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## EDITORIAL

Welcome to the first *Swiss Express* of 2016. You should have received this just prior to the Annual General Meeting of the Society that is again being held at the Midland Hotel adjacent to Derby railway station. We are frequently asked 'Why Derby?' as the location for this meeting. Apart from having a suitable venue that is affordable (something that is a problem in larger cities), Derby has an excellent spread of train services, and is a workable day return trip by rail from the areas where the majority of our members live. Road connections are also not too bad, and there is a reasonable choice of varied price accommodation for those who need to stay over. We have investigated many other locations over the years, but to no avail. However if you do have a suggestion for a venue that would tick all the necessary boxes for this event then please let us know. It would be good to see as many members as possible there, not just to say 'hello' but for you to participate in this important meeting. All AGMs are important, but this year your Management Committee will be inviting those attending to agree to the proposal that the Society be converted to a Company Limited by Guarantee, something that many other societies similar to ours have already done. Such a structural change is necessary in the Management Committee's view due to various potential legal and financial scenarios that those who started the SRS may not have even considered when they founded our Society over 35 years ago. The reasons for the proposed change are clearly set out on Page 2 of the December 2015 magazine. We look forward to welcoming you to Derby, and to the meeting. ☞

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