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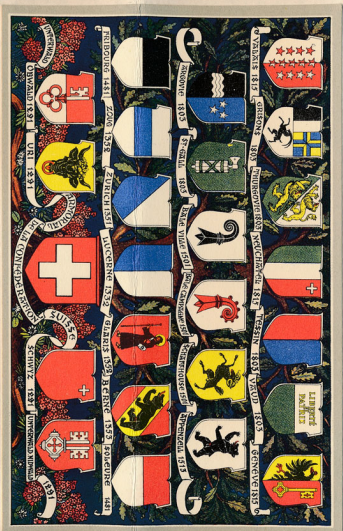
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C. Smith

P. J. Tortise

R. Barber	Mrs. M. Endicott
R. Brown	Miss G. Foxwell
P. Buckingham	E. H. Endicott
D. Cartwright	M. J. Foxwell
B. Chalklen	B. Harriss
D. Corke	P. J. Herman
P. Cragg	C. A. May
L. Dinneen	D. R. Norman
A. Donaldson	R. A. Norman
R. Edmonds	J. Stanbury
T. Jackson	F. Warburton
D. Lake	K. Webster
C. Morton	C. F. R. Wilson
M. Pizzey	
K. Wellden	

May We Introduce ?

- The 'Worthy' half of the Party - also known as
'Les Disrespectables.'
- Dick Barber - Halo-wearer in chief - uses Duraglit to polish it, so we are told, though it tends to become rather tarnished when in Gayworthia. Truly the answer to I.T.V's prayer, as he uses Omo for his surplices. We believe, however, that there is a very dark cassock beneath the whiteness.
- Peter Buckingham - He's a dark one, he is! Even asks sensible questions on occasions.
- Paul Cragg - Swims well and
(Censored - Ed.)
- Bernard Chalklen - (by Bernard Chalklen) He is the genius of the party, though only he is aware of the fact. His favourite hobby, topic of conversation and shining light is Bernard Chalklen.
(by A.N.Other) Thinks he was invited because the party needed someone with brains: really he is coming by arrangement between his form mates and the Staff of I.G.S., so that we can dispose of him somewhere in the lake - poor fish!
- David (Tub) Corke - Large, cheerful red-faced chap, about the best of Les Disrespectables. Has a very gnatty coiffe, but very little of any use underneath. It is rumoured that he intends to take over Harwell. Har well! We shall see.

- Tony Donaldson - A bright looking lad. He might even be said to look earnest had his parents not christened him Anthony.
- Bob (Flab) Edmonds - He is of a decidedly sporting nature (so he tells us). Is, as yet, undecided whether to shock Wimbledon by the courtness of his culottes or to treat Lords to a haircream shower on the not too infrequent occasions when he becomes so engrossed in the game that he forgets to score.
- Clive Morton - A keen photographer, if an unimaginative one. Is reputed to be the only member of the party who does not know a story about a commercial traveller. Says he's coming so that he can learn some French.
- Donald Lake - The 'baby' of the party. Has asked especially that Gillian shall tuck him up in bed each night. Maybe he's not so young after all!
- Trevor Jackson - Our Red Devil. Unfortunately we were unable to find anything printable concerning him. Maybe we can remedy this next time.
- Michael Pizzey - Spends much of his time trying to make new motorcycles out of old parts - or is it old ones out of new parts ?

Derek Cartwright - Another of our 'repeat performances'. He was with us last year and apparently came up to the required standard.

Kenneth Wellden - You can safely drown in the lake with Ken around. He is a strong swimmer and will willingly swim for help if you are in difficulties.

Which leaves us with only two Disrespectables, known as Les Voyageurs Aerodynamiques - Roger Brown and Laurance Dinneen. These two seem to have satisfied La Direction that they are sufficiently notorious to be included in the party (see Gayworthian Bylaw no.2, printed in the Gayworthian Travellers, 1957). Both these lads are aircraft fiends and having gained entrance to most of the airfields in England, are now transferring their attentions to Switzerland. Roger will no doubt utilise his other hobby, photography, and institute his usual racket of selling photos of Swiss aircraft to the other members of the fraternity.

and the 'Gay' half of the Party. - variously known, but unfortunately the typewriter would melt if asked to print any of the 'noms de plume'.

Gillian Foxwell - Less than half pint size, but "to know her is" etc.

Mary Endicott - came with us last year as Mary Thomas. Her hobbies include Brentford F.C., lac-dunking and keeping Ted's petty cash.

Ted Endicott - Refer Mary for biassed opinion.

- Jack Herman - Past tours have thrown much light on this pest, an inveterate gossip, trouble-maker, faux bon homme. Whoever asked him ?
- Mike Foxwell - Herman's henchman, known as 'Tatcho' (refer F.W.) and best known for having a jolly little sister.
- Ken Webster - A nice chap when he is away from Dean. Takes some of the best photographs on the tour.
- Cyril May - An ardent bird-watcher - now has a pair of binoculars. Will have no passport trouble unless deported.
- 'Les Normans' - Known by distinguishing marks - Spot and Plain. Derek is the popular brother - or is it Roy ? Beware you young Swiss misses.
- Bryan Harris - Avoid this character, or else you will be waiting on him, like a Jeeves.
- Colin Wilson - All females, whether hotel staff, chambermaids or what have you, are hereby warned against this Lothario.
- Frank Warburton - The 'grandfather' of the party. Renowned for his rendering of that traditional air 'Daniel'.
- John Stanbury - A newcomer, but likely to be as bad as the rest.

Also travelling are C.Smith and P.J.Tortise, neither of whom either deserves or gets any introduction. Should you be in difficulties when visiting Gayworthia you are strongly advised NOT to ask for help from either of these two.

Recommended Bibliography for Gayworthians.

My Friend Joe	by Frank Warburton
All this and Elspeth too.	by Colin Wilson.
Cakes and Cream	by Gill and Mary.
A comprehensive guide to the wines of Switzerland.	by Paul Cragg.
How to make yourself understood (price Fr.1.50, Cigars extra)	by C.Smith.
Get well quickly!	by P.J.Tortise.

Useful phrases for travellers in Gayworthia.

coup de grace	- a lawn mower
hors de combat	- a war horse
chercher la femme	- watch your step!
canne a peche	- a tin of peaches
pas de tout	- father of twins
chacun a son gout	- everyone suffers from sore feet
enfant terrible	- a young Gayworthian
creme de la creme	- the biggest clot of all
entente cordial	- a drink under canvas
entre nous	- we've arrived!
j'y suis, j'y reste	- I'm tired
laissez-faire	- Be off! Go away!
l'etat, c'est moi.	- I'm in a mess
mal de mer	- Mum's ill
pot-au-feu	- a fire bucket

HORAIRE - ORARIO UFFICIALE FAHRPLAN

Outwards.		Inwards.	
Miles			Miles
	dep. 1630	Victoria	arr. 1430
72	arr. 1812	Folkestone H.	dep. 1225
	dep. 1840	" "	arr. 1130
103	arr. 2010	Boulogne Mme.	dep. 1000
<u>Km.</u>	dep. 2047	" "	arr. 0915
232	dep. 0012	Laon	dep. 0545
740	arr. 0650	Bale	dep. 2315
0	dep. 1132	"	arr. 1237
85	arr. 1238	Biel	dep. 1123
	dep. 1253	"	arr. 1103
100	arr. 1318	La Neuveville	dep. 1041

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THE JOURNEY : LONDON - LA NEUVEVILLE.

Weather and British Railways permitting, we shall again be using the short Channel crossing from Folkestone to Boulogne. From Boulogne we shall travel in a French train direct to Bale, arriving in time for breakfast, to be taken in the "Bahnof Buffet". Thus refreshed on coffee, rolls and cherry jam, continue our journey on the Swiss railway to Biel where we change trains for La Neuveville, arriving in time for lunch.

On the return journey we shall leave La Neuveville in the morning, take lunch in Bale where we shall spend the rest of the day until departing on EB at 23.15.

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME.

- 22 Aug. Fri. Depart London (Victoria).
23 Aug. Sat. Arrive La Neuveville 1318.
24 Aug. Sun. Day of rest.
25 Aug. Mon. Excursion to Bern.
26 Aug. Tues. Free day.
27 Aug. Wed. Tour of the Jura.
28 Aug. Thur. Free day.
29 Aug. Fri. Trip to Morat (Murten).
30 Aug. Sat. Free day.
31 Aug. Sun. Second day of rest.
1 Sept. Mon. Biel and Macolin.
2 Sept. Tues. Free day.
3 Sept. Wed. Shopping spree to Neuchatel.
4 Sept. Thur. Depart La Neuveville A.M. Bale.
5 Sept. Fri. Arrive London (Victoria). Disperse
homewards.

LA NEUVEVILLE.

La Neuveville a toutes les qualités de la RIVIERA; le lac, la plage, la petite ville avec ses quais, ses établissements, et à l'arrière-plan, le vignoble, la forêt, la montagne.

La Neuveville est un centre touristique: Elle compte dans ses murs quelques monuments historiques intéressants comme

La Blanche Eglise, mentionnée déjà en 866; elle renferme des fresques du XIVe siècle.

Le Schlossberg: ancienne forteresse érigée en 1283, récemment restaurée, domine la cité.

Les Remparts, les Tours, les Rues donnent encore à la ville un cachet médiéval.

La Maison de Glérosso, la Maison de Berne, l'Hôtel de Ville, la Maison de la Confrérie des Vignerons sont les principaux monuments de la ville.

Le Musée (en voie d'aménagement) renferme les célèbres canons bourguignons dérobés à Charles le Téméraire lors de bataille de Morat en 1476.

Et pour vous rafraîchir, pour arroser le "tout", buvez un bon verre de "Neuveville".

EXCURSIONS.

Brief details of places to be visited are given below. Further information can be obtained from the pamphlets to which reference is made.

BERN. The Capital of Switzerland. A wide variety of attractions - The Parliament House, Bear Pit, P.T.T. Museum (stamp collection), The Bridges, Fountains, Zoological and Botanical Gardens. See Pamphlet 'Berne'.

La Neuveville	dep.	0914
Neuchatel	arr.	0935
"	dep.	1051
Bern	arr.	1136
"	dep.	1733
Biel	arr.	1803
"	dep.	1810
La Neuveville	arr.	1832.

JURA TOUR. By coach. La Neuveville - St. Imier - La Chaux-de-Fonds - Saut-de-Doubs - Les Brenets - Le Locle - La Chaux-de-Fonds - Vue-des-Alpes - Hauts-Genevey (Car lift to Tete-de-Ran (1425metres) - Neuchatel - Neuveville. See Pamphlet 'The Canton of Neuchatel'.

MORAT. Train from La Neuveville (dep.1230), arrive Neuchatel 1250. From Neuchatel, by steamer, leaving at 1330, to Morat, (arrive 1515). Return by rail, dep. Morat 1814, change at Ins (1830/1844), and Neuchatel (1856/1907), arriving La Neuveville 1929. See Pamphlet 'Lacs de Neuchatel et Morat.

BIEL & MACOLIN. An afternoon visit, leaving La Neuveville by the 1321 train, arriving at Biel 20 mins. later. Funicular cars run every 20 mins. to the top of Macolin (873 m) taking 9 mins. for the journey.

BALE. Places of interest include the Cathedral, Marketplatz and Rathaus, Rhine Ferry (free). There are 1000 stores, museums, art galleries and a zoo for those interested. See Pamphlet 'Basel'.

The actual days on which these outings will take place depend upon existing climatic conditions.

It is hoped to arrange a visit to a local winery during our stay in La Neuveville.

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INFORMATIONS DIVERS.

<u>Currency:</u>	12 Swiss Francs	=	£1.
	1 " " "	=	1s . 8d
	10 centimes	=	2d
	5 centimes	=	1d

<u>Swiss Coinage.</u>	Base Metal...	1,2,5,10,20 centimes.
	Silver ...	$\frac{1}{2}$, 1, 2, 5 francs.
	Notes	5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 500, 1000 francs.

Postal Rates to United Kingdom.

Postcards with messages of 5 words or less ... 10 cent
Postcards with more than 5 words25 cents
Letters 10 cent

Postal Rates From United Kingdom.

Postcards 4d. Letters6d.

Our address in Switzerland is:-

Hotel du Lac,
La Neuveville,
Lac de Biemmo,
Nouchatel,
Switzerland.

Correspondents should be advised not to despatch any mail from U.K. after Monday, Sept.1st. They should also be reminded of the above postal charges. Letters under-stamped are charged in Swiss currency.

Advertisements.

For Sale - cheap! Unused copy of 'Teach Yourself The Guitar'. First offer over 2d. secures. Apply Tony.

Large English Dictionary for sale. Present owner has no further use for it, having read it. Apply J.B.C.

One pair of unused wicket keeping gloves and once-used cricket bat. Offers to Bob Edmonds.

Urgently required on voyage! One set of hair curlers. Will exchange lock of hair for same. C.M.

Sales Service. Following the success of my Sachsen swindle, I offer my services as ferry-man again this year. Supply your own boats. No change given for notes. P.R.C.

Tell us the answers, Ed. Signed Supercilious.

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Dear Gayworthians,

We remain.

Yours truly,

Stuart, Mike & Hasle.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

We wish to thank all those who have helped in the production of this work of art, either by contributing articles and scandal, or by not so contributing.

As ever, we have received much valuable assistance in planning this expedition, and wish to place on record our very grateful thanks to all those who have made our visit possible.

We would like to mention in particular:

Mr.H.Ernst and Mr.A Stromminger of the Swiss National Tourist Office in London, and their Staff.

Herr Zumbach, chef de service commercial voyageurs, C.F.F., Berne, his assistants Herr Zweifel and Savary, and their colleagues.

Our hosts at La Neuveville, Fam. Haeffliger, and Mesdames Luthold, Frei, Fuhrer and Hofstetter.

Anyone else who may have been inadvertently omitted from this list.

La Direction.

