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## CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

By the time this is read, many of you will have returned from your holidays. Wherever you went, I hope you had a good time and that those of you who managed to get to Switzerland have come back full of ideas. Those ideas could be for articles for "Swiss Express", modelling or for talks at a Branch meeting. If you have never written an article before, or never given a talk, then why not have a go?

Although I have written a number of articles, I had always fought shy of doing a talk. I was finally persuaded to visit the Manchester branch to show some of my older slides. This I did in June, and at least didn't get pelted with rotten eggs, which definitely helped. No sooner had I returned home than I was asked to do another presentation, this time about Kadee couplings - in Germany! Fortunately, the "beneficiaries" of this talk speak English, so I was saved the problem of trying to say everything in German. Even this talk

was problem-free, so a lifetime of keeping safely out of sight behind a forest of words has finally been ended.

Probably some of you will have heard rumours of the difficulties facing the Model Railway Club in London, whose club rooms (Keen House) are the venue for the SRS London Branch monthly meetings. Some of these rumours, I know, have forecast the imminent demise of the MRC, foreshadowed by the lack of its Easter exhibition this year. Probably, also, some of you will know that I have been involved with the MRC for many years. It is therefore with pleasure (and a certain amount of relief) that I can report that there is no immediate likelihood of the MRC folding up, nor of Keen House being disposed of. London Branch meetings can continue at Keen House for as long as is wanted.

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