

Our Chalet

At the time we were keen on windsurfing, and had had holidays beside lakes in France. It seemed to us to be sensible to buy a property in France near to a lake where we could windsurf. That summer, driving our caravan to Neuchatel to visit our daughter Carol, we had unsuccessfully continued our search. But after arriving beside the Lake of Neuchatel in Switzerland, I remarked 'Why are we looking for a lake?'

When we mentioned the possibility of buying a small cabin there, Carol suggested pooling our resources to buy something more substantial, since she would like to have a place to lodge her visitors; she mentioned 'Cudrefin', saying that it was a village on the lake with a beach. We spent some time that summer looking, but did not find a suitable property. The following spring, Carol advertised in the local press, and received a reply from Hermann Woodtli, saying that he wanted to sell a sizeable chalet in Cudrefin, at a price larger than we had budgeted for. We flew out, and were introduced to Richard, an American with whom Carol did parapenting; he was prepared to contribute a third portion of the cost, to give him a holiday home.

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