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FROM THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

2002 RENEWAL

The renewal form for all members for 2002 subscriptions is included with this issue. All completed renewals should be forwarded directly to the membership secretary. Subscriptions for 2002 have all been held at last year's level. It is possible for members to pay for two years' subscription and this would save postage for you, slightly reduce any credit card surcharge as well as making a saving if subs are increased in the second year! USA members may still forward a US dollar cheque but payment for all other members must be in sterling, whether by credit card or by cheque or draft drawn on a UK bank and payable in the UK. Please note Eurocheques are no longer accepted. Each renewal form has the appropriate subscription rate on it.

All members receive a renewal form with *Swiss Express*. If you have pre paid for 2002 please ignore it. A list of pre-paid subscriptions will be no longer printed, but all such members will receive their 2002 membership card by January 1st.

Please note that a small stamped unaddressed envelope would be appreciated, from UK members only for the return of membership cards. I produce all address & membership labels in one print run. The unused address labels are used to send out reminders.

The aim is to give a speedy and efficient service and members should know their renewal has been received and processed by the return of their membership card and the encashment of their cheque. Forms are processed, usually, on the day of receipt. If you have not received your membership card within two weeks (for UK) you should contact me. Incidentally, members in the USA do not need to send their renewal by special delivery; ordinary airmail has proved very reliable.

The number of subscriptions for 2000 is 1086 (Mid October), up on last year, and a record, thanks to the highest ever percentage of renewals and an increase in new members.

I shall be present at the Mirfield exhibition on December 8th 2001 where members may renew and receive their new membership card.

MODEL RAILWAY REGISTER

It has been the practise in the past, on the application form, to ask members for details of any Swiss model railways owned etc. Not all applications forms have had this request on (because of lack of space!) and the information in the database is incomplete or out of date. Requests from exhibition managers for Swiss layouts were supposed to be referred to members with suitable layouts. This rarely worked and it has been decided that, rather than ask all members to fill in information for a new list, this area of the database will be abandoned. This does mean that request for layouts to be shown at Society functions (e.g. AGMs) needs a positive response from members offering models if the meetings are to be a success.

PLEASE NOTE THE NEW ADDRESS FOR THE SOCIETY'S WEBSITE

SwissRailSoc.org.uk

The original sites can still be accessed and the content will be identical at all three addresses. Reference should be made to the website and in future issues of *Swiss Express* for possible changes to Officers' e-mail addresses.

