUNFERMLINE borough's last director of social work, Mr George Adams, has died at his home at 10 Old Kirk Place, Dunfermline, aged 56.

A native of Fife, George was brought up in Methil and educated locally. He later attended Edinburgh University, the London School of Economics and London University, where he gained a BSc in Economics in 1963.

He worked for several English government authorities in the field of mental health and in 1969, after a five-year spell as senior lecturer at Sheffield Polytechnic, returned to Fife to become Dunfermline's director of social work.

In his latter years, George made an immense contribution to social work training programmes throughout the East of Scotland.

George was the husband of

our club's secretary and he will be sadly missed by all the members of the Dunfermline Swiss Club.

For years, he and his wife Friedgard have offered us their home for our monthly meetings.

George never failed to show interest in our activities and was always ready to lend a helping

hand when and where it was needed.

We are truly grateful for his friendship and offer our sincere condolences to Friedgard and the children, Fiona, Heidi and Alistair.

Ursula Ditchburn,
(President)

Winter calendar

UNIONE Ticine has announced its forthcoming programme so that members can keep diary dates free. In most cases, full details of the events will be circulated to members as soon as they become available.

Saturday, October 1 - Social evening at the Swiss Church, Endell Street, London W1.

November - A date for the

Castagnata will be announced as soon as details are finalised.

Sunday, December 11 - Members will be invited to The Escalade, being held by the Cercle Genevois.

Wednesday, February 8 - 110th anniversary of the formation of the Unione Ticinese in London. Celebration details to be announced.



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