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SOCIETY NEWS

Martin Fisher notes it is renewal time

Another year has gone by and it's time to ask you to renew your SRS membership. Unless you have already paid for 2009 (in which case you should have received your new membership card already) you will find a renewal form inside this magazine. I look forward to receiving your completed form and payment as soon as possible. If you choose to pay by credit card rather than by cheque please ensure that all the details are written clearly and are up-to-date.

More and more members pay for two years at once - a quarter of the membership did so in the last renewal round. This helps the SRS as it cuts down on the administrative work. If you choose to take up this option this time, I will send you your card for 2009 on renewal and the one for 2010 next autumn.

The subscriptions for 2009 are £15.00 for UK-based members; £17.00 for members living elsewhere in Europe and £20.00 for members living in other parts of the world (USA members can alternatively pay by dollar cheque at \$40.00). If you are

paying for 2 years, then double the amount in question. In this magazine Ian Athey's "Chairman's Notes" explain the reasons for the increased rates.

The Editor reviews the 2009 Calendar

Our 2009 calendar has turned-out to be a success. As this was our first venture into this field we erred on the side of caution by just ordering a print run of 100 copies as the specialist printing company only works in modules of 100. These have all been sold and unfortunately a number of members who placed late orders have been disappointed. All of the feedback we have had has been positive and Tony Bagwell, our Photographic Editor, is to be congratulated on his choice of images. Thanks must also go to Liliana Wood who efficiently organised the distribution of the calendar.

Paul Hannant details some future events

The Swiss Railways Society will be represented at the following model railway exhibitions. Volunteers to help on the Society stand are always welcome.

Chalet Rhaetia 5 minutes from ski slopes

Traditional wood luxurious 4star+ self catering chalet in Klosters with spectacular views of RhB and best skiing in Europe! Anywhere on the RhB is possible from the chalet. 5 mins walk from ski slopes. No car hire needed - do it all by rail. Also, superb walking, biking and all the other attractions of a traditional Swiss village high in the mountains.

Owned by an SRS member and enthusiast, 5% discount for SRS members. 8 SRS members have now stayed in the chalet. All have loved it eg "the perfect place to visit the whole of the RhB". **07785 735 838**.

www.klosterschalet.com



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Please contact Paul Hannant if you can assist.

6th December 2008 - Mirfield.

Mirfield Fire Station, Mirfield, West Yorkshire, WF14 8AE. Saturday 10.00 – 16.30.

20th to 22nd February 2009 - Modelrail

Scotland. Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre, Glasgow.

Friday 11.00 – 20.00; Saturday 10.00 – 18.00; Sunday 10.00 - 17.00.

28th February & 1st March 2009 –

Eastleigh Model Railway Show.

Fleming Leisure Centre, Eastleigh, Hants. Saturday 10.00 – 17.30; Sun 09.30 – 16.30.

21st March 2009 - Swiss Railways Society

AGM. Midland Hotel, Midland Road, Derby, DE1 2SQ. Saturday 11.00 – 16.30.

28th to 29th March 2009 - London

Festival Of Railway Modelling. Alexandra Palace, London. Entry times unconfirmed.

Roger Ellis introduces the 2009 Autumn Social Event

Elsewhere in this magazine you will find details of our proposed autumn event that will be based at Erstfeld, a key location on the northern ramp of the Gotthard Route. The arrangements for the event are being facilitated by myself but members' will have

to make their own hotel bookings and travel arrangements. Although the SRS are pleased to publicise the event, and hope that members will take up the opportunity to meet up in Switzerland, it must be made quite clear that it has no financial or other involvement in it.

Glyn Jones says that it is important to plan ahead for Christmas

This is a heartfelt plea concerning your Christmas orders from the SRS Sales Collection. Please send them to me as soon as you can. Last year I received orders right up until Christmas – the last one arriving on the 21st December – fortunately it was delivered to the member on Christmas Eve. However, this is stressful both for me and you. Remember that last December letters were taking 7 days to get to me so I am going to apply a cut off date this year of the 15th December. I will only guarantee to post out items I have in stock in time for Christmas if I receive them by that date. Of course I will still do my best with orders received after 15th December but I cannot guarantee that they will arrive in time for Christmas.

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