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during the Battle of Britain, on 15th September 1940.

René came to London as one of the first visitors to Hendon's Air Museum. He gave Roy's tombstone to the museum, and it stands beside the relics retrieved from the crashed plane.

René was a dedicated Freemason, having attained London Grand Rank and was an Assistant Grand Standard Bearer in the United Grand Lodge of England. He was the only surviving

Founder-Member of the Helvetica Lodge in London of which he was an honorary member.

René was also a member of the City Swiss Club which he joined in 1919, and he took a lively interest in the Swiss community as a whole. He spent his retirement in his home town, and he has many friends there as well as in Britain, who mourn his death. We extend sincere sympathy to his wife in her sad bereavement.

M.M.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

Regarding the annual report by the Manchester Swiss Club I was quite astonished to see how many Swiss live there.

I have been living in Somerset for ten years and so far I have only "found" two Swiss people – and this through personal friends. It gives me great pleasure to keep up our Swiss traditions here in Great Britain, and it would mean a great deal to me if I knew addresses of other Swiss patriots (German Swiss) living in the South-West, so that we could meet perhaps on the Swiss National Day or at Christmas. It is very difficult to find these people in our country villages though.

The writer would be very pleased to hear from any German Swiss in the

Somerset area for social gatherings and traditional Swiss evenings.

*Ruth V. Cole,
34 Dillions Road,
Creech St. Michael,
Taunton,
Somerset.*

It's over to our West Country readers now!

Another reader, this time in the Bournemouth area, has a similar idea. He would like to form a Swiss club to meet other compatriots with a view to keeping in touch with Swiss events. The society would be non-religious and non-political.

Anybody interested should telephone Mr. Müller on 0202 426093.

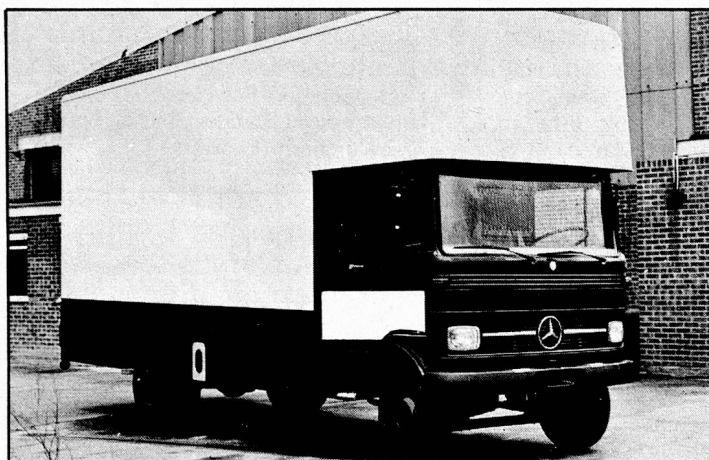
Editor

Birthdays and Anniversaries

The following readers will be celebrating birthdays in July: Mr. J. Vogel will be 97 on 2nd July and Prof. J. Inebnit 88 on 5th of the month. Mr. C. A. Aeschmann (Guernsey) will have his 86th birthday on 10th, and Mr. A. Boog will be 96 on 22nd of July.

The following couples will be celebrating their wedding anniversaries: Mr. and Mrs. W. Flory were married on 16th July 1936, and Mr. and Mrs. W. Schedler on 18th July, 1935. Mr. and Mrs. R. Chappuis will celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary on 21st and Prof. and Mrs. J. Inebnit their 61st on 28th of the month.

Congratulations and best wishes to all these readers and any others of whose special days we are unaware.



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