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## EDITORIAL

The keen-eyed amongst you will have noted that there is a questionnaire on the obverse of the address sheet that accompanies this magazine. The Society's Committee would encourage you to complete this and return it, as we need to know your views on how future AGMs are organised. Although attendance during the day and at the actual AGM is reasonable given the geographic spread of our members, and has not varied much in recent years, the numbers of people staying on for the dinner in the evening have been steadily declining. This begs the question 'Is it what members want?' Hence we are asking the questions. As well as the dinner, organising the entire AGM is not easy. There are a limited number of suitable locations around the country that are both easily accessible for members and have reasonably priced accommodation for people who are coming for the weekend. Some places, like London or Birmingham, would be convenient but are totally out of the Society's, and many members', price range. We have had successful AGMs at Bristol but costs have now escalated there. We have returned to Derby as it has good rail connections plus a reasonably priced venue. Suggestions as to a similarly suitable alternative central location would be welcomed, but please return the questionnaire as our present concern is to the viability of the evening meal arrangements. ☞

**PETER DRANSFIELD** MBE. 21st April 1939 - 29th March 2015

Peter had suffered with cancer for the past few years but still continued to organise the annual Mirfield Model Railway Exhibition. Originally, the model railway exhibition was raising funds for the 'Fire Service' charity but in more recent years has been for St. Mary's church choir equipment. Peter was a member of the SRS for many years and also a committee member.

I trust that we might get a fuller picture of Peter's life and association with the SRS from members who knew him better than I, in the next issue of *Swiss Express*. ☞ Gerald Savine

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