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# Union Ticinese celebrates

A SOCIAL evening to celebrate the 110th anniversary of Unione Ticinese (the society was founded in London on February 8 1874) was held at the Swiss Centre Restaurant in London.

The new Swiss Ambassador, Monsier F.C. Pictet and Madame Pictet were guests of honour, as were Mr Ernst Tangemann, vice president of the Federation of Swiss Societies in the UK, and Mrs Tangemann.

Also present were Mr and Mme C. Duboulet, Mr and Mme R. Rossier and Mrs Marianne Meier, president of the Nouvelle Société Helvétique.

The excellent buffet dinner was attended by some 110 members,

their families and friends.

After dinner, the president, Mr Luigi Bozzini welcomed the guests and thanked the Ambassador for accepting the post of honorary president of the society.

He conveyed the apologies of various personalities from Ticino who were unable to attend, among them the president of the Ticinese Government, Signor Fulvio Caccia and former Member Avv. Guido Lepori.

The president took the opportunity to wish Mr Rossier success in his new post, and both he and Mme Rossier a pleasant stay in Morocco. Mr Bozzini then went on to thank the society's sub-committee for organising the evening,

before proposing a toast to the society.

The vice-president, Mr Giuseppe Brogini, speaking in Italian, then gave a brief outline of the historical background of the past 110 years and expressed his personal views on the future. He stressed the importance of attracting new members of the younger generation and also of co-operating more fully with the other Swiss societies.

The Ambassador thanked the society for asking him to become honorary president and for inviting him and Mme Pictet to the celebration: it was his first public engagement since taking up his post a week earlier.

After the speeches there was a raffle with various excellent prizes, the first and second each being a return flight to Switzerland generously donated by the manager of Airtours Suisse in London, Mr Carl Frank. Among the other prizes was a fondue set kindly donated by the manager of the Swiss Centre Restaurants, Mr Baumann.

A couple of young accordionists, who had been flown in from Ticino for the occasion, entertained the guests before and after dinner, when many of those present joined in the singing of Ticinesi folksongs. It was a most successful evening enjoyed by everyone present.

## POSTBAG

AFTER reading about the warming dish (*Woman's Observer*, January 1984) I can only presume that the writer wishes to make a *Winzer rosti*.

If the potatoes are cooked the day before and allowed to cool properly, the rosti will not be of "bubble and squeak" consistency.

To use lard instead of butter would improve the flavour and it would cook better if the onions and bacon were fried before adding the potatoes.

Place the rosti with the grated cheese on top under the grill for a few moments for a warm melted finish.

Alternatively, the writer could visit us at the *Alphorn Restaurant*, *Oakham*, *Leicestershire*, and have a *Winzer rosti* on the house! - Mrs G. Nussbaum, *Oakham*.

## Marksmen are welcome

THE Swiss Rifle Association in London was founded in 1923 and as the name suggests, provides its members with the opportunity of target shooting. They meet regularly at the rifle ranges at Bisley Camp in Surrey, currently eight times a year, where the 300 metre practices, shooting with both Karabiner and Sturmgewehr, take place. Standard Swiss Army A+B targets are used.

Members, including ladies, compete for club trophies as well as the St. Gallen Zuerich and Einzelwettschiessen Medals.

The military programme forms an important part of the season's activity. matches are also held each year with a number of English clubs, such as the Surrey Rifle Association and the

Marlybone Rifle and Pistol Club.

The Bisley meetings are also great family occasions, and the lunchtime barbecues at the clubhouse are well known to the shooting fraternity.

Through the good offices of the EMD in Berne, pistols are also available for shooting on the 50 metre range at Bisley for the same medal competitions as the rifle competitions.

In addition, there are indoor pistol shooting meetings, currently four times a year. These are held on the 25 metre range at the elite Marlybone Pistol Club in the City of London.

The Association concludes the season in appropriate style, with a

dinner dance and prizegiving, usually held in November in London.

It is maintained only by the enthusiasm and support of its members and new faces are always welcome, subject to certain rules and conditions.

Applications to join should be sent to the secretary, Mr U. Schaerer, 143 Greenvale Road, Eltham Park, London SE9 1PG.

Current family membership (husband, wife and children under 18) £25 a year. Individual membership is £15 a year.

The rifle meetings are held at Bisley Camp and shooting takes place on the 300 metre covered stand on Century Range.

### SWISS CHURCH IN LONDON

79 Endell Street WC2 (Tube: Tottenham Court Road, Holborn, Covent Garden).

Services in German at 11am every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month.

Services in French at 11am every 2nd, 4th and 5th Sunday of the month.

Meetings: Ecumenical Mothers' Group, monthly at homes or services in Dulwich, Tunbridge Wells and Wimbledon.

Ladies' Groups (French and German speaking), Swiss Club for Young People (Wednesday and Sunday evenings).

All information from the Vicarage, 1 Womersley Road, London N8 9AE. Telephone 01-3409740 (Rev. H. Wunderli).

*Everybody is welcome*

### SECRETARY NEEDED

Do you speak Schwyzerdütsch and are you interested in becoming the third member of our team? The Swiss Benevolent Society and the Swiss Welfare Office for Young People need a Secretary/Audio Typist from 15th March, 1984. Other languages required: English and French.

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