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MAILBAG

Filisur

When Barry Kelsall's *Filisur* was exhibited at Wigan in 1987, a fellow SRS member advised us he had access to official rostering diagrams of the RhB. We expressed great interest in these and in response he told us that he would offer information to the then editor of *Swiss Express*. We have seen nothing since and do not know whom the member is.

Although the diagrams offered in 1987 would obviously be out of date, we would be most interested to see any rostering details that may be available. Could the member concerned, or anyone else with the information, please make these available through *Swiss Express*.

B.J.Haste
Folkestone

Snow

We spent two weeks in Switzerland at the end of November 1990 and were staying near the Bodensee. Halfway through we decided on a round trip:

Through train Schaffhausen-Chur

Stopping train to Disentis.

Disentis to Andermatt-Goschenen

Through train to Schaffhausen

Local train back down towards Stockhorn

All started well, we had morning coffee and cakes at Chur. Then the snow started - and got worse. There had been overnight snow at Disentis, about 3 to 4 inches everywhere. Our luck had now definitely changed, the tea rooms at Disentis were on "rest day", railway staff only! We consumed a flask of soup taken as reserve.

A gentle snowstorm continued for the rest of the journey. At Andermatt there was a notice advising us of work on the line to Goschenen. A postbus was running, complete with FO guard. We achieved the journey by road to Goschenen in 13 minutes - very frightening. We then waded through 6 inches of snow to the platform. Amazingly, all the trains were running on time.

Fortunately the coffee trolley arrived fairly soon. The day finished on the local train from Schaffhausen with lighting in only three of the 6 coaches - the first class was in almost complete darkness. The effect of the sparks from the pantographs in these conditions was quite good.

By the next morning we were surrounded by two inches of snow. This was in an area from Schaffhausen/Kreizlingen right through to Winterthur and out to Lucerne and beyond Zurich to Baden and Brugg. Fortunately we were equipped with warm clothes and it was pleasant to see everything coated with snow.

The road clearance was instant, the pavements were quickly cleared as well. However the snow lay in the fields for most of the second week. It was certainly different, I was not expecting snow in the Zurich area in November.

David Stephens
Wells

AGM : FINAL REMINDER

The all-important AGM will take place on Saturday 16 March at the Royal York Hotel, York at 15:00 hours, the exhibition and meet commencing at 11:30 and continuing until 15:30. We regret that all places at the dinner have been taken, but bring & buy items are accepted on the day of the AGM. See page 37 December issue for full details.