

George Starkey Hut in the SAC monthly journal!

Each month the Swiss Alpine Club Journal LES ALPES includes an article entitled '*An Historic Milestone*', featuring an event which happened the same month in the past.

For October 2016 the article features the George Starkey Hut, as it was inaugurated in the month of October.

Written by SAC historian Daniel Anker and translated by Pamela Harris, the article appears below, with a link to the ABMSAC website and accompanied by a photo of Marian Parsons, the 'hut warden', opening the door of the hut.

Hopefully the article will attract SAC members living in Switzerland to visit the Lake District and stay in the hut.

AN HISTORIC MILESTONE

THE 153rd SAC HUT

Inaugurated in 1912, the Britannia Hut above Saas-Fee is one of the most frequented of the 152 huts belonging to the Swiss Alpine Club. It is indirectly responsible for the existence of an SAC hut outside Switzerland: the George Starkey Hut at Patterdale in the English Lake District, which has a large silver-coloured SAC plaque on its green door. This stone hut belongs to the Association of British Members of the Swiss Alpine Club (ABMSAC). In collaboration with the Geneva Section, the ABMSAC donated the Britannia Hut to the SAC. And in return, the SAC helped the British Section to buy the hut in the Lake District by donating the sum of £2500. The George Starkey Hut was inaugurated on 4th October 1975 in the presence of the Bishop of Leicester, the current President of the SAC, Hektor Meier, and René Serex, the Swiss Ambassador in London. It was named in honour of George Starkey, an active member of the club who had recently died whilst walking in the Lake District.



Further information on the 153rd SAC hut: www.abmsac.org.uk/gshut.