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1 Oct., 5 Nov., 3 Dec. To be announced. Offers of cinefilm or video would be appreciated.

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4 June Dave Howsam - Lec Leman.

2 July - Swiss Visitors - bring along slides of 'foreign' stock on Swiss metals.

6 Aug. Arthur Crame - Cable Cars, Chair lifts and Mountain Railways.

3 Sep. Quiz Night - not to be taken seriously unless you lose !

1 Oct. Films or Video (provisional)

5 Nov. A survey of the BLS (member slides). 3 Dec. Possible Social Function.

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