

INTRODUCTION TO MISSION

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Welcome to Mission ! This peaceful village, with its beautiful group of houses with larch shingle roof tops, has kept its old charm. According to the Siegfried map of 1892, Mission has hardly changed in size.

Until the 1950s, the inhabitants lived exclusively on livestock and agriculture, moving several times a year at the end of the seasons, according to the work to be done, between the mountain and the valley of the Rhone. If, previously, agriculture and livestock were the only economic engines of the town, today no one works full-time in these areas anymore.

The village has a few companies working in construction and a number of craftsmen. The community stable, that was built in 1976, located below the village is still very active. Today, Mission remains extremely dynamic with no less than six associations for a population of eighty people. In addition, many people from the village, who are residents elsewhere also are actively involved in the life of the associations : the “ Société du village “ dates from 1926 and manages various properties, including the chapel and the bread oven ; the Cible

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of Mission (shooting range) dates back to 1784 ; the Mission Football Club, founded in 1914, can be considered the ancestor of the Anniviers Football Club (FC Anniviers) ; the ski club “L'Avenir”, created in 1937 and involved in the development of the valley rescue columns, organizes different activities today for its members ; the “ Association des amis de Cholaïc “ manages the space for exhibitions in the café-restaurant ; the “ Société des Fifres & Tambours “, created in 1950, hosts several events.

The “ Société des Fifres & Tambours “ called “ La Madeleine ” was founded by young people who were already playing some of these instruments and wanted to participate in local events. A sober, simple uniform was chosen for the musicians, intended to bring to mind old work clothes. It is said that the first fife and drum players in Anniviers were inhabitants of Mission...

We wish you a nice walk discovering Mission.