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SOCIETY DIARY

BRANCH MEETINGS 1990

BRISTOL AND BATH

Branch Organiser: Dr. J. Henderson, School of Mechanical Engineering, University of Bath Claverton Down, Bath BA2 7AY

Venue: Room 2E-3.1. School of Electrical Engineering. 1930 hrs.

8th June

Winter in Switzerland. S. Painter

EAST MIDLANDS

Branch Organiser: Glyn Jones, 13, Welland Crescent, Dalebrook, Winshil, Burton on Trent. DE15 4AG Phone 0283 67983

Venue: Brunswick Inn, Railway Terrace, Derby. (Almost opposite Derby Station) 1930 hrs.

26th July Swiss Railway videos, including Bernina Line. Glyn Jones.

27th September Illustrated talk by Alan Pike

29th November Christmas meeting; member's slides

LONDON

Branch Organiser: A.J. Pike (Society Chairman)

Venue: Model Railway Club HQ, Keen House, 4, Calshot Street (Off Pentonville Road, Nr. King's Cross station)

Meeting starts at 19:00 hrs. *Please ring bottom bell if doors closed.*

6th June An illustrated talk on the Appenzellerbahn by Chris Elliot

4th July Member's views of South West Switzerland.

Please bring up to 20 slides.

1st August Foreign Evening. Bring up to 20 slides on foreign railways bordering Switzerland or of SBB stock abroad.

6th September Member's views of Railways with Centenaries in 1990.

Please bring up to 20 slides.

3rd October Light Railways and Tramways in the Zurich area by Nigel Wheelwright.

7th November Videos by Brian Bareham. Watch this space for titles.

5th December Christmas Quiz. Cake, tea and soft drinks FREE

but you have to try to answer the questions first.

Phone enquiries to Giles Della Gana on 081 204 4589 after 8pm please.

MANCHESTER

Branch Organiser: Dave Howsam (Membership Secretary) Telephone 061 748 7850

Venue British Rail Staff Association, Store Street (under Picadilli Station) Manchester

Meetings start at 19:30 hrs (Slides begin at 20:00 hrs prompt) 21:15 hrs onwards is chat time.

6th June RhB Centenary Celebrations.

Illustrated talks on the celebrations at various locations in 1989.

4th July Beyond the Bahnhof by Arthur Crane. A look at some of the older towns.

1st August Member's Slides.

A miscellany including places to visit on a day's journey.

5th September Model Evening, 'Showing you how'.

Illustrated talks by members.

3rd October Quiz Night - the Hulmes. An event not to be missed!

Can there be any questions Charlie hasn't asked about Switzerland?

7th November Crocodile Walk by Steve Crebbin.

Illustrated talk on the walk and the locomotives.

5th December Christmas in the Jungfrau by Chris Knight.

Seasonal scenes from Chris.

Visiting members are requested to confirm the programme with Dave Howsam

NORTH EAST ENGLAND

Branch Organiser: Ernie Brack, 10, Tern Close,, South Beach, Blyth, Northumberland

Phone: 0670 361172 or via Dave Ford Phone: 0670 369060

Venue: 10, Tern Close, South Beach. Officially, first Wednesday of each month; in practice every Wednesday evening

SCOTLAND

Branch Organiser: William McKnight, 4D Scott House, Hume Road, Seafar, Cumbernauld. G67 1AR Phone: 0236 729499

Venue: Conference Room, 'A', 8th Floor, Scotrail House, 58, Port Dundas Road, Glasgow. Meetings start at 1930 hrs.

Please contact organiser for details of meetings

FORTHCOMING EXHIBITIONS

The Manchester Branch will be attending the following exhibitions:

Halifax 13th/14th October HOm RhB Zillis to Crandorf
(The final appearance of the whole layout?)

Darlington 1st/2nd December HOm RhB Zillis to Spludgen

The sales officer will be present at these exhibitions with some sales items. If you require a specific item please notify him in advance and he will be able to advise you of availability and can take it to the exhibition if necessary.



Our Chairman, Alan Pike behind the Swiss Railways Society stand at IMREX

IMREX 1990

The Society was represented at IMREX by an information stand, supported by the model showcase and video display. The SNTD supplied a generous amount of display material, including an extremely fine laminated map, much admired by members and onlookers.

Considerable interest was created and the supplies of SNTD and Society brochures which seemed so lavish at the outset were exhausted before the end of the show.

Several new members joined and a gratifying number of existing members took this opportunity of renewing their subscriptions for 1990. We are indebted to the small group of members who manned the stand throughout the six long days of this arduous exhibition.