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John Jesson

When this magazine is sent out the Christmas holiday period will be rapidly approaching, so it is time for me to pick up my pen once more. In fact, of course, I'm bashing a keyboard, but the principle is the same.

It is my very great pleasure to thank everyone who has worked for and supported the Society through the year. Without you, we could not function, so please keep it up.

I recently spent a very pleasant weekend helping Bill Salter with the SRS stand at the Hornby Open Weekend at Margate. Business-wise it was quiet, but we both enjoyed ourselves, and having two people meant that we both had opportunities to see what else was there, as well as being able to have our lunch in peace.

This brings me to one point I want to raise. Bill is, at the present time, holding down two Society jobs - Editor and Exhibitions Officer. Having taken on the role of Editor, he is not standing for re-election to that of Exhibitions Officer at the next AGM. Also at the next AGM, I will be standing down as Chairman. We need new people to come forward to help in the running of the Society. Knowing this has led to the new proposals to make it easier for members to do so, proposals which were included in the June magazine. Please consider getting involved. After all, the present committee cannot continue for ever.

May I end up with wishing everyone my best wishes for Christmas and the New Year. 

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As we report in this issue, Dampfbahn Furka-Bergstrecke HG 4/4 No 704. saw a triumphant return to service in late June following its extensive restoration. Here it is seen on 30 June at Muttbach during one of its initial journeys.

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