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NEW BRANCH?

Steve and Gill Buck, two Swiss Railway Society members who live in the Sutton Coldfield area, would be interested to hear from any members who live to the North and East of Birmingham regarding the potential for the formation of a new Branch in their area. If you think that you could support such a venture please email them on gdsbuck@unisonfree.net or telephone on **0121 382 5694**.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

David Baker

Since my last report the size of the photographic archive has grown enormously. The reason is the transfer of a large collection of material originally collected by one of our late members, J.E.Cull. The collection was handed to me in September 2005 after spending some time with the Railway Correspondence and Travel Society, but lately it had been residing in the loft of our past Secretary.

The collection comprises many very good Swiss Railways images in the form of commercial postcards, mostly in sets but some singletons. There are also some black and white photographs taken through the 60's and 70's, although I feel the standard of the photography is mixed, often poor, not surprising perhaps considering the cameras of the time and presumably taken whilst on holiday. There are also a large number of what I take to be the remains of calendar pages depicting Swiss Railways and Tramways through the years.

The 2,200, or so, postcards have been sorted into sets and brought together to be stored within a 4-drawer cabinet, a part of Mr Cull's bequest. The papers, in the form of scribbled notes, have been retained with the photographs in cardboard boxes, now finding themselves in a different loft-space.

The 402 calendar images are now on disc, alongside 44 images of tramways, and I am collating some as part of a possible show for our local meetings. The originals are stored out of the way with the other papers.

The calendar images could quite easily be "burnt" onto CD for sale but I have insufficient knowledge of the copyright laws. Do we have any Lawyers in our midst?

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