

The matchmaker:

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During the holiday season and over Valentine's, people think more than usual about love. My birthday is two days before Valentine's Day, so we often 'kill two birds with one stone'. Isn't that awful?! I'm a great believer in love - to love and be loved are among the best things in life. But finding it in an age when people tend to study longer, explore other countries, focus more on their careers, and are generally more demanding, is a challenge. Many international professionals postpone their desire to settle down, and those working in Switzerland don't have their network from back home to help find a partner. We coordinate all first dates, never revealing a client's contact details, and try to pick a venue that is perfect for both. Every first date is romantic - it's the first step towards getting to know one another better and, hopefully, having great things to look forward to. One of my most rewarding matches was between a widow and a widower. They'd both lost their partners to cancer and it was just wonderful to see them find love again. www.successmatch.ch