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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

John Jesson

As Chairman, I always approach the AGM with a certain amount of trepidation. Answers to known issues can be settled beforehand, but you never know when a completely unanticipated question will crop up, usually making the Chairman squirm a bit. Fortunately, this year, there was nothing raised and I could breathe a sigh of relief. It was unfortunate that Paul Hannant, who had borne the brunt of the organisation of the event, could not be there during the day, as he was snowed in. He made it to the evening dinner after, as I understand it, bribing a nearby farmer to tow his car out of his drive with a JCB. Thank you Paul, I am sorry you missed out on an excellent day. Thank you also to David Stevenson who managed everything with his usual efficiency, and to everyone else who made the day such a success, despite the weather. In the AGM booklet, my report mentioned that Roy Dungleison has left his collection of Swiss models to the Society. As I stated in the report, this bequest will be used for the benefit of the Society, but in precisely what form has yet to be decided, for we are unlikely to receive the models until the end of the summer. The committee therefore has some time to consider options and make decisions on this matter. Those decisions, though, will try to ensure that the Society as a whole benefits. 

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COVER PICTURE: In perfect sunshine the next train heads towards Gornergrat.

PHOTO: Roy Marriott

BACK COVER PICTURE: On 15/1/2013 the Crocodile that has been a monument on display at Erstfeld depot was lifted off its plinth and put on rails and shunted into the depot. The Croc was just rusting away and now that its space is needed for a car park it has been given sanctuary inside the shed.
PHOTO: Georg Trueb.

