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Welcome to the June issue of *Swiss Express*, the first since Malcolm Bulpitt retired as our editor, after an illustrious half-century not out of issues. I think we can all agree that during his time as editor Malcom created what must be the pre-eminent railway society magazine; indeed it rivals those that you pay good money for on many a newsagent's shelf. In taking over as your editor I am aware that I have a "tough act to follow" if those high standards are to be maintained.

From comments made to me during my time manning the SRS Exhibition Stand I have the impression that readers are generally quite happy with the current style and mix of content of the magazine and I can assure everyone I have no plans for a radical change in editorial direction. That does not mean however that the magazine is "set in aspic" – there are always aspects that can be improved. I have a few ideas of my own and any views that readers have concerning what they feel the magazine should or should not contain will be most welcome. Please feel free to email me at editor@swissrailsoc.org.uk. I cannot promise to act on every suggestion but I do promise to read them all carefully.

Thanks are also due for the efforts of our erstwhile photo editor, Tony Bagwell. David Stevenson will be taking over this role.

From the Department of Boring but Important...

Readers will notice that the Society Pages contain more information than is usual. As well as an expected report on April's AGM there is also a proposal for changing the method by which nominations are made for positions to the board. This is a topic that has concerned the board for some time and I would ask members to take the time to consider the proposals carefully. ■

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A reminder of what we are missing now that the Gotthard Base Tunnel is in use. Re6/6 11670 "Affoltern am Albis" is seen leading an Re10/10 consist on a Southbound freight. The location is the middle level at Wassen in May 2016. "Affoltern am Albis" is apparently a Gemeinde in the south west Zürich suburbs and has a station on the Zürich-Zug line.

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