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EDITORIAL Malcolm Bulpitt

After working on the Editorial Team for some 18 months, John Weaver has decided that for personal reasons he wishes to relinquish the post. He has been a great help to myself, and to David before me, and I shall miss working with him - and his humorous emails.

We have been very fortunate in persuading Tony Bagwell to join the team and to take over from John. Members will have seen Tony's excellent article on digital photography in the June edition of the magazine - so it is good for the SRS to have him bring some of his expertise to the production of your journal. John has kindly stayed on in his role to ease the transition from himself to Tony, and for this I thank him. I look forward to working with Tony on the magazine. Before submitting any photographs, please contact the photo editor regarding format.

This is another "thin" edition, but we have attempted to cram it full with a diverse selection of articles and a great selection of photographs, all chosen to reflect the broad church that is our Society. If you have an interest that is not fully covered by *Swiss Express*, then please pick up a pen or camera and become a contributor.

JUST A SEC Roger Ellis

It may come as no surprise to members that Bristol & Bath Branch will not be volunteering to organise the Autumn Social Event in 2008.

Bristol & Bath always tries to do something different, from the speakers at the Branch meeting before the AGM, the guests of honour we ask to the AGM meal and to the entertainment we organise - for example the "Five Senses Quiz" and the "Blues Gig". Most have been successful, but others have been less so on the financial side, which of course serves me right for trying to be too clever!

We are going to take a sabbatical. In addition to which, although my village is delightful, it is difficult to access by members who do not have their own transport and therefore a more central location may be preferable.

The Society cannot expect the West Midlands Group to host the event for two consecutive years, so we must look to another Branch or member/members to come forward.

If you feel you can help, please let any member of the Committee know. It would be a pity if this event did not happen each year, but to continue it must be supported by local Branch members as well as by the Society as a whole.

As to any advice I can offer to the organiser of the 2008 event then I would say use the old sales "KISS" principle. (Keep It Simple - Stupid).

COVER PICTURE:

BLS 485-012-9 at Brig.
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