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Switzerland to Snowdon

The STC explains how SRS members can reserve seats.

As you will read in this magazine the Switzerland to Snowdon event is scheduled to take place in September. Seats on the BRB train between Llanberis and Waterfall will normally be allocated on a 'first come – first served' basis but for SRS Members there will be an opportunity to reserve a limited number of seats on each service in advance so you can plan your visit to North Wales.

Services are due to be operated every day in September, except Fridays. Timetabled departures of the BRB train from Llanberis are at: 10.02; 10.32; 15.32; and 16.02. The return trip is scheduled to take some 20-minutes. Departures may be cancelled without prior notice.

In addition to the scheduled trips it is planned that Mike Ellis from the BRB will be giving 'Meet the Loco' talks at Llanberis Station on operating days at 11.30 and 14.30. These are open to all, not bookable, and should last some 30-minutes. During the day the BRB train will be located on the arrivals platform at Llanberis station when not operating. These arrangements may also change without notice.

Members wishing to book on one of the above departure times need to do the following: Send an email to sales@stc.co.uk with **Switzerland to Snowdon** in the 'Subject' box; clearly state the date and departure time you wish to book; note the number of passengers; state their individual names; supply a mobile telephone number so you may be

contacted if there are any issues on the day that you may need to be informed about. Please DO NOT telephone STC or Snowdon Mountain Railway about reservations. These can only be handled by the email arrangements noted above.

Please note that the Swiss Railways Society has no involvement in the operation of the service and the reservation arrangements. Please do not contact the SRS regarding operational aspects of this event. ☒

Where's Heidi?

Question? At which station would you find this wooden SBB logo?

Answer on page 41.



GDPR – the SRS and You

An important message from Martin Fisher
the Company Secretary

As UK-based members will doubtless already know the Data Protection Act 1998 was replaced on 25th May 2018 by the General Data Protection Regulation 2018 (GDPR). Although this is based on EU legislation, the UK Government has implemented it under UK legislation irrespective of 'Brexit'. Failure to comply with the regulation may lead to financial penalties, so the SRS Board had to ensure appropriate measures were put in place. First, a formal Data Protection Policy was required; Neil Wheelwright has led the way on this and the Board has formally approved our Policy. The document can be seen in the Members' Area of the Society's website, or by sending an A4 SAE to me. Second, the data about members, which the Society holds, needs to be kept securely. The Society has always been mindful of this but the Board has tightened its procedures. As a Member you need to know that (a) the Board must disclose all data held on you by the Society, should you request this; (b) you have the "right to be forgotten" – i.e. to have all information about you expunged from our records – though if you do this you will not receive *Swiss Express*!; (c) we will only keep information about you while it is needed – i.e. while you are still a member, subject to compliance with normal accounting practices around subscriptions, sales, etc., and for records in support of initiatives such as articles and

photographs submitted to *Swiss Express*, also donations to the new Archive, and lastly, (d) the Society does not share your data with any other organisation except for the mailing of *Swiss Express*.

All data we hold must be accurate but we can only achieve that with your help. **The membership renewal form to be issued with the December 2018 edition of *Swiss Express* will include a Data Consent Form, which all members must complete and return to the Membership Secretary. If you have already paid a subscription for 2019 then obviously you don't pay again but you will still need to provide a completed Data Consent Form.** The form will explain why we hold information and give you the opportunity to provide your current email address and telephone number (in addition to your postal address) and say whether you wish us to use those to contact you if/when the need arises.

As Company Secretary I am responsible for ensuring the Society's GDPR is complied with. However, as membership records are maintained by Steve Buck, the Membership Secretary, he is the first port of call for all enquiries regarding your membership details. Our email and postal addresses appear on the inside front cover of this issue of *Swiss Express*. ☒