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## SOCIETY DIARY.

### BRANCH MEETINGS.

#### BRISTOL AND BATH.

Branch organiser:- Dr J Henderson. School of Engineering. Univ of Bath. Claverton Down. Bath. BA2 7AY.

#### LONDON.

Branch organiser:- A. J. Pike. (Society Chairman.)

3 Feb. Video Evening. Professional films of the Brünig and Brienz-Rothorn

2 Mar. Swiss railway modelling. Alan Blackburn.

6 Apr. By popular request, Richard Pinner will give another of his talks on walking and getting a different view of the railways.

4 May. Brian Bareham and Colin Buckland will keep us up to date with their latest video.

1 Jun. Bahn 2000. We hope to get a speaker from Swiss Federal Railways.

6 Jul. Neil Wheelwright will present an illustrated talk on Basels railways and tramways.

7 Sep. Giles Della Gana will tell us more about the shipping services run in connection with the Swiss railways.

5 Oct. or 2 Nov. We hope to get a speaker from Sulzers.

7 Dec. Our annual mind-bending quiz and possibly some junketting.

Any suggestions for future programmes and offers to give talks would be welcomed by the Chairman. Address above.

**Venue:** Model Railway Club Headquarters. Keen House. 4 Calshot Street. (off Pentonville Road, near Kings Cross station.) Ring bottom bell if the doors are closed. Meeting starts at 19.00 hrs.

#### **MANCHESTER.**

Branch organiser:- Dave Howsam. (Membership Sec;)

3 Feb. Video presentation. Probably swiss standard gauge.

2 Mar. RhB Slide presentation. Bring a set of slides to illustrate some aspect of the RhB.

6 Apr. Amateurs view of Switzerland. John Wholey's novices view.

4 May. Members slide competition. 10 slides on a theme.

1 Jun. A days journey. Several one day journeys in Switzerland.

6 Jul. Video Presentation. Probably a narrow gauge theme.

3 Aug. Transport Links. Air,rail,road and lake and their integration.

6 Sep. Members Slides. All the people who have not had a chance to show their latest slides.

5 Oct. Quiz Night. Will Charlie ever run out of questions?

2 Nov. Less Well Known Locations. Away from the usual haunts.

**Venue:** British Rail Staff Association. Piccadilly Station. Manchester.

Meeting start at 1930 hrs. 21.15 onwards is chat time. All Visiting members are requested to confirm with Dave Howsam that no late change of programme has taken place.

#### **NORTH EAST.**

Branch organiser:- Ernie Brack. 10 Tern Close. South Beach. Blyth. Northumberland. Tel; Blyth 361172 or via Dave Ford. Tel; Blyth 369060

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at the above address.

Please telephone to confirm times. The branch is currently constructing a Swiss "HO" layout - "Isenthal".

#### **SCOTLAND.**

Branch organiser:- Peter Rigby. 28 Mannerston. Linlithgow. West Lothian. EH49 7ND Tel; 050683 4310

For details of latest meetings please send an sae or telephone Peter Rigby.

#### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.**

As mentioned in previous Journal, the Society's Spring Meet /A.G.M. will be held at the University of Bristol Conference Suite (corner of University Rd & Queens Rd. Clifton) on March 12th. The Suite is located in the one of the City's main shopping areas and has a direct mini-bus link with Temple Meads Station.

An exhibition (model railway, photographic items, trade stands etc.) will be open to members and non-members between 12.00 and 17.00. except during the proceedings of the A.G.M. which will start at 15.00. A private bar will be available. It is hoped that this choice of location will attract members who have been unable to reach previous Society events.

The event will be followed by a Dinner at 19.30 at the same location. The menu will consist of \* Cream of Watercress Soup \* Steak Chasseur \* Fresh Vegetables \* Profiteroles with Chocolate Sauce \* Coffee & Mints \* at a cost of 10.75. Will those members and their families wishing to attend the dinner, please advise Peter Over, 94 Maple Road, Bristol BS7 8RG, together with a cheque for the appropriate amount made payable to 'Swiss Railways Society', by Friday 19 Feb. at the latest.

Some visitors will probably take the opportunity to make a weekend of it and there are several Hotels within 5-15 mins. walk. The nearest is Hawthorns Hotel, Woodland Road (0272-738432) who are offering a rate of 22 p/person B & B (2 supplement for full English Breakfast). St Paul's Road (10 mins.) has several good quality smaller hotels - Clifton (736882), Washington (733980), Seeley's (738544). For those seeking a rail-connected Weekend break, Unicorn (230333) is situated on Narrow Quay (15 mins) overlooking Harbour. Further info. can be obtained from City Tourist Centre (293891).