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Society Diary

Branch Meetings 1997/98

Bristol and Bath

Branch Organiser: Roger Ellis, Fox Path, Cheddar Road, Wedmore, Somerset BS28 4EP

13 Mar. MITV visit us again, an entertaining evening with Sue & Chris

17 April Italian Railways from steam through to the 90's, Gerald Lambourn

15 May (meeting to be held in Abergavenny) Slides by Donald Fry & Peter Over

12 June Swiss slide show by James Henderson
Venue: Room 2E-3.1, School of Electrical Engineering, University of Bath, at 19.30.

Cumbria

Branch Organiser: Stephen Greenfield.

Tel: 01539 725494

Contact organiser for venue and details.

East Midlands

Branch Organiser: Glyn Jones, 18 Robin Road, Botts Hollow, Coalville, Leicestershire, LE67 4LB
Tel/Fax: 01530 837939

Venue: Brunswick Inn, Railway Terrace, Derby (almost opposite Derby Station) at 19.30.

26 Mar Video and Natter night

21 May Swiss Mixed Assortment, Willie McKnight

London

Branch Organiser: Paul Russenberger,

84 Templesheen, Road, London, SW14 7RR.

Venue: The Fred Talent Hall, 153 Drummond St., London NW1.

Meeting starts 19.00 on 2nd Wed. of the month.

11 Mar. Talk - Paul Russenberger

'Swiss Traction, an Engineers view'

8 April Branch AGM, plus supporting talk

13 May '1975-1997 -The Changing Scene' talk by Alan Pike OBE

10 June Freight in Switzerland, Members slides.

Manchester

Branch Organiser: Dave Howsam

Venue: British Rail Staff Association, Store

Street, (under Piccadilly Station) Manchester.

Meetings start at 19.30, talks begin 20.00 finishing at 21.15 approx. followed by chat time.

4 Mar Swiss Miscellany - D. Baker

1 Apr Brünig area 1997/8 Tony Fawthrop

6 May Switzerland-celebrating the 21st visit with recollections of the last 20-Chris Knight

3 June From Zephyr to 465 - BLS Celebrations by Peter Bowen.

North East England

Branch Organiser:

Dave Ford, Tel: 01670 369 060

Please phone organiser for details of meetings.

Wessex Group

Branch Organiser: Alan Rolfe, 70 Grove Road, Shirley, Southampton, SO15 3GG.

Contact Alan for details of meetings and venues, please send your Name, address and telephone number, enclosing a stamp.

West Midlands Group

Branch Organiser: Gerald Savine, The Junipers, 17 Longfield, Upton-Upon-Severn, Worcs, WR8 0NR. Tel: 01684 310652.

The group meets on the last Wednesday each month (and sometimes in between). We meet in members' homes to view videos, books, do some modelling, chat and run locos on a metre gauge layout. Please contact Gerald on the above phone number to find out the next venue.

Scotland

Branch Organiser: Willie McKnight, 4D Scott House, Hume Road, Seafar, Cumbernauld G67 1AR. Tel: 01236 729 499

Venue: Buchanan House, 58 Portdundas Road, Glasgow. 19.30. Please contact organiser for details of meetings.

West of England

Branch Organiser: Geoff Thompson, Hollytrees, Roskilling Wartha, Helston, Cornwall TR13 8LY. Tel: 01326 564040.

Venue: Devon General Bus Company's Club, Summerland Road, Exeter, Devon.

Please contact the Organiser for details of future meetings and venues.

**SUPPORT YOUR BRANCH
THE TALKS ARE INTERESTING,
HAVE A FRIENDLY CHAT
WITH LIKE MINDED PEOPLE
ITS THERE FOR YOUR
ENJOYMENT !**

SWISS RAILWAYS SOCIETY

AGM & 17th Spring Meet

In the KNEBORTH SUITE of the HERTFORD PARK HOTEL
STEVENAGE - HERTFORDSHIRE

(Note: from London - Stevenage)

Saturday 21st March 1998 11.30 - 17.00

Guests and Friends also welcome (No charge for guests but £1 donation expected)

A. G. M. - 14.30

Organised by LONDON BRANCH on behalf of the Society.

LAYOUTS - Dioramas, Displays, Photo Quiz, SRS Sales, Bring & Buy Stall,
USUAL EXCELLENT TRADE SUPPORT - from GREAT LITTLE TRAINS, MITV, WINCO
Private cash bar within the exhibition suite open 12.00 - 15.00

Photo Competition

Unmounted prints only, max size 7" x 5" Black & White or Colour - taken in Switzerland
Three sections - Railway, Scenery, Humorous - Members may enter one photograph in each section

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To be followed in the evening by a DINNER

In the Knebworth Suite, 19.00 for 19.30

NEW MENU

Minestrone Soup

Roast Norfolk Turkey

Potatoes & 2 seasonal vegetables

Dutch Apple Pie and Cream

Coffee and Mints

Vegetarian alternative is available

The cost is £18.00 per person including service and VAT. But NOT wine!

Early booking is advisable to avoid disappointment

Final date for booking is **NOW MARCH 10th**

Bookings, accompanied by SAE to Les Heath at Editorial address.

Please make cheques payable to Swiss Railways Society & please include SAE.

MAKE A WEEKEND OF IT !!

Special rates per room for bed & breakfast for Fri. and/or Sat.

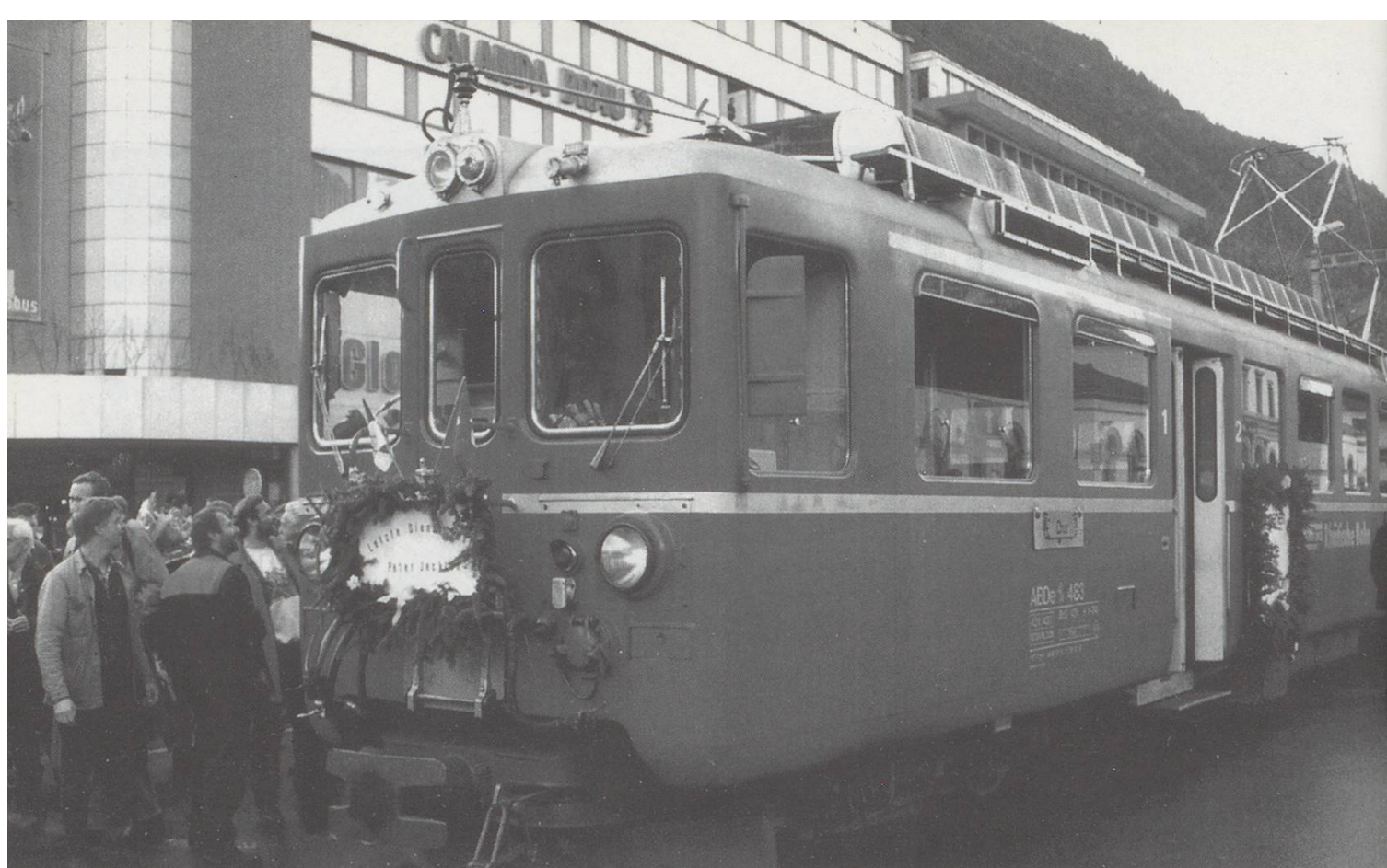
Single £23: Double or twin £46.

Book accommodation through & make all payments to, the Hotel quoting SRS.

Hertford Park Hotel, Stevenage, Herts., SG1 1EJ. Tel: **01438 779955**.

Lots of local attractions, shops very close by.

This is YOUR exhibition if you have a layout or any items for display let
Les Heath know as soon as possible. (Tel: 01277 626628).



Above: ABDe4/4 483 arrives from Arosa with the last DC powered train at 9 am.

Below: After the power change over to 11,000Kv Ge4/4 622 'Arosa' arrived in Chur with the 'gift wrapped' new "Arosa Express", the RhB staff set to unwrapping the train for the press and public to see for the time.

Opposite page: The new Bt 1703 having the 'gift wrapping' taken off in Chur station.

