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## BIRMINGHAM

Branch organiser: Steve Buck  
Tel: 0121 382 5649. Email: gsbuck@tiscali.co.uk  
Venue: Stockland Green Methodist Church,  
Slade Rd, Erdington, B23 7JH.  
Meetings commence at 20.00 on the third Friday  
of the month from January to May and September  
to November. Next meeting will be in September  
with full details in September Swiss Express.

## BRISTOL AND BATH

Branch Organiser: Roger Ellis  
"Alf-N-Alf" Cottage, Kingsbury Episcopi, Martock,  
Somerset, TA12 6AZ. Tel: 01935 824428  
Venue: University of Bath. Please note that Block  
and Room vary.  
Meetings start at 19.30  
The Bristol & Bath Branch will be on holiday  
during the three months of July, August and  
September. Our season commences on Friday  
8th October.  
Details of this and subsequent meetings will be in  
the September magazine or on the SRS website.

## EAST ANGLIA

Organiser: Derek Cate  
103 Meadow Way, Hellesdon, Norwich NR6 6XX  
Tel: 01603 419582.  
Email: Derek.cate@ntlworld.com  
The branch meets four times a year on Saturdays  
in February, May, September and November.  
Sep 25th: Venue: Hellesdon Community Centre,  
Middletons Lane, Hellesdon Norwich.  
Time: 14:30. Subject to be announced.

## EAST MIDLANDS

Branch Organiser: Glyn Jones  
18, Robin Road, Botts Hollow, Coalville,  
Leicestershire, LE67 4LB.  
Tel: 01530 837939  
Email: glyn.jones@btinternet.com  
Venue: Brunswick Inn, Railway Terrace, Derby.  
(almost opposite Derby Station) at 19:30.  
The next meeting will be on September 30th.  
Full details in the next issue of Swiss Express.

## HAMPSHIRE BRANCH

Branch Organiser: Glyn Smith  
Tel: 02380 849105  
Email: glyn-di.smith@tesco.net  
Venue: Seminar Room, Southampton Central  
Library, Commercial Road, Southampton SO14 7LW.  
Meetings 12:00 -15:00 Saturday Afternoons.  
Jun. 12th: Garden Railway open Afternoon  
(re-arranged from April date) Joint meeting with  
G Scale Society local group at Glyn Smith's  
garden railway. 1pm - 5pm.  
Please contact Glyn on 02380 849105 a few  
days before the date to confirm you will be

attending and obtain directions.  
July & August - no meeting.

## LONDON

Branch Organiser: Ron Dawes  
79, Partridge Knoll, Purley, Surrey, CR8 1BT.  
Tel: 0208 660 3532. Email:  
dawesronald@aol.com. Meetings start 19:00 on  
2nd Wed. of the month at The Model Railway  
Club, Keen House, Calshot Street, London N1  
(Near Kings Cross Station).  
Jun. 9th: Talk by Alan Pike - tba.  
Jul. 14th: Talk by Paul Russenberger - tba.  
Aug. 11th: Member's slides - foreign night.

## MANCHESTER

Branch organiser: Dave Howsam  
3, Balmain Road, Davyhulme, Manchester, M41 5TR  
Tel: 0161 748 7850  
Venue: Friends' Meeting House, 6, Mount Street,  
Manchester. [Behind Central Library.] (Metro -  
St.Peter's Square.) Please note that meetings  
now open at 19:00 for chat etc., presentation  
starts at 19:30 and meetings close at 21:15.  
Jun. 2nd: South of Tauern - Colin Mills (Note:  
presenter & subject may change).  
Jul 7th: A change of Season - Dave Howsam.  
Aug.4th: Kitzbuhl - Mark Grice.  
Sep.1st: I remember that - Members' photos of  
the past.

## SCOTLAND

Branch organiser: Willie McKnight  
4D Scott House, Hume Road, Seafar, Cumbernauld,  
G67 1AR. Tel: 01236 729 499.  
Venue: Buchanan House, 58, Portdundas Road,  
Glasgow - 19:30 Please contact Organiser for  
details of meetings.

## WEST MIDLANDS

Branch organiser: Geoff Turner  
Manor Lodge, 5 Penelope Close, Wickhamford,  
Evesham WR1 6SG.  
Tel: 01386 832770  
Email: geoff.j.turner@btinternet.com.  
The Group meets on the last Wednesday of each  
month. We meet alternately in members' homes  
and the Library of Kidderminster Railway Museum.  
Jun. 30th: Hereford - Martin Treacher 'Turkish  
Delight'.  
Jul. 28th: Kidderminster - "Ae6/6 Heaven" -  
Helena Moretti.  
Aug. 25th: Bromyard - Paul Hannant Annual  
Swiss Barbeque.

## WEST OF ENGLAND

Branch organisers: Rupert Dove Medows and  
Maurice Criddle c/o 2 Hillside  
Close, Teignmouth Devon. TQ14 9XE

## - Branches & Meetings

Tel: 01626 770797

Email: mauriceciddle@btinternet.com

Branch normally meets at 11:15 on the second Saturday of the month from October to May.

Venue: The Railway Inn, Station Forecourt, Newton Abbot, except for the January meeting when the annual lunch is held at a local hotel.

Jun. 13th: Annual outing - A visit to the Launceston Steam Railway. Full details will have been sent to all branch members but if others

wish to attend they should contact the branch joint organizer.

### YORKSHIRE

Branch organiser Philip Lockwood.

Tel: 0113 2532176

Email: philipwengen@aol.com

All meetings at the Middleton Railway, Engine House, Moor Road, Leeds LS10 2JQ

Aug. 7th: From the Archive by David Baker

## **“Noch ein Wochenende am Severntal III”**

**Friday 15th and Saturday 16th October 2010**

**JOIN US FOR THE WHOLE WEEKEND.**

LOCATION – Kidderminster Railway Museum, Kidderminster SVR Railway Station.

This is adjacent to the Main Line Station. The SVR will be running both days.

### **Friday 15th October 2010 at 1900**

Joint meeting between the West Midlands and Birmingham branches. Slide show by John Jesson and a Fish and Chip supper.

**£3 entry** plus about 6 squid (excuse the pun) for supper - bookings in advance to David Stevenson - details below.

### **Saturday 16th October 2010**

(10.30 – 16.30 hrs)

**Admission: £2.00 (SRS members, free)**

SRS Exhibition including:

- Layouts (scales HO, HOm, N and Z)
- Trade stands including Winco, NscaleCH, Gerald Savine Prints and the SRS sales stand
- Photographic Display
- Bring and buy stand ● Italian, Spanish and Austrian Railways societies
- And much more .....

### **Saturday 16th October 2010 Evening**

Meal and social evening - There will be one! It will include an SRS railway quiz with points - and what do points mean? PRIZES!!

(Bookings in advance to David Stevenson - full details will be in the September issue)

**For details and bookings contact David Stevenson**

**Tel.01905 358440 Mob. 07776 161780**

**Email: bodensee.toggenburg@me.com**

Weekend Accommodation: A list of suitable accommodation is available from David Stevenson

on request, usual disclaimer obviously!

*Please note that due to the venue site, wheelchair access is not possible.*

*The location is on the first floor of an historic building and there is no lift.*

## **WHY SWITZERLAND?**

First impressions run deep. Childhood memories of summer holidays with that first encounter with unknown trains at Basel Bundesbahnhof – overhead line, Leichtstahlwagen, Ae4/7s, guards with bags knocking their shins – with paddle steamers and with the discovery that there were so many different railways, yet each was so Swiss! Zweibach for breakfast; packed lunches with rolls and some chocolate; at dinner the soup brought in a separate individual tureen for each of us, to be poured into the bowls at the table and our own napkins in envelopes. And each outing always began with a train journey, or at least a boat or a chairlift ride!

No longer do ‘Crocodiles’ take freight on the Gotthard, the Ae6/6s have lost their names and the Firstbahn has cabins, but there is yet quality in all things – clean shops, reliable transport, full measures, thorough ski teaching – and that ‘certain sort of a something’ among the mountains and meadows, cities and ski slopes, which will always be Switzerland – and above all it is the Land of My Grandfather.

**Paul Russenberger – SRS Immediate Past Chairman**

*Part 4 of Paul Russenberger's "The Electric Railway." will be in the September magazine.*