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SWISS YOUTH CLUB.

The Swiss Youth Club is sadly in need of some more furniture of its own and a little more active support from the Colony. Its chairs and tables are on loan only, they have to be moved back and forth each day the club is open from the adjoining room in Duke Street. The building will shortly be subject to comprehensive alterations and decorations as the future Swiss Legation in London, when the Swiss Youth Club will have to find alternative accommodation. It is filling an important function particularly by providing a homely atmosphere for informal dances on Saturdays. It is the only place where the Swiss girls in London can go to dance unaccompanied and at a nominal charge. But it is hoped to make the place attractive to the young in our Colony also on other week days. For the time being it will be open only on Tuesday evenings 6—10 p.m. apart from Saturdays.

What is needed is the more active support of members of the Colony: (a) as patron members paying at least £1 per annum and attending at least occasionally, and (b) as donors or lenders of club furniture, and (c) as volunteers to share in the task of superintending the Club on alternate dates with the two ladies who have so far been doing this alone. All offers of help in any of these alternative forms should be addressed to Mrs. A. Isacco, Acting Chairman and Treasurer of the Swiss Youth Club, on behalf of the N.S.H., c/o Swiss Youth Club, 86, Duke Street, Grosvenor Square, W.1.

The library of the Nouvelle Société Helvétique, newly reorganised, enriched and catalogued, has been temporarily installed at the Youth Club. Books may be borrowed by members and friends of the N.S.H. on Tuesdays 6—10 p.m. It is hoped that liberal use will be made of this facility by the Colony.

SWISS CLUB, MANCHESTER.

Good Friday Walk.

Bei strahlendem Sonnenschein führte uns der Zug nach Bamford, einem kleinen Dörfchen inmitten der Hügel von Derbyshire. Wir waren zusammen ein Trüppchen von ca. 30 Schweizern, voll guten Humors. Schon während der Bahnfahrt erfreuten wir die Mitreisenden mit unseren Liedern.

Bald hatten wir die Häuser von Bamford hinter uns, und auf und ab ging durch Wälder und Felder, lustig sprudelnden Bächen entlang, an einsamen Bauernhäusern vorbei nach Hathersage. Dort kamen unsere hungrigen Mägen auf die Rechnung, denn das Mittagessen war gut und reichlich. Nach einem kleinen Streifzug durch das reizende Dörfchen führte uns der Weg wieder aufs offene Feld. Dieses Stück des Weges gefiel uns ganz besonders gut. Es führte einem klaren Bach entlang und über die zahlreichen Gatter und Stege konnten wir uns im Hindernislaufen trainieren! Wir waren des Singens nie müde, und bei allen herrschte beste Stimmung; es hätte ja gar nicht anders sein können.

So kamen wir nach dieser prächtigen Hügelwanderung in Bamford wieder an, wo wir uns gerade an den gedeckten Z'vieritisch setzen konnten. Trüppchenweise plaudernd oder singend (leider konnte niemand jodeln) verbrachten wir die Zeit bis zur Abfahrt des Zuges im Hotelgarten.

Die Stadt kam uns nach diesem schönen Ausflug noch russiger und unfreundlicher vor, doch unsere Herzen waren voll von Sonne und Licht.

Wieder haben wir eine reizende Gegend England's kennen gelernt und sicher wird uns dieser Tag immer in guter Erinnerung bleiben.

*Ruth Santeler,
Ruth Grimm.*

DINNER IN HONOUR OF GENERAL GUISAN.

A Meeting of all Presidents of the Swiss organizations in London took place at the Legation last Monday. Mr. E. Steiner was in the Chair. The purpose of this gathering was to inform the Presidents of the steps being taken to receive the Swiss Folklore Federation which will give amongst others a Concert at the Albert Hall and for the Fête Suisse on May 31st. It has proved to be a very much greater task than had been at first anticipated and the Reception Committee formed a few weeks ago, under the Hon. Chairmanship of Lord Willoughby De Broke, has done great work indeed.

It is with great joy that the news was received that General Guisan's visit would coincide with the Fête Suisse. Thanks to the welcomed alteration of the restrictions the Dinner which the Vaudois were offering to the General is now given by the whole Colony. It will take place on *Wednesday, June 2nd, 1948*, at the Dorchester. (See Advert.) The following Committee has been appointed to represent the Colony:

President: Alfred Renou, Esq., President of the Confrérie Vaudoise, and Hon. Secretary of the Swiss Council.

Hon. Secretary: Robert Dupraz, Esq., President of the 1st of August Committee, and Hon. Treasurer of the City Swiss Club.

Hon. Treasurer: Charles Chapuis, Esq., President of the Fête Suisse, and Delegate to the Advisory Board of the Employment Department of the Swiss Mercantile Society.

Press: Dr. H. W. Egli, President of the Nouvelle Société Helvétique.

Applications for tickets will be received at once and a leaflet will be issued by the Societies as soon as possible.

The Committee.

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