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# SOCIETY DIARY

## BIRMINGHAM

Branch organiser: Steve Buck  
Tel: 0121 382 5649. Email: [gsdbuck@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:gsdbuck@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 & September  
to November.  
Sep. 17th: North East Switzerland - Steve Buck.  
Oct. Joint meeting with West Mids. Branch in  
Kidderminster.  
Nov. 19th: Paul Russenberger.

## 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 refer to the Branch Newsletter for details  
of the room allocation for the coming year at the  
University of Bath or from the SRS web site. All  
meetings start at 19.30.  
Oct. 8th: "Look what I've found!" John Jesson  
Nov. 12th: "SNCB, NS and DB with a bit of SBB"  
Roger Ellis.  
Dec. 3rd: Christmas Meal.

## EAST ANGLIA

Branch organiser: Derek Cate  
103 Meadow Way, Hellesdon, Norwich NR6 6XX  
Tel: 01603 419582.  
Email: [Derek.cate@ntlworld.com](mailto:Derek.cate@ntlworld.com)  
The branch meets four times a year on Saturdays  
in February, May, September and November.  
Oct. 2nd: On the Route of the Glacier Express -  
Martin Fisher. Venue - Museum Street Methodist  
Church Ipswich IP1 2EF. Access is via Blackhorse  
Lane. Commencing at 14:30.  
Nov. 28th: Sunday meeting in Norwich - Subject  
to be Advised.

## EAST MIDLANDS

Branch Organiser: Glyn Jones  
18, Robin Road, Botts Hollow, Coalville,  
Leicestershire, LE67 4LB.  
Tel: 01530 837939  
Email: [glyn.jones@btinternet.com](mailto:glyn.jones@btinternet.com)  
Venue: Brunswick Inn, Railway Terrace, Derby.  
(almost opposite Derby Station) at 19:30.  
Sep. 30th: Four trips to Norway - Don Wight.  
Oct. 28th: Alan Pike O.B.E.  
Nov. 25th: Members slides, and digital images.

## HAMPSHIRE

Branch Organiser: Glyn Smith  
Tel: 02380 849105  
Email: [glyn-di.smith@tesco.net](mailto:glyn-di.smith@tesco.net)  
Venue: Seminar Room, Southampton Central  
Library, Commercial Road, Southampton SO14.  
7LW. Meetings 12:00 -15:00 Saturday Afternoons.  
Sep. 11th: Views of a Chur Vacation - Andy Fearnside.  
Oct. 9th: Gotthard Part 1 - John Jesson.  
Nov. 13th: Members Best 2010 Summer Railway  
photos.  
Dec. 11th: Oh no - It's Glyn's Swiss Christmas  
Quiz Again!

## LONDON

Branch Organiser: Ron Dawes  
79, Partridge Knoll, Purley, Surrey, CR8 1BT.  
Tel: 0208 660 3532.  
Email: [dawesronald@aol.com](mailto:dawesronald@aol.com)  
Meetings start 19:00 on 2nd Wednesday of the  
month at The Model Railway Club, Keen House,  
Calshot Street, London N1 (Near Kings Cross  
Station).  
Sep. 8th: To be arranged.  
Oct. 13th: To be arranged - John Jesson.  
Nov. 10th: A look at the EBT group -  
Neil Wheelwright.  
Dec. 8th: Christmas Quiz - Nick Freezer.

## 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.  
Sep. 1st: I remember that - Members' photos of  
the past.  
Oct. 6th: Modern Traction - Nigel Emery.  
Nov. 3rd: I'm Not Going Abroad Again - Ian Athey,  
Society Chairman, guest presenter.  
Dec. 1st: Christmas Quiz influenced by Charlie  
Hulme.

## 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](mailto: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.  
Sep. 29th: Swiss treats - David Adams. Venue -  
Kidderminster.  
Oct. 27th: Rugen Bier - Piers Milne. Venue - Upton.  
Nov. 24th: Still Bashing at 43 - Rupert Chambers.  
Venue - Kidderminster  
Dec.(tbc): Annual Dinner - Kidderminster.

## WEST OF ENGLAND

Branch organisers: Rupert Dove Medows and  
Maurice Criddle c/o 2 Hillside  
Close, Teignmouth Devon. TQ14 9XE Tel: 01626  
770797  
Email: [mauricecriddle@btinternet.com](mailto:mauricecriddle@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. Oct. 9th: Members slides. Please bring some slides, preferably of this year's holiday. Nov. 13th: Switzerland, mainly in the snow. - Richard Green. Dec. 11th: Members' videos of railways.

## 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  
Nov. 6th: "myswitzerland.pjr" - Paul Russenberger.

## "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, Gerald Savine Prints and the SRS sales stand
- Photographic Display
- Bring and buy stand
- Italian, Spanish and Austrian Railways societies
- And much more .....

Weekend Accommodation: A list of suitable accommodation is available

**For details contact David Stevenson**

**Tel.01905 358440 Mob. 07776 161780 Email: bodensee.toggenburg@me.com**  
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.*

## MEMBERS' ADS

### Wanted

I collect model Swiss Postbuses and would be interested in purchasing these. Any material, any scale, old, damaged, playworn, unwanted, etc. Contact John Evans on 01 244 545 785 or email: [jandkevans@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:jandkevans@tiscali.co.uk)

### For Sale

Bemo HOM RhB Set no 7482100 - 4 Cargo Domicil wagons. £50. Post free UK. Verlag Eisenbahn Archiv No 39 Die Schmalspurige Brunigbahn Hardback. Approx. 400 B/w photos, plus drawings. £11.50. Post free UK. Contact John Hargaden on 01 873 852 116 or email: [hargaden2010@btinternet.com](mailto:hargaden2010@btinternet.com)

## MEMBER'S LETTER

### From Kenneth Perry – By Email

Having read about John Weaver's trip through the Lötschberg tunnel on a Traxx loco (SE101 P12) I was fortunate enough to have an unexpected cab trip through the Gotthard tunnel recently. I was at Erstfeld looking in at the signalling screen through the window of the new drivers' cabin on platform 2/4 when a driver came along and asked if I would like a clearer look at the screen. Following a conversation he then invited me to have a look in the cab of the Re4/4 that he was about to leave with. A suggestion that if I was interested I could ride to Bellinzona with him was accepted with alacrity.