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EXHIBITIONS - Paul Hannant

If you are able to assist in "manning the stand", even if only for a few hours, it would be most appreciated and it can be fun! Offers of assistance can be emailed to me at: exhibitions@SwissRailSoc.org.uk or Tel. 01885 483697 (evenings).

We are frequently asked whether our members have Swiss layouts available for exhibitions. Please let me know if you have a layout which is exhibitable. I am looking to put together a portfolio of layouts. Please contact me for a form for layout details if you wish to be included on our register.

The SRS has been asked to provide a Swiss layout for Newmarket European Exhibition, Saturday 19th June 2004. Bed and Breakfast is provided at the venue on the Friday night. Reasonable travelling expenses will be paid, however please note, profits from this event are given to charity.

Please contact me if you are able to provide a layout.

The new SRS Sales stand and Mensiwil will be at the following:

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| Sat. 28th/Sun. 29th Feb. 2004 | Eurotrack, Eastleigh, Fleming Pk Leisure Centre. Just off the M3 at Jct.14. Major European themed show with many specialist traders and layouts. |
| SAT. 20TH MARCH 2004 | SRS AGM , Novotel (formerly the Holiday Inn), Victoria St, Bristol. Unmissable - traders and layouts all with a Swiss theme. |
| Sat. 27th/Sun. 28th March 2004 | Festival of Railway Modelling, Alexandra Palace, London. Swiss layout - to be confirmed. Offers of help would be appreciated. |

Swiss Layouts on Display

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| Sat. 17th April 2004 | E. Surrey N Gge Group Exhibition, Methodist Centre, Redhill, Surrey. Dreibrucken and other Swiss layouts expected. |
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Other European Interest Exhibitions

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| Sat. 6th March 2004 | Euretco-Expo-Center, Meidoornkade 24, Houten, Utrecht, Holland. Largest swapmeet in Europe. Open 10.00am - 3.00pm. |
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Exhibitions/Swapmeets in Switzerland- * Denotes the bigger shows.

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| 06.03.2004 | Uster |
| 07.03.2004 | Olten |
| 20.03.2004 | Wipkingen / Zürich |
| 27.03.2004 | Gisikon / Luzern |
| 17.04.2004 | Frauenfeld* |

If anyone can provide further details (opening times, addresses) please contact me.

ARCHIVES REPORT

SLADE PRISON, TADCASTER

Around Christmas last year, obviously full of good spirit, I was attracted to the "Norman Stanley Fletcher" plea in the December *Swiss Express*. Roger was looking for a "Recidivist archivist"!!

Well, pen to paper or, more likely nowadays, finger(s) to the keyboard and the deed was done. As you may remember, Roger announced my sentence in the March 2003 copy with a promise of a future update. So here goes!

During summer, when my interest in Lepidoptera also takes up a large amount of time, I received a milk-crate containing envelopes, pamphlets and what was variously named at the last committee meeting, ephemera or bumph! Two hundred and sixty-six photographs of assorted subjects and ages have now been copied onto disc and the related text is recorded in a data file, the "bumph" still awaits its turn. The next steps are to electronically store almost one hundred copies of *Swiss Express*, from 1980 onwards, a job for winter days at about two and a half hours per copy. However, as I only joined up in 1996, I will surely get waylaid into reading the early copies and if anything relevant crops up, perhaps it will be worth a further comment.

I hope to be able to account for my winter performance at the March AGM at Bristol and will gladly accept any comments regarding archiving on either the Friday or Saturday. See you there, when I can slip away from Mr McKay.

DAVID BAKER AKA NORMAN STANLEY FLETCHER