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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 19.00 hours.

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 possibly some junketting.

MANCHESTER

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

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

Meetings start at 19.30 hours, (Slides being 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.

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| 1 June | A days journey. Several one day journeys in Switzerland. |
| 6 July | Video presentation. Probably a narrow gauge theme. |
| 3 August | Transport links. Air, Rail, Road and Laken 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. |
| 7 December | Switzerland in snow. Seasonal view of SBB and Private lines. |

NORTH EAST

Branch organiser:— Ernie Brack, 10 Tern Close, South Beach, Blyth, Northumberland. Telephone: 0670 361172 or via Dave Ford, Telephone: 0670 369060.

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

SCOTLAND

Branch organisers:— 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.

EXPRESS POST

William Tell Express

The above 1st Class only express service will run for the 1988 summer season, between May 29th and October 23rd. A supplement fare if payable for holders of the 1st Class Swiss Holiday Pass for seating (SFr39), and also if you wish to sit in the dome car on the train (SFr19). The journey is from Luzern to Lugano/Locarno or return and takes approximately 6 hours. A typical Swiss 3 course meal on the lake paddle steamer is included in the price. Full booking details are shown in the brochure. RV TV has been requested to make an official video of the journey. (Will any member taking this trip consider sending the SE an article and b/w (if possible) photos? Ed.).

Swiss Hotel Guide

A new hotel guide has been published which lists 161 hotels in the group called Einfach and Gemütlich. (Simple and Friendly). The average price of a room in the hotels listed is under SFr40 per night for bed and breakfast. Onward booking within the group is arranged by the hotel and is included in the cost. Full details from your travel agent or the SNT0. (Sounds ideal for the railway enthusiast who has an identity crisis and walks!! Ed.). S.N.T.O. London.

European Model Railway Festival

A Model Railway Festival is being organised by the SNCF Society on Saturday 3rd September 1988, from 10.00 hours to 17.00 hours. The venue is the British Rail Engineering Conference and Exhibition Centre in the Derby Carriage Works. There will be working layouts, static displays, trade stands, videos and films to mention just a few. Further information from R. Pooley on 0332 841652, B. Thursfield on 0782 638225, A. Hart on 0604 810045. SNCF Society.

German Railway Society

The GRS are holding an exhibition called Poole Expo 88 at the Poole Arts Centre for the whole day on June 18th. Mike Poleglaze is taking part of his new layout along as a representative of the SRS. For more details contact J. Sharp of the GRS on 01 274 2957.

Information request

Can anybody supply information on either the equipment used or the history of the StSS (Strassenbahn Schaffhausen - Schleithelm) please. What happened between its opening in August 1905 and its closure in October 1964?

Please contact:— Mr. B.L. Hoddinott, 5 Reservoir Road, Southgate, London N14 4BN.

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