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arrangements to those in 1999 are being made with the exception of the Friday evening meeting being held in the hotel.

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The new Swiss Timetables for 2001-2 are now available in the UK from Switzerland Tourism at £8 plus £6 postage, and can be obtained personally or by written request from Switzerland Tourism, 10th Floor, Swiss Centre, 10 Wardour Street, London W1D 6QF. Telephone orders can be taken on 00800 100 200 30, and credit card payment is accepted. The price in Switzerland is SFr16 if you prefer to wait.

As we enter the summer period we all look forward to our various visits to Switzerland, and your Secretary is no exception. Already I made a visit in February to my beloved MOB where I had the pleasure of meeting and being driven by our member Beat Feller. Sadly, although there was rumour of new liveries none were evident and so another trip will have to be made, this time during a family holiday in August. Such are the penalties of being a Swiss railway enthusiast!

EXHIBITIONS REPORT - Andy Nelson

Some recent requirements on the exhibition circuit may be of interest to you. The growth of Health and Safety legislation in recent years has led to some far-reaching developments. Any exhibition at any council-owned property must have an electrical test certificate on all electrical items. It is known as a PAT (Portable Appliance Test) and includes all extension leads, transformers, lighting or indeed any electrical item such as a soldering iron and which may be plugged in.

Another venue we exhibited at several years ago now bans the carrying of all hot drinks in the exhibition hall; this was the result of a small untethered child, who knocked somebody carrying a tray of tea, which then scalded the child (luckily they were not injured too badly). I now carry a small thermos flask as part of our exhibition equipment and am wondering when I will need a test certificate for this!

Do you have a layout which you exhibit and that our members might enjoy? Or is there any item you may like from the sales list and which I can bring along to the exhibitions? Then let me know either on 01753 534313 or by letter. I do have a request for a Swiss layout for the show at Newmarket on 8 June 2002 (yes 2002). So if you have one and would like the world to see it give me a call.

The Exhibitions Stand will be attending the following venues later this year.

Sept. 22nd - Oxford, the well-known GRS Continental Show

Oct. 20th-21st - Warley National MRE at the NEC, Birmingham (to be confirmed)

Swiss layouts will also be on view at:

Oct. 27th - EXPO Narrow Gauge, Swanley, Kent. MALOJA (HOM).

The Editor can confirm that this is an excellent exhibition and worth the long drive he makes every year.

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