

Letter from Edmond Hodges – relates to the photos of the Swiss Trip

Hi Scotty

Here with a few pictures in case they are of interest.

The Barton St Mary picture is from an old Studio Magazine volume [in “Exile”]

Strangely I do not remember the walls being plastered.

But I do remember the terrace gardens and the fields below sloping down to the Railway line to Lewes. Brother Nicholas watched us from his room on the corner as we played in the grounds.

From the road we entered by the imposing Gatehouse and then followed a lengthy Drive bordered by Rhododendrons to get to the house, where we entered by the Servant's quarters.

I have not found a plan of the upstairs, where we slept about six to a room and we had the use of two bathrooms - one of them with a sunken bath!

In the 1947 Swiss trip group photo, I can only give a few names, where there are a few other Clapham pictures:

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On the left is Anthony Bleach. 4th from left is John Gosling and behind him Bob Collins in sunglasses. .Also at the back possibly Colin Grove. 6th from left myself, then 9th from left one of the Lawrence brothers.

On the far right is Michael Hadida then Mick Mayhew, with John Halls behind and Ray Barry next at back with Peter Hughes in front of him.

The other Lawrence brother is hatless between two caps in the front.

Unable to name anyone in the Cable Car photo

Best wishes

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