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THE Swiss Club Edinburgh celebrated its 20th anniversary with a dinner held at the Alphorn restaurant. The event was very well attended with several of the founder members present.

There was much reminiscing about the days when the idea of a Swiss Club was first launched and realised by Mr Hartmann and Mrs Reid during a chance meeting in Otto Hartmann's boutique in the Royal Mile.

The Alphorn restaurant, a fairly new Swiss managed addition to the Edinburgh restaurant scene, gave us an excellent meal, and the success of the evening can be measured by the fact that the chatting went on until the small hours, long after the restaurant had closed for the night. Naturally we are looking forward to a repetition of such a venue.

Our next meeting was at the house of Mrs Suzanne Henderson, where we enjoyed an excellent fondue party. We are much obliged to the kindness of Mrs Henderson and her husband in giving us the hospitality of their house.

Celebration north of the border

Everything was so tastefully and beautifully prepared to welcome us. "Schweizer Gemütlichkeit" is the only true description of this successful evening.

The Swiss Club has a permanent meeting place, "Stammtisch" at the Albany Bar-Restaurant, Albany Street, where members and friends meet for a drink and chat every first Monday in the month. Anybody visiting Edinburgh is most welcome to join this informal gathering.

In May we are meeting the Swiss Club Dunfermline in the Sheep's Heid Inn, Duddingston, Edinburgh, for a further show of strength in a skittle match, an event which has become a

tradition on our programme of events for the year.

We are hoping for a wonderful summer evening to meet for a barbeque at South Queensferry, on the beach road to Hopetoun House. This event has proved very popular in the past, particularly the taste of the good Swiss sausages.

Besides official and organised meetings of the Swiss Club some ladies meet for most enjoyable swimming sessions in the Commonwealth Pool and there are always informal gatherings to enjoy a chat over a cup of coffee.

Any compatriot wishing to know more about our activities in Edinburgh is welcome to telephone me on 669 5311 or write to me at 26 Inchview Terrace, Edinburgh EH7 6TQ. — **Mrs Helen Reid, President, Swiss Club, Edinburgh.**

Mr Emil Muller

FORMER proprietor of a Luton hat materials business, Emil Hermann Muller has died at Aspley Guise, Bedfordshire at the age of 93.

Born near Lucerne in 1887, Mr Muller worked for a cheese merchant in Parma, Italy, before coming to England in 1908 to learn English.

He planned to stay for only 12 months but while working in Luton he met his future wife, Annie Florence Peach, and

decided to stay. They married in Luton in 1913 and he became naturalised the following year.

Mr Muller, who spoke five languages fluently, retired from business in the mid-1950s.

He was a musketry instructor during the First World War and became a .22 rifle shooting champion of Luton in 1924. He was also a keen golfer.

Mr Muller leaves a son, local solicitor Roy Muller, a daughter, Mrs Ruby Watts, three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Planning a day out

THE Cercle Genevois is planning an informal family outing on Sunday, May 31, to Polesden Lacey, a property owned by the National Trust near Dorking, Surrey.

Any Swiss Observer readers will be welcome. They are asked to bring a packed lunch for picnic. Should the weather be inclement there is a fully licenced restaurant.

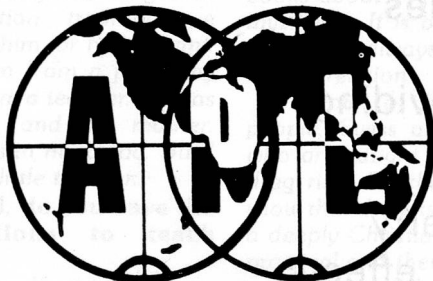
The meeting place is the car park at noon. Entrance to the gardens is 60p, and an extra 70p for the house.

More information can be obtained from Mrs S. Allan at 64 Woodland Drive, Watford, Herts (tel: 92 21704).

In vain?

Dear Editor,

In view of the great sacrifices made by the Confederate armies just 505 years ago against the grabbing Burgundians at Grandson. I would be interested to know what justification has the present Swiss Government in allowing such a dismal transaction of the sale of this famous piece of our heritage to an Arab sheik — M. Baudet, Great Missenden, Bucks.



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