



History of Etoy

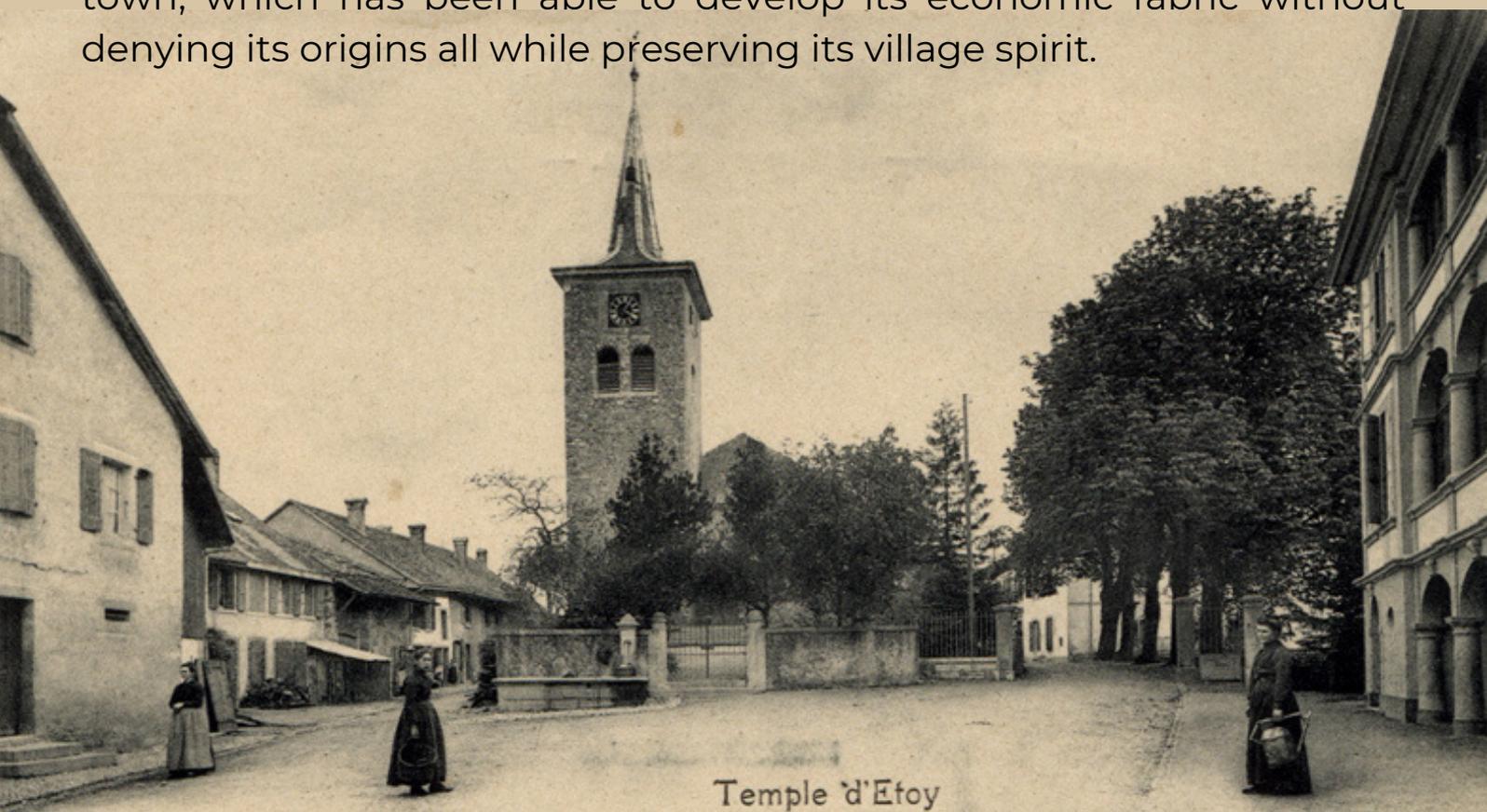
Although somewhat uncertain, the origins of Etoy seem to date back to the 12th century. Its name is associated with Ulric de Stuie (Estuey - Etoy), who was prior of the house of Etoy. The village was therefore originally a priory belonging to the Congregation of the Great St-Bernard.

The coat of arms of the commune contains the arms of Bourg-Saint-Pierre: golden keys on an blue background.

In the 15th century, the parish had about 140 inhabitants. This number rose to 322 in 1803 and then to 738 in 1916. Since then, the population has grown steadily and now numbers almost 3,000 people representing 47 nationalities.

At the time of its creation, most of the territory of Etoy consisted of vast pastures. The monks then introduced vines. The great amount of water in the subsoil has allowed tree cultivation to flourish over time. Nowadays, this cultivation extends over nearly 110 hectares with an average annual harvest of more than 3,500 tons of fruit, corresponding to ~2% of Swiss production.

At the beginning of the 21st century, Etoy is a modern and dynamic town, which has been able to develop its economic fabric without denying its origins all while preserving its village spirit.



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Etoy, a town where life is good

Promoted as a centre of economic interest for the Vaud Canton, the industrial zone of Etoy became "Littoral Parc" in 1996 to transform it into an industrial, craft and commercial zone. The "Littoral Parc" offers a very wide range of shops, businesses, cafes, restaurants and activities.

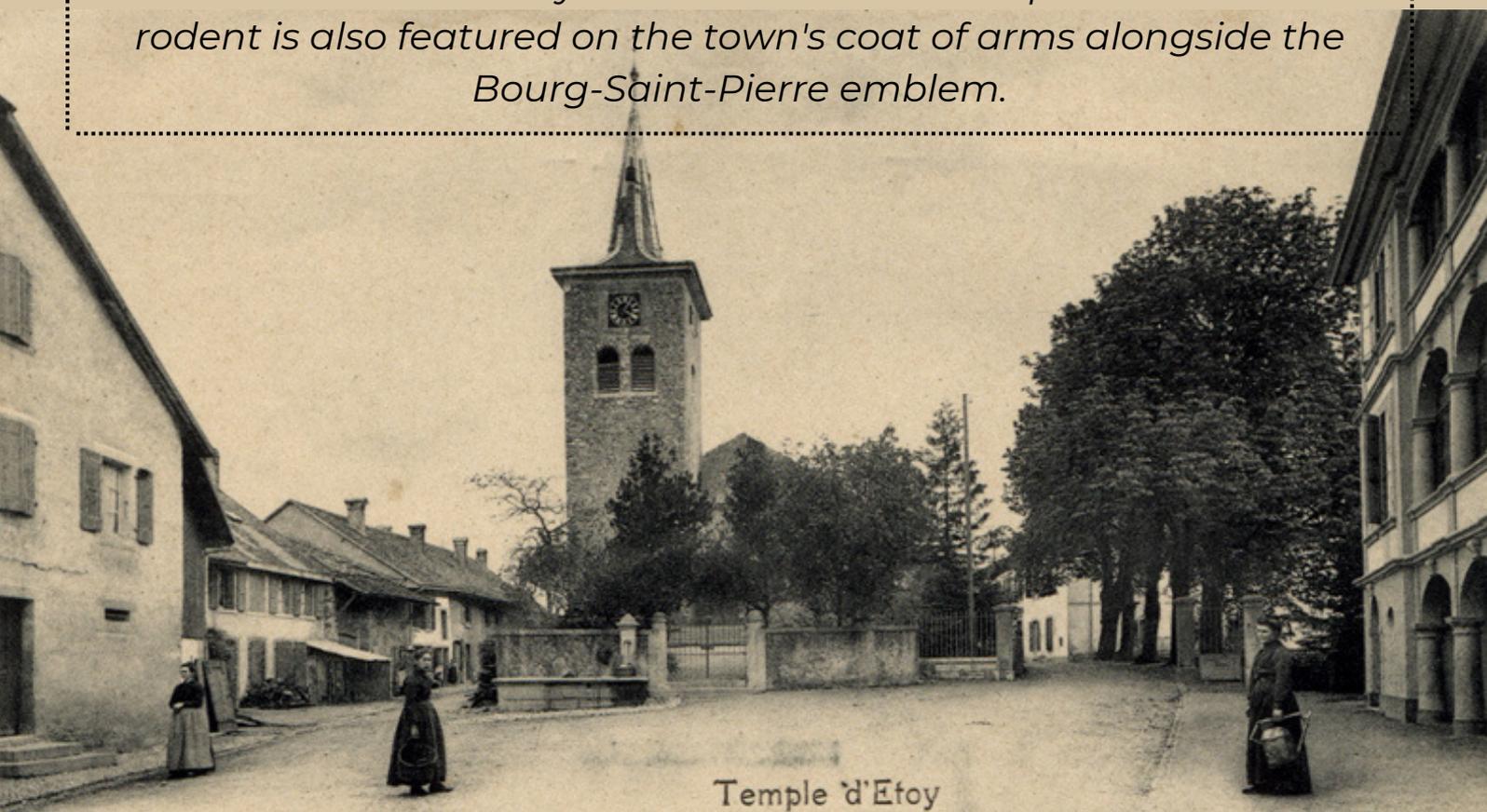
Etoy can therefore claim to be a regional centre, responding to the needs and desires of everyone. 150 companies and businesses are present in this sector, which has become one of the most dynamic in the region.

But this has not taken away its soul or its life in the heart of the village, since agriculture, wine-growing and arboriculture are still very present. Etoy has a dozen winegrowers who cultivate 51 hectares and produce nearly 500,000 bottles each year.

The regional and local population appreciates this diversity and proximity which contributes to its quality of life.

Did you know ?

The inhabitants of Etoy are called Etierruz or Squirrels. This little rodent is also featured on the town's coat of arms alongside the Bourg-Saint-Pierre emblem.



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Cultural, artistic and sportive life

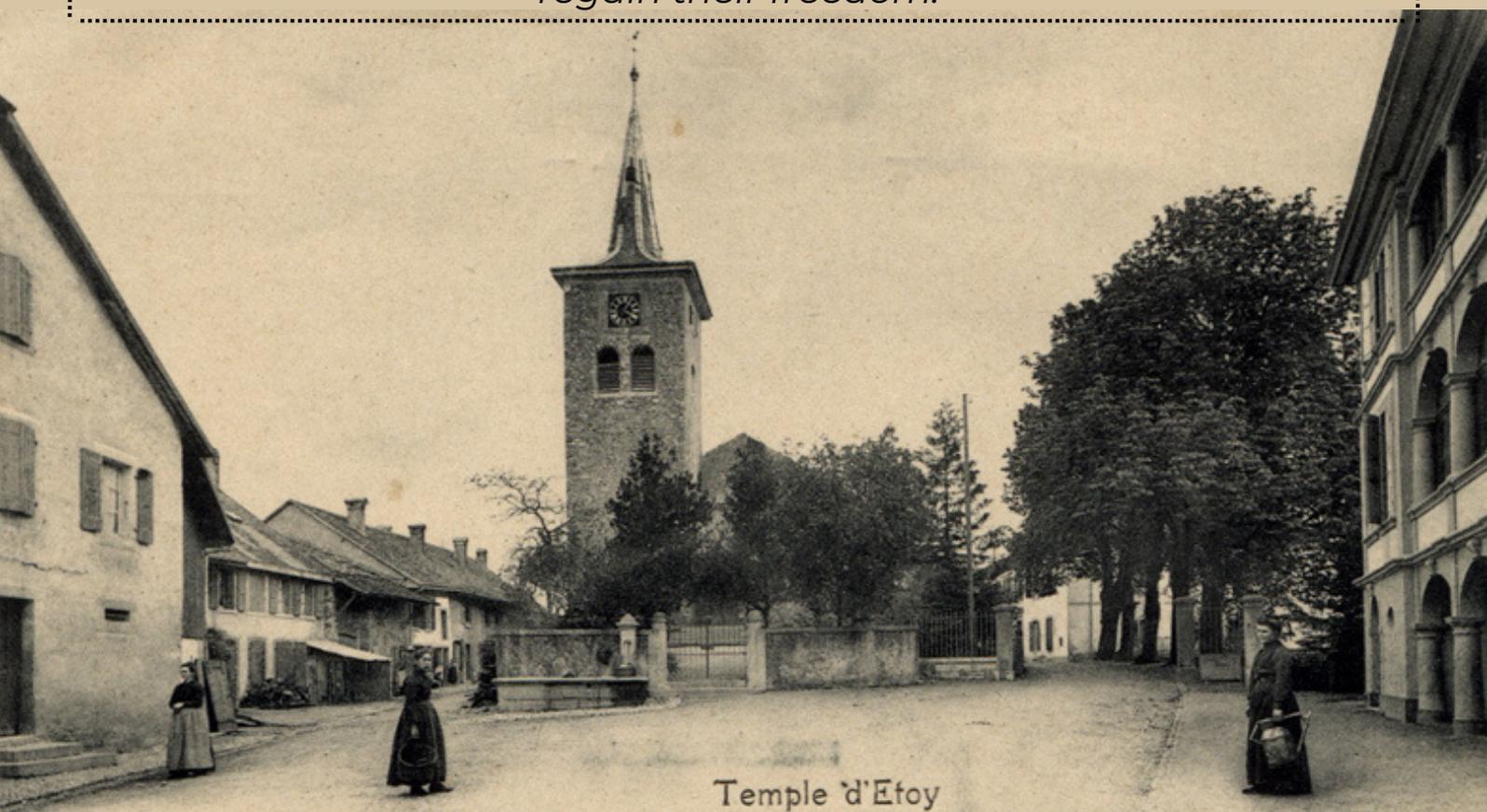
In Etoy, music is an integral part of life. In 1947, the municipal brass band was founded. Today, it has about thirty musicians, who regularly perform.

In 2017, Etoy broadened its cultural dimension with the creation of the Ateliers de la Côte, which bring together some seventy artists and craftsmen from all walks of life. It is also a place for events and shows, a permanent gallery open six days a week and a craft market where customers can find beautiful objects and original gifts.

In Etoy, sport is not to be forgotten! The town has numerous sports facilities, such as a skatepark and street-workout facilities. The municipality even has an indoor swimming pool, open to the public on Sundays.

Did you know ?

The Vaux-Lierre is a care centre for injured wild birds. Every year, it receives more than 1,200 birds, which receive all the care they need to regain their freedom.



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