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THE AUTUMN SOCIAL EVENT

A VERY SOCIAL EVENT!

On the Friday evening (15th October) 36 members and guests were treated to a slide show by Tony Bagwell of his recent holidays in Switzerland, and on the last days of steam in the United Kingdom. Not only were the slides of a very high standard, but a number of sequences were also accompanied by music from his in-built sound system. Tony undertakes these shows on behalf of the 'CLIC' (Cancer and Leukaemia in Children) Charity and was delighted with a collection of £124.00, including money from the customers of the Wyndham Arms. His highest ever total!

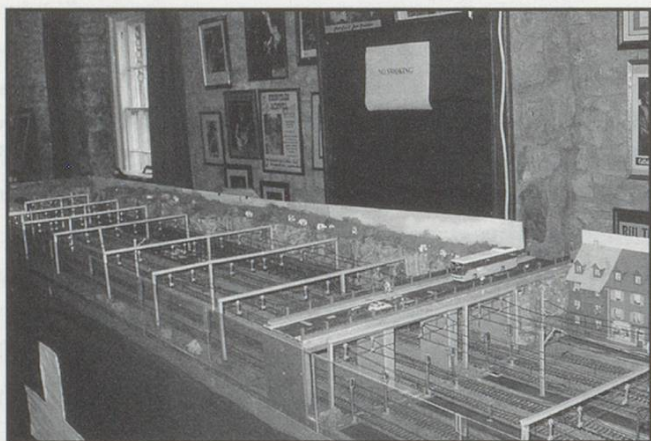
On the Saturday (16th October), my two railway layouts were on display as well as stands from WINCO, MITV, Gerald Savine and the Societies Sales Stand. I estimate that over 100 people attended and, although we were at times a little crowded, a good time was had by all those present.

In the evening, 30 members and guests sat down to a 'Swiss' meal in the Function Room and were able to exercise their brains on a quiz designed by Roger Payne of my Branch. I thought it very difficult, but Sue & Chris of MITV and several co-conspirators managed to get 41 out of 42 answers! Ron Dawes on his own achieved an astounding 35.

My special thanks must go to Dave Howsam and Liliana Wood for their tiring efforts over the two days, to Paul for bringing the Societies Sales Stand and to the support I received from my son Simon and Peter & Yvonne and Sue & Chris. Not forgetting David Stevenson for bringing himself and Gerald and to all those members who travelled from far and wide to be there, including from the Isle of Man. Last, but by no means least, to Roger Payne for the quiz. Next time I'll ask him to focus all the questions on Erstfeld and then I might get some correct.

Jeremy, the owner of the Wyndham Arms, could not have been more helpful which made my life easier and at least one of the visitors wants to move to that part of Somerset as soon as possible!

It was a great weekend, and I hope that another Branch or group of members may be willing to take up the mantle for next Autumn. (*Editors Note – The West Midlands Group have volunteered for this so watch not this space but elsewhere in Swiss Express next year.*)



MEMBERS ADVERTS

WANTED: MOB HOm models by Bemo, Friho, Fulgurex, Lemaco, STL and others. I am particularly looking for a Crystal Panoramic set, Pullman coaches and a DZe6/6. Contact Peter Bowen, 21 Chapel Croft, Chelford, Cheshire, SK11 9SU. Tel: 01625 860475 (work) or 01625 861987 (home).

HELP WANTED: I have resumed work on an HO SBB '70s era layout and am building my own track and point work. I would be very interested in any information members may have on SBB track work rules; rail profile and dimensions, crossing-V gradients, switch blade lengths, check rail lengths, sleeper dimensions, sleeper spacing, positioning of switch blade motors and so on. Also any information on the availability of detailing parts for track work; ie motor covers, tie-bars, fish-plates, slide chairs, check rails and so on. Contact is via <rob.smart@dunelm.org.uk> or via my home address which is 52 Cedern Avenue, Elborough, Weston-super-Mare, Somerset, BS24 8PA.