



Association of British Members of the Swiss Alpine Club

The Centenary of the opening of the Britannia Hut is in 2012. As many of you know the Hut was built with money collected from the members of the ABMSAC and other climbing clubs over the period 1909 to 1912. A total of 20,000 Swiss francs were collected. The hut was formally handed over to the Central Committee of the Swiss Alpine Club on Saturday August 17th 1912, who in turn presented the keys to the Geneva Section.

We are fortunate in receiving a copy of the book “Inauguration of the Cabane Britannia on the Klein Allalinhorn, Saas Fee, August 17th, 1912.” The copy was sent to me by Pamela Harris who had obtained it from Christiane Ody of the Geneva Section.

I have taken the liberty of copying it into a PDF format for you to down load and read. To help with file sizes I have split the book into sections:

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CB List of Subscribers	(4), (5) and (6) Lists of Subscribers and New Members
CB Clinton Dent Obituary	(7) Obituary Notices of our late President Clinton Dent and Portrait

Several of the illustrations from the book have not copied well. I have used copies of the photographs from other sources to improve the quality. If any members have better copies of the illustrations from the book I would be grateful if you could send them to me (digitally or good hard copy) and I will add them to the PDF format.

Mike Goodyer, Hon. Editor
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INAUGURATION

OF THE

CABANE BRITANNIA

On the Klein Allalinhorn Saas Fee,
August 17th, 1912.

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