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# SOCIETY DIARY

## BRANCH MEETINGS:

### LONDON:

Branch organiser:— A.J. Pike, (Society Chairman).

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

**Venue:** Model Railway Headquarters, Keen House, 4 Calshot Street, (off Pentonville Road near Kings Cross Station). Ring bottom bell if doors closed.

Meeting starts at 19.00 hours.

7 December Our annual mind bending quiz and possibly some junketting.

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4 January The Ticino - Members slides.

1 February Railways of the Valais - by Alan Pike.

1 March Trains in the Snow - members slides.

5 April Branch A.G.M. and Slides of Jungfrau region - P. Russenburger.

**BRISTOL AND BATH:**

Branch organiser:— Dr. J. Henderson, School of Electrical Engineering, University of Bath, Claverton Down, Bath BA2 7AY.

*Venue:* 19.30 hours Room 2E - 3.1, School of Electrical Engineering.

20 January Steam Day, Rail-in 88 - James Henderson.

24 February Railways of North East Switzerland - Roger Payne.

21 April Video RhB, including cab ride - Alan Heyworth.

**MANCHESTER:**

Branch organiser:— Dave Howsam, (Membership Secretary), Telephone: 061 748 7850

*Venue:* British Rail Staff Association, Store Street, (under Piccadilly Station), Manchester.

Meeting starts at 19.30 hours, (Slides begin at 20.00 hours prompt), 21.15 hours onwards is chat time.

Visiting members are requested to confirm the programme with Dave Howsam to ensure that there has been no late change.

7 December 1989 Switzerland in Snow. Seasonal view of SBB and Private lines.

4 January Vintage Swiss - John Stein.

1 February The RhB - Four aspects of the RhB illustrated.

1 March Scenic Switzerland - Chris Knight.

5 April Members Slide Competition - Bring 10 slides on a theme. Originality and everything else counts far more than photographic quality.

3 May The M.O.B. - Charlie Hulme's interpretation of his favourite Railway.

7 June Accent on Modelling. Models, discussions, swaps and sales etc.

5 July Travel Guide - Members illustrate places that are a must for a visit.

2 August On the Narrow Gauge. Members slides on NON RhB and MOB systems.

6 September Beyond the boundaries - Trains and tracks into Switzerland.

4 October Quiz Night - Can Charlie surpass his 1988 quiz?

1 November Swiss Standard Gauge - Members illustrated talk on their favourite line.

6 December Climbing by Rail and Cable - Reaching the heights for Xmas.

**NORTH EAST:**

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 Tuesday of each month. In practice, every Tuesday evening.

Meetings. Members assisting with construction of the Swiss model layout. Which will be on display at the Dolphin Centre in Darlington on December 3rd and 4th.

**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 19.30 hours.

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8 February B.L.S. Evening.

## MARTIGNY – CHARTELARD

As a result of the article in the SWISS EXPRESS Vol. 2, No. 3, the director of the railway has written to say thank you and that they expect to introduce the "Metro des Alpes" next year with trains direct from Martigny and Chamonix. Not only in the interest of tourism but with improvement of connections, between Geneva Eaux-Vives and St. Gervais-les-Baines, the east west crossing of the Alps.

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**Front Cover:**

*G.T.B. Locomotive No. 3 at Interlaken Ost.*

*B.L.S. 75 Year Anniversary Celebrations.*

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