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### Chairman's Notes

John Jesson

At the end of another year I can report that the SRS is on an even keel, with the transition to becoming a company having gone smoothly. The change has not made any difference to the Society as a whole. Finances and membership are satisfactory, although in common with most similar organisations our membership numbers continue to fall very slightly each year. If members have ideas to reverse the trend please inform us. As reported previously the dedication of the seat at Planalp on the BRB in memory of Roy Dungleison took place at the end of May. It was very gratifying to see so many people there to pay tribute to him. As usual, I thank all of you for your continued support. Following the appeal for volunteers to help in the running of the Society, several people came forward and have been put to work. All of the Board are members who chose to give up their time in order to keep the Society going. They all allow their contact details to be published in *Swiss Express* - for some it is a requirement that this is so. However, it is a concern that some members seem to believe that, by publishing these contact details, the individuals offer an information service about Switzerland that goes a long way beyond the remit of the Society, or that they have contacts and influence beyond those that could realistically be expected. The bulk of enquiries fall upon the Editor and our Swiss News Editor who put in considerable time and effort to produce this magazine. Unfortunately they do not have the time or resources to respond to enquiries about aspects of travel in Switzerland, or members' specialised transport interests. There are many commercial and Internet sources to supply such information. Nor, unlike some members' assumptions, do either of them or any of the Board have contacts in the senior management of the SBB - or the telephone number of the Swiss Ambassador! If you have questions about Switzerland, or its transport infrastructure, that you cannot find information about, consider submitting a letter for inclusion in *Swiss Express*. Other SRS members have a wealth of knowledge that could answer them. Finally I wish you all a very pleasant Christmas and a great 2018. ☑

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