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### LONDON

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1 Apr. Members' slides of Swiss Railways in the snow. Please bring up to 10 slides each.

6 May. Brian Bareham and Colin Buckland will present another of their video spectaculars - "Railways of the Jura".

3 Jun. Members are asked to bring slides of railways and trams in the vicinity of Basel.

1 July, 2 Sept., 7 Oct., 4 Nov., and 2 Dec. (programmes to be announced).

Venue: Model Railway Club Headquarters, Keen House, Calshot Street (off Pentonville Road near Kings Cross Station) ring bottom bell if doors are closed. Meetings start at 19.00

Note. The London Branch is now circulating a news letter. Any member who wishes to be included on the mailing list should send an S.A.E. to the Chairman Alan Pike.

### MANCHESTER

Branch Organiser Dave Howsam 3 Balmain Road, Davyhulme, Manchester M31 3TE.

Tel No. 061 748 7850

1 Apr. John Stein - slides .

6 May Members slide competition. 10 slides per member on a single theme.

3 Jun. Members slides of railways in Graubunden.

1 Jul. Video Films.

5 Aug., 2 Sept., 7 Oct., 4 Nov. and 2 Dec. (programmes to be announced).

Venue: British Rail Staff Association, Piccadilly Station, Manchester; Meetings start at 19.30 (slides begin at 20.00 prompt. 21.15 onwards is 'Chat Time'. Visiting members are requested to confirm programme with Dave Howsam to ensure that there has been no late change.

### NORTH EAST

Branch Organiser Ernie Brack, 10 Tern Close, South Beach, Blyth, Northumberland. Tel.No. Blyth 361172 or Dave Ford Tel. No. Blyth 369060.

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at the above address. Please telephone to confirm times. The branch is currently constructing a Swiss HO layout - "Isenthal".

## SCOTLAND

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Tel No. 050 683 4310

For details of latest meetings please send an S.A.E. or telephone Peter Rigby.

## EXHIBITIONS

Filisur on show at the Wolverhampton Model Railway Club exhibition (Sat. 2 May 14.00 - 21.00) (Sun. 3 May 10.30 - 18.30) (Mon. 4 May 10.30 - 17.30) at Pendeford High School, Marsh Lane, Wolverhampton. (1 mile from junction 2 on the M54). Admission - adults £1, child/O.A.P. 50p. Several layouts, trade, films, refreshments. (Note, exhibition manager and S.R.S. member David Fullerton will be pleased to meet members of the Society who visit the exhibition).

Brighton. Last chance to see Die Bernhardinbahn at a public show. After this exhibition the layout will be dismantled and work will commence on a new layout. Mike Poleglaze will be with Die Bernhardinbahn at the Brighton Centre on March 20 (12.00 - 19.00) Mar 21 (10.00 - 19.00) Mar 22 (10.00 - 18.00)

## MARKT PLATZ

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**Wanted** any track plans of Geneva Cornavin, showing the changes of the last few years, I'm interested in all trackage within the cities boundaries, I need more than just a simple track diagram. Also would like to obtain Geneva pocket timetables of the last 10 years. Would be happy with photocopies. Please contact Martin Lewis, 34 High Street, Great Barford, Bedford, MK44 3JH. Bedford 870891 (member E36) Will pay costs.

**For Sale.** Videos. 'Swiss Railway Video Spectacular' and 'The Rhatische Bahn on Video vollume II.' £12.00 each. Both hardly used. W. Jones, 109 Portobello Road, London, W.11 2QB.

## FRONT COVER

*Wedding day on the Bodensee - Toggenburg - Bahn. (see picture story page 14). Photo supplied by S.N.T.O. London.*

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