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Honour for Mr Glauser

IN what is believed to be an unprecedented move, the Swiss government has promoted the Consul General at the Swiss Embassy in London, Mr Charles Glauser, to the post of Consul-General for the North of England, based in Manchester.

In the past the post has been filled by someone from overseas, usually as a final appointment before retirement.

Mr Glauser is a very popular member of the Swiss community in Britain, and his move 200 miles north has been warmly welcomed by members of the Manchester Swiss Club.

The new Consul-General took up his post at the end of March; he will live in Bramhall, on the south side of the city, with his wife Lucette and daughter Jacqueline. His son Richard lives in Geneva.

Mr Glauser, who was educated in Geneva, worked there for five

years in a law firm before he joined the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs in 1946. Over the next 20 years he worked in New York, Philadelphia, Winnipeg and Pretoria.

In 1967 he returned to Berne, where he remained with the Department's personnel section until 1975 when he was posted to the Swiss Embassy in London as head of the consular and administration sections.

New cultural attaché

Mr Benoît Junod has joined the Swiss Embassy in London as cultural attaché.

Born in London in 1945, his

father, a Swiss surgeon, was a delegate of the International Committee of the Red Cross and vice-president of this institution from 1956 to 1961.

Mr Junod studied at the International School of Geneva and at Winchester. In 1970 he obtained

1978 where, as Second, and afterwards First Secretary, he dealt with political, cultural, legal and Press affairs.

Mr Junod, who replaces Mr Indermühle, speaks several languages including fluent French, English and Spanish.

He is married to a lawyer.



Mr Charles Glauser



Mr Benoît Junod

his law degree at Geneva University.

He entered the Swiss foreign service in 1972 and was posted to Denmark in 1973. From 1974 to 1978 he worked at the international law division of the Ministry in Berne, taking part in several international legal and political conferences.

He was transferred to the Swiss Embassy in Buenos Aires in

Busy Bournemouth

WITH 60 members and a long list of functions to its credit, the Swiss Club of Bournemouth claims to be the most active in the country. Now, the group is to assist with the town twinning arrangements which are being made between Bournemouth and Lucerne.

The aims of twinning are to promote friendship, broaden the mutual understanding of cultural, recreational, educational and commercial activities. The first steps have already been taken.

The Mayor of Bournemouth, Councillor Gordon Anstee, and the Mayoress have attended a



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social dinner arranged by the Swiss Club, and members of the club have had tea in the Mayor's parlour.

In the near future the Mayor of Lucerne and his twinning committee will be visiting Bournemouth and will meet members of the Swiss Club.

Talk of twinning was in the air during the club's spring meeting and dinner on March 27 as members looked forward to the finalisation of the twinning programme.

Ernest Bader dies

MR Ernest Bader, founder of the Scott Bader Commonwealth, died at his home in Wollaston Hall, Northamptonshire, on February 5, aged 91.

Born in Switzerland, he emigrated to England in 1912 and became a naturalised British citizen soon after the First World War. He never lost his love for Switzerland which he continued to visit almost to the end of his long and eventful life.

His company was responsible for introducing major advances into the British resin industry, but chiefly he will be remembered for converting Scott Bader into the Scott Bader Commonwealth by the free gift of all the shares in the company by him and his family to the employees in 1951.

Ernest Bader was an ardent pacifist, humanitarian and Quaker, and worked with unceasing energy to promote his ideals worldwide to the very end of his life.

Susanna Hoe's biography of this extraordinary entrepreneur



Mr Ernst Bader

and idealist "The Man who Gave His Company Away", was published in 1978. In 1980 Mr Bader was awarded an honorary doctorate by the University of Birmingham.

In 1915 he married Dora Scott and they were together for 63 years until her death in 1979. Their son, Godric Bader, is the present chairman of Scott Bader Co. Ltd.

Club elects life member

DR Ernest Brunner, the longest-serving member of the Manchester Swiss Club, was elected a life member of the club at last month's annual general meeting.

Now 78, Dr Brunner arrived in Manchester from Switzerland in 1932 as a chemist working for the Clayton Aniline Company. He lived in the city until his home was bombed in the 1940 blitz, when he moved to Macclesfield.

At the time of his retirement in

1966 he was the company's research manager.

Dr Brunner told the Swiss Observer that the Manchester Swiss Club was much smaller when he joined it 50 years ago. "In those days it was far more difficult for a Swiss to get into England to work", he said.

"But although there were fewer members in the Swiss club they all lived in the immediate area of Manchester and there was far more contact between them. We used to play a lot of yass together."

Dr Brunner is a keen musician, and for 35 years he played the flute in the Wilmslow Symphony Orchestra. Another of his hobbies is studying Italian.

During the club's AGM Mr Bernard Simon, president of the Federation of Swiss Societies in the United Kingdom, referred to its growing membership, which now stands at 157. One unusual feature was the large proportion of lady members - 95, compared to 62 men.

"New arrivals to this area from Switzerland don't even have time to unpack their bags before they are persuaded to join the Manchester Swiss Club", he said.

Club officers Mr Paul Neher (president), Mr D. Salden (treasurer) and Mrs Sandra Glauser (secretary) were re-elected. Mr Fred Schaufelberger and Mr Peter Senn resigned from the committee and a new member of the club, Mr Brian Fowler, was elected.

Among the guests was Mrs Mariann Meier, a former editor of the Swiss Observer, delegate to the Commission of the Swiss Abroad and president of the Nouvelle Société Helvétique in London. She brought greetings from former Swiss Ambassador in

London Dr Thalmann, and the recently-retired Swiss Consul-General in Manchester, Mr Urs Karli and Mrs Karli, whom she had met in Berne only a few days previously.

Edinburgh celebrates

TWENTY people, including a couple who had travelled from Glasgow, danced the night away at Patrick Maridor's Albany Hotel in Edinburgh recently.

The event was a dinner dance, the first of its kind organised by the Edinburgh Swiss Club. The hotel provided the club with a complimentary champagne reception, which was followed by excellent food, wine, and, of course, good company.

The Albany Trio provided the music and there was cheek-to-cheek dancing for those who wanted to celebrate St. Valentine's Eve in traditional style.

The next event organised by the club will be a skittle evening at the Sheep's Head Inn, Duddingston, on May 10. Attendance from Edinburgh was poor at the last such event so club secretary Claire McKay is anxious to see a good turn-out this time.

Remember that friends and children are welcome to swell the numbers.

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A FULL report on the annual general meeting and dinner of the Nouvelle Société Helvétique, held in London last month, will appear in the next issue of the Swiss Observer.

Spending sprees

SWEET-TOOTHED Londoners and visitors to the capital now have yet another opportunity to indulge themselves on delicious Swiss chocolates.

Mr Peter Luder has opened a fourth Lessiter's shop in Princess Arcade, the beautifully restored old shopping street which runs between Piccadilly and Jermyn Street.

The shop, which opened just in time for the traditional Mother's Day and Easter spending sprees, will offer the high class, handmade chocolates which are made on Lessiter's own premises at Finchley Road.

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