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SWISS RAILWAYS SOCIETY (CLBG) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2019

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Swiss Railways Society (CLBG) will be held in the Hallmark Hotel, Derby on Saturday 13th April 2019.

NOMINATIONS FOR DIRECTORS

Directors who hold the following positions on the Board of Directors have completed their three-year term of office and the posts are available for re-election. Treasurer (3-years), Editor (3-years), one other Director and Board Member (3 years). Nominations are invited for these three directorships and nomination forms are available from the Company Secretary: Martin Fisher, 15 The Boulevard, Middle Deepdale, Scarborough, North Yorkshire YO11 3EX, or by email at **Secretary@SwissRailSoc.org.uk**. Completed forms must reach the Secretary no later than Saturday 30th March 2019. Should anyone require information about becoming a Director and the associated responsibilities they should contact the Company Secretary.

It is important to note that all nominees AND their proposers and seconders MUST have paid their subscriptions for 2019 PRIOR to signing the nomination form. Failure to do so will render the nomination form invalid. Members are advised that a list of nominees and a copy of any accompanying statement they may have made to support their nomination will be supplied by the Company Secretary on receipt of an application by post with an SAE, or by email, at the above addresses.

Any application for a postal vote must be accompanied by a SAE and will be sent out by post only to the named addressee who must be a member of the Society at the time of application.

The application must reach the Company Secretary by Saturday 6th April 2019. Completed ballot papers must reach the Secretary no later than the start of the AGM meeting on Saturday 13th April 2019.

Swiss Express Editor

As many members know after over 12 years in the role Malcolm Bulpitt is intending to stand down as the editor of *Swiss Express* at the forthcoming AGM in April. It is an important role that, although potentially quite time-consuming, is quite fulfilling. If you have a passing interest in journalism, or graphic design, as well as some knowledge of the Swiss transportation system, and Switzerland itself, please contact the Company Secretary, Martin Fisher (address inside front cover of this magazine), to discuss the role.

The Management Team of the Society are looking for enthusiasm rather than expertise, so if you think that you could help to keep up the high standard of the publication why not make contact.

We can provide resources and Mentors to support the role. It is essential that *Swiss Express* should continue in its current role with its comprehensive overview of all forms of transport in Switzerland, as for many members it is their only real link with the Society.

Please give this role some thought, as you may be the ideal person to carry forward the success of our flagship publication.

SWISS RAILWAYS SOCIETY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND SPRING GET-TOGETHER

Saturday 13th April 2019 – 10.00 to 16.30 (AGM commences at 15:30)

At the Hallmark Midland Hotel, Midland Road, Derby DE1 2SQ

Tel: 0330 028 3405

(Directly opposite Derby Railway Station)

Members attending the weekend events can park free of charge at the hotel but should register their vehicles on the terminal at the hotel reception.

The Get-Together will be held in the "Garden Room" and the AGM in the "Edale Room".

Guests and friends are also welcome to the Get-Together, but a donation of £2 per person would be appreciated.

Confirmed Traders: Contikits, Gerald Savine Prints, NScaleCh, Platform 5, SRS Sales and Switzerland Travel Centre. In addition there will be a "Bring and Buy" Stall and a Raffle. Andreas Perren (Perren Cab Rides) will be attending the AGM.

Confirmed Layouts: Bärental und Dorf (HOM), Chlâtère (HO), Cronenberg (HO Trolley Bus), SGK – Bahn (Sm Rack), Wolfsberg (HO), Gordon Wiseman RhB Layout (N)

Swiss Railway Films will be shown in the Edale Room throughout the day and at 12:00 Mike Ellis, UK Sales Representative of the Brienzer Rothorn Bahn, will give a talk about the Switzerland to Snowdon project.

There will be a dinner after the AGM on the Saturday evening commencing at 18:30.

The Menu will be:

Starters: Seasonal Vegetable Soup with Double Cream and Fragrant Red Amaranth or Pressed Ham Hock and Honey Terrine

Main Course: Pan Roasted Chicken with Fondant Potatoes and Mediterranean Vegetables or Pork Tenderloin served on a Colcannon Mashed Potato and English Cider Jus

Desert: Profiteroles filled with Sweetened Cream topped with a Warm Chocolate Sauce and Fresh Fruit or Apple and Rhubarb under an Oaty Baked Crumble with a Traditional Custard Sauce

Coffee or Tea with Chocolate Mints.

In addition there will be a Vegetarian Option for each course.

The cost will be £26.00 per person excluding wine.

Andreas Perren (Perren Cab Rides) will talk about his experiences filming the Cab Rides after the meal along with a Quiz

Bookings can be made by sending a cheque for the appropriate amount to:

Glyn Jones, 13 Welland Close, Burton-on-Trent, Staffs DE15 0AG

Please state your menu choices and include a stamped addressed envelope for the return of your tickets - don't forget to state your menu choice.

WHY NOT JOIN US FOR THE WEEKEND?

There will be a talk in the Hotel's Edale Room on the Friday evening commencing at 20:00 by Paul Russenberger entitled: "Another Look at Switzerland"

Hotel Accommodation

Single Rooms will cost £65.00 for one night or £124.00 for two nights,

Double Rooms will cost £112.00 for one night or £210.00 for two nights.

Rates include VAT, free Wi-Fi and full English breakfast.

A table d'hôte dinner will be available on the Friday evening - £22.00 for three courses, booked upon arrival at the hotel.

Room bookings should be made direct with the hotel quoting the "Swiss Railways Society", or if booking on-line, use the code "SWS18" to get these rates.

These rates may not be the cheapest available and there are plenty of other hotels in the area.

It is worthwhile to sign-up to the Hallmark Hotels promotional email service.

Please note that the Austrian Railway Group is holding their AGM at the Aston Court Hotel, Derby, (across the road from the Midland Hotel) on the same day. Members can get free admission to the ARG Get-Together on production of their Swiss Railways Society Membership Card.