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On the personnel front, members may have noticed in the Society Diary section that the post of Organiser of the North East Branch is vacant. David Ford, the Organiser for a number of years, is unable to continue due to his work commitments. If there are any members in the North East who feel they could fill this role please would they contact David Ford on 01670 369060 or the Secretary. The Committee expresses its thanks to David for his work as North East Branch Organiser, and hopes that at some time in the future he may once again be able to take an active part in the administration of the Society.

In the last issue of *Swiss Express* the post of New Zealand Co-ordinator was shown as vacant. The Committee is happy to announce the re-appointment of Sean Millar who has now returned from the UK and taken up permanent residence in his native New Zealand. His address appears on the title page, but Internet buffs can reach him at his e-mail address: seanmillar@clear.net.nz.

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Please note that the Membership Secretary holds all spare copies of the current year's *Swiss Express*. All queries regarding the distribution of the magazine and faulty or damaged copies should be addressed, in writing, to the Membership Secretary for a prompt reply and replacement magazine (if appropriate). Delays and difficulties occurred in sending out replacements for faulty copies of the March magazine as we had not made it clear to whom enquiries should be made. Our apologies to those who received a March *Swiss Express* with some blank or missing pages.

EXHIBITIONS REPORT

I will be taking a short summer break, unless any late offers come in, from participation in exhibitions until September 11 when the Society stand will be at the Oxford show. If you need me to bring any particular item to any exhibition where the Society stand is present, then let me know, on 01753 534313, or if you cannot wait, then contact our Sales Officer Steve Horobin, who will be happy to help.

I will be pleased to hear from any members who have a layout on view at any exhibition in the future so that it can be advised in *Swiss Express*. It should, however, be borne in mind that the copy date of *Swiss Express* is some 3 months ahead of publication date

SRS stand attendance
Swiss Layouts on View

11 Sept Oxford (GRS exhibition)
"The wrong kind of snow" (HOM)
(Diorama featured in Continental Modeller Dec 98)

Important Announcement

This edition of *Swiss Express* has been edited by Malcolm Hardy-Randall. He has ensured that, despite the problem confronting the Society in March, we have been able establish continuity and publish a June issue of a high standard. The Committee is unanimous in placing on record its sincere appreciation for all the hard work that Malcolm has put into this production particularly as he virtually started "from cold" in March.

The Committee is pleased to announce the appointment of David Stevenson as Editor of *Swiss Express*. He will be heading an Editorial team, of which more in future issues. Meanwhile, any material for the September issue should reach David by 20th July and can be sent by mail as written, or preferably typed copy, on 3½" floppy disc or by e-mail.

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