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# SOCIETY NEWS

## Christmas Competition

The answer to the question "When did the first run of the Glacier Express take place?" set by Diccon Bewes the author of the excellent book "Swiss Watching" was the 25th June 1930. The first two correct answers out of the hat were from Grant Cooper from Ralton, Tasmania, and Trevor Bond from Southwell, Nottinghamshire, who both receive a copy of the book generously donated by the publisher.

## 2011 AGM

Full details of the 2011 AGM, which will take place at the Hallmark Hotel in Derby on the 26th March starting at 14.00 are set-out elsewhere in the magazine. Incidentally we may have caused confusion in the last *Swiss Express* by referring to both the Hallmark and Midland Hotels when giving details of the AGM. They are one and the same place – the Midland Hotel is now part of the Hallmark Hotel Group. The AGM is preceded by the usual Spring Meet that starts at 11.00 and where you can view model railway layouts and spend money at the numerous stands. Some tickets for the AGM Dinner in the evening are still available although we have to confirm numbers by the 7th March. Contact Glyn Jones at SRS Sales for more details.

## New Book - 75th Anniversary of the Night Ferry

The Night Ferry – the train that carried you asleep from London to Paris and Brussels between 1936 and 1980. The International Railway Preservation Society will mark the occasion with the publication of a special bi-lingual souvenir book which will include new unpublished texts, photographs and railway memorabilia. This book is compiled by the team who have published books on The Compagnie des

Wagons-Lits and French Local Railways. Together with substantial contributions from historians in Dunkerque, Calais and Paris it promises to be an important addition to the history of this famous train, which offered a form of travel well before the Channel Tunnel was planned and built. It is being offered to SRS Members at a pre-publication price of just £10.00 (publication price £15.00). For more details please contact [christopher.elliott@club-internet.fr](mailto:christopher.elliott@club-internet.fr)

## Free 2011 Catalogues

Tim Mulhall from Ontracks International, the importers of Hornby International model railway brands Arnold and Rivarossi, is offering free copies of these manufacturers catalogues to UK based SRS Members. They are available now, but there will be a charge for the postage - £1.50 for one catalogue, £2.50 for two. To obtain these either email Tim at [info@ontracksinternational.co.uk](mailto:info@ontracksinternational.co.uk) or write to Ontracks International, Unit 2, Pontrilas Business Park, Pontrilas, Hereford, HR2 0AZ. You can either pay by Paypal (at [info@ontracks.co.uk](mailto:info@ontracks.co.uk)) or send a cheque payable to Ontracks International. As well as sending your name and address please also send your SRS Membership Number. They cannot be sent abroad.

## A5 Swiss Express Binders

Following last years AGM it was decided to make a final purchase of 50 A5 binders. These have all now been sold and I have firm orders for another ten. The minimum order quantity is 50 and if there are any members that wish to commit to purchase more binders it may be possible to place a further order. If you require any A5 binders please contact SRS Sales but do not send any money at this time. A4 binders should be available by the time the June issue of *Swiss Express* is published. 



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