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*It is anticipated that Part 4 of Paul Russenberger's "The Electric Railway" will be published in the December Swiss Express. For various reasons it was not possible to include the text that Paul had prepared in this edition.*

### COVER PICTURE:

*A north bound Bernina train collects passengers from the street in Le Prese.*

PHOTO: Jason Sargerson

## EDITORIAL

Malcolm Bulpitt

One of our members was recently in contact noting that due to the introduction of new rolling stock by the SBB, BLS, RhB and other Swiss railways a lot of the interest appeared to be going out of the Swiss railway scene for him. It is true that such iconic locos such as the Crocodiles have gone out of service, and now the Ae6/6 series are gradually disappearing off the scene, but for most of us Swiss railways are not just about specific items of rolling stock – they are about the whole system and its place in the environment of this most civilized of nations. Swiss railways are a part of the fabric of the nation as once our rail operations used to be. It is in order to offer you the best possible platform to enjoy this cornucopia of transport diversity that we intend to upgrade *Swiss Express* to an A4 publication from next March. There are still some details to be resolved but we hope that from 2011 your magazine will move into a clear lead amongst the many specialist railway journals. In some respects at *Swiss Express* we are ahead of the game already. Another SRS member has just written to note that: "On the 2nd July the JULY issue of "Eisenbahn Amateur" arrived in the post. It contained an article about the finding of an old tram in the woods. An article about the Aaretal railway appeared in the JULY issue of "Continental Modeller". Both magazines are monthly publications. Articles on both these subjects appeared in the JUNE issue of the quarterly "Swiss Express". As Editor of "Swiss Express" you must have had the copy from members for these two articles by the end of March at the latest hence proving that members of the SRS may know more about what is going on in Switzerland than the Swiss!" It is nice to know that the effort from all concerned that goes into the production of *Swiss Express* is appreciated.

Bus, tram and train. Worb Dorf station, old and new under construction, 13/5/2005.

PHOTO: Gerald Savine

See Christopher Lacey's article on page 32 - RECYCLING THE RAILWAY

