

Yorkshire girls historic trek film chosen for world television festival

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- Every Sunday 8 to 11 p.m. — The Swiss Catholic Youth Club — Social at Westminster Ball Room, 30 Strutton Ground, S.W.1.
- Every Thursday, from 6 to 7.30 p.m. — Discussion Circle in English — Young men specially invited. Tea from 6 to 6.15 p.m. Swiss Y.M.C.A., London Central Y.M.C.A. Building, Great Russell Street, W.C.1.
- Every Thursday from 7.30 p.m. to 10 p.m. — Unione Ticinese — meets at the Swiss Hostel for Girls, 9 Belsize Grove, N.W.3. All Ticinesi welcome. The "Corale" rehearses from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Every 1st Tuesday at 7.30 p.m. — Swiss Get-Together at 2 Sussex Place, Widcombe, Bath.
- Every 1st Wednesday in the month — Secours Mutuels des Suisses à Londres — meeting at Swiss House, 35 Fitzroy Square, W.1, at 7 p.m.
- Every last Thursday of the Month — Swiss Club Manchester — Ordinary Monthly Meeting from 6 p.m. at the Midland Hotel, Manchester.
PLEASE NOTE: No Meeting in December.
- Friday, 22nd November, at 6.30 for 7.30 p.m. — Swiss Rifle Association — ANNUAL DINNER — Glendower Hotel, S.W.7.
- Tuesday, 26th November, 7 p.m. — Anglo-Swiss Society — ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, followed by Fondue Bourguignonne Party — Montana Hotel, S.W.7.
- Wednesday, 27th November — Swiss Economic Council — AUTUMN MEETING and DINNER — Dorchester Hotel, W.1.
- Wednesday, 4th December, 7 p.m. — Swiss Mercantile Society — MONTHLY MEETING — Swiss House, 34/35 Fitzroy Square, W.1.
- Monday, 9th December, 7.30 p.m. — Ernest Ansermet — LECTURE "Problems of Music" — Royal Institution of Great Britain (see notice).
- Wednesday, 11th December — City Swiss Club — CHRISTMAS DINNER — Dorchester Hotel, W.1.
- Wednesday, 11th December, 7.30 p.m. — Ernest Ansermet — LECTURE "The Stravinsky Case" — Royal Institution of Great Britain (see notice).
- Thursday, 12th December, 6.30 for 7.15 p.m. — Cercle Genevois — DINNER D'ESCALADE — Glendower Hotel, S.W.7 (see notice).
- Friday, 13th December — "Schweizerbund" Swiss Club — CHRISTMAS DINNER — Montana Hotel, 67 Gloucester Road, S.W.7.
- Tuesday, 17th December — Nouvelle Société Helvétique — PRE-CHRISTMAS FAMILY EVENING — Swiss Hostel for Girls, N.W.3.
- Saturday, 25th January — Swiss Mercantile Society — ANNUAL BANQUET AND BALL — Dorchester Hotel, W.1.

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YORKSHIRE GIRL'S HISTORIC TRECK FILM CHOSEN FOR WORLD TELEVISION FESTIVAL

Swiss TV's story of a century-old Alpine adventure has English cast

A party of English tourists puffing their way across the Alps in travelling costumes of a century ago . . . that is the theme of the Swiss contribution to the Festival of World Television, which opens in London later this month.

The programme, called "Miss Jemima Entdeckt die Schweiz" (Miss Jemima Discovers Switzerland), tells the story of the first-ever conducted tour of Switzerland, organised by an up-and-coming excursionist named Thomas Cook just a hundred years ago.

It is an authentic reconstruction of what Alpine travelling was like in the middle of the 19th century.

The Swiss camera and sound teams went everywhere with the party — climbing a mountainside on horseback, jolting along a railway on an open carriage and smothered in smoke and soot from an ancient locomotive, dragging their equipment over 20-foot-high drifts of snow that blocked the 7,000-ft Gemmi Pass, and sailing high over the Swiss capital of Berne in a wicker basket attached to an erratic gas-filled balloon.

They shared all the hardships and discomforts that the "Victorian" travellers had to face. But they also shared in the tumultuous receptions which greeted the party at various points along the route, with villages festooned with thousands of union jacks and entire populations turning out to welcome them.

They ended the tour with some remarkable film re-creating the true flavour of an event that was to start the fashion of conducted tours and lead to a revolution in European holiday habits.

The programme has already been seen on Swiss television and critics there have praised the performance of Janet Edwards of London who played the title role of Miss Jemima — Jemima Morrell, the Yorkshire girl who left behind the only account of that historic tour of 1863.

The parts of other members of the party were all taken by English artists.

The Festival of World Television, organised to present a selection of the best TV programmes from all parts of the world, opens on 26th November.

The Swiss entry, chosen by a selection committee which included representatives of the BBC and ITV, will be shown on Tuesday, 3rd December.

(*Helvetic News Service.*)