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Swiss Railways Society Annual General Meeting and Spring Get-Together 2017

Saturday 11th March 2017 10:00 – 16:30
(AGM commences at 13:30)

**In the Garden, Edale, Darleydale and Wyedale Rooms
of the Hallmark Midland Hotel, Derby**

(Guests and friends are welcome to attend the get-together but a donation of £2 per person would be appreciated). The event is organised by the East Midlands Branch with the support of the Management Committee.

Confirmed Traders: Contikits, Gerald Savine Prints, Golden Valley Hobbies, Platform 5, N-ScaleCh, SRS Sales and Winco. In addition there will be a Bring and Buy Stall and a Raffle. It is hoped that Switzerland Travel Centre will also attend.

Confirmed Layouts: Alpenbahn (36ft long N) - John Brightwell, Bärental und Dorf (HOM)
RhB - Mike & Steve Ausden, Bad Zellhof (N) SBB/DB – Malcolm Bulpitt, Der Lötschberg (N)
BLS - Alison Poulter, Gordon Wiseman (N) RhB, Schlosshalt (N) - Roland Robbins,
Zweitesfeld (N) SBB - Steve Tinsley.

**To be followed in the evening by a Dinner
in the Edale Room at 18:00 for 18:30 (To allow time to catch the last train to London)**

MENU

Starters

Cream of Leek and Potato Soup with a Herb Scone.
or Mushrooms with Cream and Tarragon Sauce served on a Toasted Ciabatta.

Mains

Thyme and Garlic supreme of Chicken with Fondant Potatoes, French Beans,
Honey Glazed Carrots and pan jus.
or Pork Loin Steak, with Champ Mash, au poivre sauce, served with Sugar Snap Peas and Carrots.

Desserts

Continental Bread and Butter Pudding with crème anglaise or
Vanilla Cheesecake with honey scented berries.

(A vegetarian alternative is available)

Coffee or Tea with Mints

There will be an After Dinner Quiz hosted by Rob Morrey.

The cost is £25.25 per person including service and VAT, but NOT wine.

Last date for booking is 1st March 2017 and numbers are limited to 40, so please book early.

Dinner bookings to:

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

Cheques should be made payable to "Swiss Railways Society".

Please enclose an s.a.e. for the return of your tickets and remember to state your menu choices.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

A special bed & full English breakfast rate of £59.00 per person for a single room or £51.00 per person for a double or twin room per night is available. This reduces to £56 and £49 respectively if booked for both the Friday and Saturday nights.

In addition a table d'hôte dinner will be available on Friday 10th March at a cost of £20 per person.

This must be booked with the Hotel a minimum of two weeks prior to the event and is also available to non-residents attending the Friday evening talk.

Bookings should be made direct with the hotel preferably by using the following link: <http://www.hallmarkhotels.co.uk/hotels/derby-midland>, Click on 'CHECK RATES' then at the Promo Code Box enter SWISSRAILWAYBB.

You may still book by phone but please ensure you mention the Swiss Railways Society AGM. These rates may not be the cheapest available but they are the cheapest refundable ones. There are plenty of other hotels in Derby.

The full address of the hotel is: The Hallmark Midland Hotel, Midland Road, Derby DE1 2SQ. (Tel: 01332 345894)

WHY NOT JOIN US FOR THE WHOLE WEEKEND?

The East Midlands Branch will be hosting their March meeting in Derby in the Edale Room of the Hallmark Hotel on the Friday evening commencing at 20:00. The Speaker is Rob Morrey and the talk is entitled "Rain Drops on Roses".

Please note that the Hallmark Hotel now charges for car parking. Those attending any of the events over the weekend do not need to pay the charge but must input their vehicle registration on the keypads situated at the hotel reception each time they enter the car park. Failure to do this, or doing it incorrectly, will result in a potentially expensive penalty charge notice from "Parking Eye" who manage the car park. Those of you staying at the hotel will now have to pay an £8.00 per night parking charge.

It is important that all drivers should read the note on these parking charges in Society News.