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## SOCIETY DIARY

### BRANCH MEETINGS:

#### BRISTOL AND BATH

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

**Venue:** No information received. Please contact the organiser direct.

#### 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 19.30 hours.

6 April 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 June Bahn 2000. We hope to get a speaker from the SBB.

6 July Neil Wheelwright will present an illustrated talk on Basle Railways and tramways.

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

5 October or 2 November. We hope to get a speaker from Sulzers.

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

## MANCHESTER

Branch organiser:— Dave Howsam, (Membership Secretary).

*Venue:* British Rail Staff Association, Picadilly Station, Manchester.

Meetings start 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.

6 April	Amateurs view of Switzerland. John Woley's "novices" theme.
4 May	Membership slide competition. 10 slides on a theme.
1 June	A days journey. Several one day journeys in Switzerland.
6 July	Viewo presentation. Probably a narrow gauge theme.
3 August	Transport links. Air, Rail, Road and Lake and their integration.
6 September	Members slides. All the people who have not had a chance to show their latest slides.
5 October	Quiz night. Will Charlie ever run out of questions?
2 November	Less well known locations. Away from the usual haunts.

## NORTH EAST

Branch organiser:— Ernie Brack, 10 Tern Close, South Beach, Blyth, Northumberland. Telephone: Blyth 361172 or via Dave Ford, Telephone: Blyth 369060.

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

Plans are being drawn up to build a new "HO" layout, probably a small through station, to replace "Isenthal" after OMEX at Washington (County Durham) in March.

## SCOTLAND

Branch organiser:— William McKnight, 4D Scott House, Hume Road, Seafar, Cumbernauld G67 1AR. Telephone (0236) 729499.

*Venue:* No information received. Please contact the organiser direct on above number or send an SAE for details of latest meetings.

### Society A.G.M. and Spring Meet:

*Venue:*— University of Bristol Conference Suite. Corner of University Road and Queens Road, Clifton, March 12th, 12.00 to 17.00 hours. There is a direct bus link with BR Temple Meads. Dinner is at 19.30 hours in the same location.

# EXPRESS POST

The "HO" layout Isenthal appeared at the Newcastle show, where we managed to sign up a couple of new members. Although not all the members in the North East are able to attend meetings in Blyth, we have been able to make contact with members throughout the region. The 'Swiss Section' also manage to operate various 'alien' layouts (G.W.R. U.S.A. and Scotrail) at shows throughout the North East. If anybody is visiting a North Eastern show spots a layout being operated by the Blyth 61172 Association, please introduce yourselves as either Dave Ford or I should be in attendance. Ernie Brack, 10 Tern Close, South Beach, Blyth, Northumberland.

Mr P.F. Savery. (Mem No OG69) of 10 Nerine Street, Kingston, Queensland. 4114. Australia would like to hear from any members from within Australia and New Zealand who would be interested in forming a group. Clubnight visits would be optional!

Mr D. Elliott of 3125 Qu'appelle St, Victoria, British Columbia. V9A 1V5 Canada, would like to know if anybody has photos etc of the town behind the FO/RhB station at Disentis, including the Benedictine Monastery. These are required to create the background to the "H0m" scale layout of that town.

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