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SOCIETY DIARY

BRANCH MEETINGS 1990/1

BRISTOL AND BATH

Branch Organiser: Dr.J.Henderson, School of Mechanical Engineering,
University of Bath Claverton Down, Bath BA2 7AY

Venue: Room 2E-3.1. School of Electrical Engineering. 1930 hrs.

Meeting night, 2nd Friday in month

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| 7 December | Slide Shows
Railways in E.Germany, Summer 1990 - Peter Over
Essentially European - Robert Smart |
| 18 January | Slide Show: Autumn in Switzerland - Roger Payne |
| 15 February | Slide Show: The SRS 10th Anniversary Tour - Alan Pike |
| 15 March | Slide Show: Sun and Snow - and odd trains -
in the Bernese Oberland Chris & Martin Evans |
| 19 April | Videos: Standard Gauge Private Railways in Switzerland
Railways in North East Switzerland - Stephen Painter |
| 3 to 6 May | Bristol Model Railway Exhibition, including <i>Via Mala</i> and
Society stand - <u>helpers needed!</u> |
| 10 May | Slide Show: Kleine Scheidegg, March 1990 - some snow
Video: Alpine holiday based on Kandersteg - Donald Fry |

CUMBRIA

Branch Organiser: Stephen Greenfield, tel: 0524-64493 (9-5) 0539-725494
(evening)

Meetings in Kendal/Ulverston

December 1990, February & April 1991.

Contact organiser for venue and details

EAST MIDLANDS

Branch Organiser: Glyn Jones, 13,Welland Close, Dalebrook, Winshil, Burton
on Trent. DE15 0AG tel: 0283 67983

Venue: Brunswick Inn, Railway Terrace, Derby. (Almost opposite Derby
Station) 1930 hrs.

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| 31 January | Jungfrau Region (Part 2) WAB,JB,BLM - John McCann |
| 28 March | More Obscure Austrian Railways - Rob Morrey |
| 30 May | TBA |
| 25 July | Swiss Railway Videos, courtesy Rand Video |

LONDON

Branch Organiser: A.J.Pike (Society Chairman)

Venue: Model Railway Club HQ, Keen House, 4,Calshot Street (Off Pentonville
Road, Nr. King's Cross station)

Meeting starts at 19:00 hrs on *second* Wednesday in month from Jan 1991.
Please ring bottom bell if doors closed.

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| 5 December | Christmas Quiz. Cake and soft drinks FREE
but you have to try to answer the questions first. |
| 9 January | Transport of the Four Founding Cantons - Member's Slides |
| 13 February | MOROP 89 - Geoff Dunster |
| 13 March | 10th Anniversary Tour - Alan Pike |
| 10 April | Branch AGM and supporting slide show |
| 15 May | 700 Years of Switzerland - Talk |
| 12 June | North Western Switzerland- Member's slides |

Please note change of meeting date to *second* Wednesday in month from January
Phone enquiries to Giles Della Gana tel: 081-204 4589 after 8pm please.

MANCHESTER

Venue British Rail Staff Association, Store Street (under Picadilly Station)
Manchester

Meetings start at 19:30 hrs, first Wednesday in month. Slides begin at 20:00
hrs prompt, 21:15 hrs onwards is chat time.

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| 5th December | Christmas in the Jungfrau by Chris Knight.
Seasonal scenes from Chris. |
| 2 January | Vintage Swiss - John Stein : Slides from the '70s |
| 6 February | Slide Competition - Members slides : Ten slides on a theme |
| 6 March | Bernese Oberland - Willie McKnight : Illustrated talk |
| 3 April | Favourite lines - Member's slides - Mini-illustrated talks |
| 1 May | Phil's travels - Phil Donbavand : Slides and talk |
| 5 June | Worth a Visit - Member's slides
Places to include in your itinerary |

NORTH EAST ENGLAND

Branch Organiser: Ernie Brack, 10, Tern Close, South Beach, Blyth,
Northumberland tel: 0670 361172 or via Dave Ford tel: 0670 369060

Venue: 10, Tern Close, South Beach. Officially, first Wednesday of each
month; in practice every Wednesday evening

SCOTLAND

Branch Organiser: William McKnight, 4D Scott House, Hume Road, Seafar,
Cumbernauld. G67 1AR tel: 0236 729499

Venue: Conference Room, 'A', 8th Floor, Scotrail House, 58, Portdundas Road,
Glasgow. Meetings start at 1930 hrs.

Please contact organiser for details of meetings

***** Query Corner

Answer Q1 : Semaphore Signal at Interlaken Ost

Regarding my own query, the SBB has kindly provided the answer. This type of
signal was never used by the SBB and the particular example was a gift from
the DB to the Jungfraubahnen!

J.E.Daboo

While I have not seen the signal, it sounds like a Bavarian *Rhue* signal.

These were introduced in 1893 and the last working examples were at
Freilassing ca 1977. They have three aspects:

- 1 Line clear for train to depart. Green light, arm inclined upwards at 45°
- 2 Train stop and shunting signal. Red light, arm horizontal
- 3 Line clear for shunting (*Rhue* position). Blue light, arm inclined
vertically downwards

The signals were only used as starting signals, not home signals.

Originally the arms were of red lattice construction with a white band along
the middle of the arm (similar to the Austrian flag).

Latterly the arms were pressed from sheet metal and were white with a red
border. The signals generally had a red RU plate on the post.

Peter G.Binnersley