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And finally...



Bryan Stone recalls ten years as Swiss News Editor

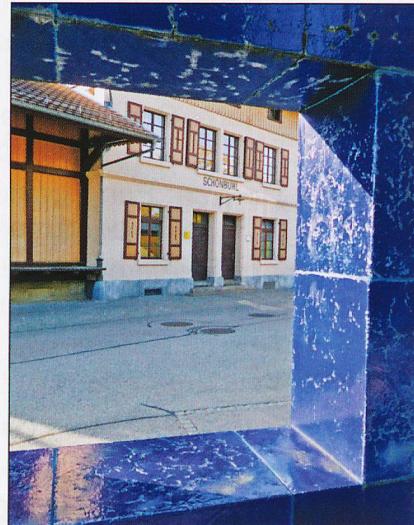
It started by accident. My background was Longmoor Military Railway and BR (Eastern), until I was appointed in January 1969 to work in Basel for Intercontainer, the European railways' new container operation. I had discovered Swiss railways already in the 1950s, on family holidays. Now, I could work on rail freight, (also all over the world, although Intercontainer was wound up after 25 years), care for a family, and for 50 years and more, enjoy Swiss trains. Shortly after my first wife died, the Verkehrshaus, of which I am still a Patron, invited me to lead a study group to York, to the National Railway Museum. There the Swiss Railways Society was part of the welcome. I offered my help to the SRS. The result was some forty or more 'Swiss News' and at least as many articles, via my mentor and friend Malcolm Bulpitt. Now, a long-retired Swiss citizen, in my village near Basel, I have to stop. Stop? Well, not quite. The fascination, the

passion for history, for technical and social issues is as real as ever. My library supports failing memory. An occasional article is not excluded. But I will escape the deadlines.

It has been a particular pleasure to serve the Society and the many devoted and well-informed members, longstanding and new. Their love of Swiss railways is much more than engines or viaducts. It is almost always combined with love of Switzerland, its scenery of course, but also its ways, institutions and background. My contributions raised many echoes (mostly encouraging). Our ideals met, for this is my life, and it is, of course, why my railways are what they are. Societies do not stand still; members will always bring new interests. At 80 years old, I cannot always be out and about, and many friends have already gone before. If, as it will, the SRS is to flourish in future, it will encourage new insights, new friendships and new perspectives, which build on our past efforts. Malcolm Bulpitt has brought the journal to a high standard; the challenge is to keep it up. But you will; and the railways of Switzerland will still justify many a long hour on country stations and at busy junctions. I thank you all for your loyalty.

Where's Heidi?

Answer. It's outside Schönbühl SBB station on the line between Bern to Burgdorf.



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 an 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.