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JUST A SEC - Roger Ellis

“More tea vicar!”

The Autumn Social Event was held in my “Miss Marple” village on the weekend of 20th/21st October. On the Friday evening some 30 members were entertained by Philip Worsfold of the SNCF Society (my good friend Peter Martin being unable to attend due to work commitments), and SRS member Tony Bagwell with his superb pictures of the RhB.

On the Saturday we had layouts representing the railways of Switzerland, Austria, France and Italy as well as trade support from WINCO and MITV. It was a great day and I am grateful to Messrs Howsam, Athey and my son Simon for their help in running my layout. Even my grandchildren had fun in naming the locomotives as they ran round. Future members of the SRS for sure!

In the evening those who remained enjoyed buffet provided by the Wyndham Arms and, together with a few people from the village, listened to Harry Skinner and Dave Saunders with their blues, rag time and jazz music played on a variety of acoustic guitars. Harry has a nice friendly rapport with his audience and included many anecdotes from his colourful musical past. It was a great end to a super weekend.

Most importantly I was able to give £150 to the children’s cancer charity “CLIC”, this money being donated by those attending the events on both days, and by drinkers in the pub who had their “collars felt” by Liliana.

Will we do it again? We might.

PS The Vicar was in the Pub on Friday.

Tea?

BRANCH REPORT Dave Scriven

Switzerland comes to Keighley - the Yorkshire Group is formed

Saturday 5th August 2006 saw the first meeting of the newly formed Yorkshire Group of the Swiss Railways Society. Around 25 members attended this inaugural meeting and several potential members sent letters of apology as they were unable to attend due to holidays, etc. The meeting was held at the Vintage Carriages Trust Museum at Ingrow, near Keighley, and thanks are due to the VCT for allowing the SRS the use of their facilities. An introductory session was followed by some of the members presenting a showing of their slides, then refreshments, with the afternoon finishing in a discussion about the way forward for our new Group.

I would like to thank all who attended both from Yorkshire and those who came from other parts of the country to wish us well in our new venture. Thanks also to Douglas Butterfield, Stewart Linsey, and Dave Howsam for their photographic contribution to the afternoon’s events.

It was decided that as Yorkshire is such a large county we will try to have our meeting quarterly in different areas on a Saturday afternoon. The next meeting, on a theme of “Great Railway Journeys of the 80s - Ingrow to Interlaken”, will have taken place at the York Railway Institute on Saturday 11th November – unfortunately before you see this article. Watch the Society Diary page for future events, or for more information ring me, **Dave Scriven on 01535 647 506.**