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Society tie and I am pleased to say that an order has been placed and that stocks should be available at the AGM and thereafter by mail order or at exhibitions. The design, which will be available both in polyester and silk, is totally new and was selected from a portfolio kindly presented by our West Midland Branch Organiser, Gerald Savine.

Some discussion took place at the October Committee meeting regarding the possibility of an Autumn Reunion, a topic which has been raised at past AGM's. The earliest that one could be organised would be 2002 and Exeter was considered as a possible venue. However, with the knowledge that the West Somerset Railway is holding a Swiss Themed Weekend on June 1st and 2nd it was decided that for 2002 this would be the venue and meeting point for an informal Society reunion. The details, which are being finalised by our Joint President, Roy Dunglison, appear elsewhere.

Towards the end of last year the Society acquired its own domain name on the Internet, which is <http://www.SwissRailSoc.org.uk>. The content of the website remains unchanged and the two previous addresses are still live and in fact are accessed directly and automatically by keying in the new address. The e-mail addresses of Officers have also changed and are published elsewhere – it should be noted that the various email.com addresses are no longer live. The website continues to go from strength to strength, so much so that at the time when this is being written (end January) the number of "hits" since April 2000 is nearly 8,400 with more than 6,000 last year alone! I have managed the website for the last two years, and have indicated to the Committee that I am prepared to continue to do so for at least another year and maybe beyond that subject to their approval. Meanwhile, any suggestions for links or additional content would be welcome – contact me by e-mail at Webmaster@SwissRailSoc.org.uk.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have supported me during my term of office as Secretary. It has been a pleasure and an honour to serve you. I look forward to continuing my support of the Society in the months and years to come and enjoying the delights of Switzerland and its railways.

EXHIBITIONS - Andy Nelson

This is my final note to you all. Regretfully my work commitments have been subject to many late changes over recent months and so I would like to apologise for not attending St Albans.

I would like to thank you all for your help at Exhibitions over the past six years. I have enjoyed meeting you all. Can I also thank those who kindly sent me letters thanking me for my work, much appreciated.

A final thought: are you travelling by air this year? A piece of advice: do not take your favourite Swiss Army penknife in your hand baggage, as it will be confiscated! Pack it in your check-in baggage. In fact pack any scissors, nail files or any sharp objects in the check-in luggage.

I will be at the Derby AGM in March which will be my swansong and am looking forward to seeing many of you there.

25th May 2002 - Newmarket Continental Exhibition. Bob Simmonds' Om layout "Surava" along with "Z" gauge and "N" gauge Swiss layouts. The Newmarket School do it entirely for charity. It takes place 10.30 - 17.00 at St Felix Middle School, Fordham Road, Newmarket (A142 north out of Newmarket).

GLYN JONES SPEAKS

Back Issues of *Swiss Express*:

It has been necessary to increase the price of back issues to £1.50 each or £5.00 for four. This is due to the considerable weight of the more recent magazines and the resultant postage charges. Back issues will not, in future, be available for the current year until after the next years AGM; e.g. 2001 magazines will not be available until after the 2002 AGM.

The following is a list of available back numbers as at Jan 2002, but please bear in mind that some of these are in extremely short supply (there may be only one or two copies available).

2000 - March, June, September	1999 - December	1998 - All issues available
1997 - All issues available	1996 - June, September, December	1995 - All issues available
1994 - All issues available	1993 - June, September, December	1992 - March, December
1991 - No issues available	1990 - All issues available	1989 - September, December
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