

The new stove in the Britannia Hut – update February 2023

In January our President, Andy Burton, received the following letter from the President of the Geneva Section of the SAC.

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1205 Genève, le 23 janvier 2023

Monsieur Andy Burton
Président de l'ABMSAC

Royaume-Uni

Dear Andy, dear ABMSAC members,

The Geneva Section of the SAC is very proud to still have contacts with ABMSAC. We do not forget and are grateful to your Association for the construction of the Britannia Hut in 1912 at the Klein Allalin pass. Regularly, and since this time, dear British friends, you have supported the constructions and renovations that have marked the history of the hut.

And you did not fail in this tradition last autumn when the last work was done on the Britannia hut. We wanted to reduce the carbon footprint of the hut by installing a wood-burning stove, increase the capacity of the solar thermal heating and reduce our dependence on oil-fired generators by installing, for example, a solar photovoltaic dishwasher. In addition, new water tanks with a new capacity of 30,000 liters have been installed inside and, outside, the granite paving of the south terrace.

Your Association has decided to cover the entire cost of the latest generation wood-burning stove, which avoids the need for electric heating in refectories 2 and 3.

We know that you will come to the Saastal this summer. We suggest that we meet at the hut for a little celebration to inaugurate the stove.

Once again, dear Andy and members of the ABMSAC, we are very grateful for your important support.

Yours sincerely

Le Président de la Section genevoise

Frank Lavanchy

It is hoped that we can visit the Hut during the summer Hotel based Alpine Trip to the Saas area. Further details will be sent to the attendees of the meet.

MJG, February 2023

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Jacques Bondallaz, a Hut Chief for the Geneva Section of the SAC, has informed us that the new stove has now been fitted and is working at the Britannia Hut.

When the Hut opens for the winter season at the end of October visitors will be able to benefit from the new stove.



Photos of the fitting of the new stove, supported by a donation from ABMSAC



View of the dining area before the new stove was fitted

(Taken from the Hut webpage)