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FUTURE EVENT: SRS at Hebden Bridge

Swiss Railways Society / Hebden Bridge Swiss Weeks 1st - 16th June

The Society has been invited by the Hebden Bridge Information Centre to use a room at the centre to mount an exhibition and display for the two week period, giving us the opportunity to show the public our side of Switzerland. On the

three weekends there will be railway layouts and members of the Society on hand to talk to the many visitors to Hebden Bridge at this time of the year. During the weekdays there will be a poster display in the room. Come along and support the Society.

EDITOR'S JOTTINGS

I would like to thank all those members who came up to me at the AGM in March to say how much they liked the way I had continued the good work Cyril had started, and that the extra pages were much appreciated. I feel honoured to have been re-elected to the editors job (no one else wanted it, the Secretary said!), but seriously I do realise the responsibility placed in my hands by you all and I will continue to try and give you what you have asked for where possible, but please don't forget I still need **you** to provide copy for the magazine, so keep those articles and accounts of your trips to Switzerland coming.

I have again tried to get some special offers for members. Once again the **Hotel National** has come up with something special for you, a specific week all inclusive package and a short stay offer for independent travellers. The offer to members made by **WINCO** last month is still available, the Bemo HGe4/4' is a very nice model, and would look good on any layout. The **MOB** offer to members, arrived just after the magazine had gone to the printers. If you had not realised, this offer is available ALL year. The Switzerland by Rail book is also still available from **Bradt publishing**, this book should be on all members bookshelves for reference. Watch this space for further offers. This issue contains a slightly different mix of articles, we have the latest form of rail transport and an account of an early holiday trip by car, we visit our 'down under' members and enjoy a pleasant boat trip, as well as the usual type of articles including Notepad etc.

I hope those of you going to Switzerland for your holidays have a good trip, please remember to make notes and tell us about it on your return so other members less fortunate can at least get the flavour of Switzerland.

At the AGM in March a member raised the question, is the Society going to organise a trip to Switzerland to visit any of the events being organised to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the SBB, it has been passed to me to ask you to write to me. - 1st, would those members who would seriously be interested in going, it will centre around visits to railway lines and facilities etc. 2nd, suggest which of the events you would be most interested in, or, time you can travel, we would be looking at a one week trip. After we have a good idea of the numbers who wish to go we will attempt to firm up some ideas and let you know in the September Swiss Express. So please give it some thought and write to me as soon as possible there is only going to be one 150th Anniversary, go there with the SRS.

Les Heath

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20th of July 1996.

Bernard Richmond

Bernard Richmond, who died in December 1995, had been a member of the Swiss Railways Society since 1983 and had been an important member of the management team of the York Model Railway Show since the first one 33 years ago. To remember his valuable contribution the York Model Railway Show intend each year to invite a layout that reflects the interest of Bernard and award it the title of the Bernard Richmond Memorial Layout. Phil Donbavand's Zillis was the proud and worthy first recipient of this award at the Easter 1996 show and it was regarded as a great honour to receive it.