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21st March 2009

A reminder that the 2009 Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held on the above date in Derby. You will find a lot more detailed information about this important event on the page opposite. In recent years we have seen up to 10% of our UK members and some overseas members come along to this event so make a note of it in your diary now, come along, meet other people who share your interest in Swiss transport, and take part in the management of your Society. If you intend to take advantage of the special room rates at the Midland Hotel and of the Dinner early booking is recommended.

2009 Calendar

The Swiss Railways Society Calendar for 2009 is going ahead. There will only be a limited print run and at the time of writing some 70% of this has been reserved. It will be a large format with one page to a month, each of which will feature a splendid full colour shot of aspects of your favourite railways. If you would like a copy they will only be available by pre-ordering from Liliana Wood whose contact details are on Page 3 of this magazine. The cost, including postage, will be £11.50 for UK and European addresses and £12.50 to be sent to the rest of the world. Calendars should be dispatched in November in time to be available as super Christmas presents. Get your cheques (payable to the SRS) and your return address off to Liliana now. Please quote your membership number when ordering.

Birmingham Branch

Steve Buck, the branch organiser, has asked us to let members know that his e-mail address is now gsdbuck@tiscali.co.uk and not as was previously shown.

Switzerland around the Solent

A number of members have already responded to Glyn Smith the formation of a local branch of the Society that would meet in the Southampton area. The Management Committee has confirmed with Glyn that he has their backing to go ahead and plan an inaugural meeting. This has been arranged for the afternoon of 1st November at Dibden Purlieu. Please contact Glyn for the time and other details by email on glyn-di.smith@tesco.net or by telephoning him on 023 8084 9105.

Help wanted!

Following up on our request for members to assist Paul Hannant in co-ordinating Swiss Railways Society appearances at exhibitions, etc. some people have already contacted him. However he would still like to hear from people who could assist, even if only at individual events. Interested – then please contact Paul or the Secretary. Their details are in the front of the magazine.

Events

There are a number of model railway events coming-up in the near future.

These are at:-

Sutton Coldfield – 27th September;
the National Exhibition Centre (The Warley Show) – 29th and 30th November;
Mirfield, Yorkshire – 6th December;
Glasgow (Model Rail Scotland) – 20th to 22nd February 2009;
Derby – 14th and 15th May 2009.

Bookshops

The SRS would like to put together a list of good bookshops in Switzerland that stock railway and other transport related publications. If you know of any please contact the editor.