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# SOCIETY DIARY

## BIRMINGHAM

Branch organiser: Steve Buck  
Tel: 0121 3825649.  
Email: 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.  
Jan. 21st: Ken Taylor  
Feb. 18th: T.B.A  
Mar. 18th: T.B.A

## 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.  
Dec. 3rd: Christmas Meal - Monkton Farleigh.  
Jan. 14th: Canals - Paul Balmer (Block 8 west, Room 2.5)  
Feb. 11th: Hansa, Prague & Vienna - Peter Over  
Mar. 11th: Germany and the Rocky Mountains - David and Myrtle  
Apr. 8th: SNCF Steam - Paul Russenberger

## EAST ANGLIA

Branch 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.  
Feb. 12th: Saturday - Venue Hellesdon Community Centre, Norwich 2-30 to 4-00.  
Members Medley Plus Yearly Review.  
Nov. 28th: General quiz and reports on summer visits to Switzerland.  
Venue: Hellesdon Community Centre Norwich. Time: 14:00 to 16:00

## 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.

Jan. 27th: Rob Morrey - "Schoeneiche, Stiege, Falsgrave and Bouquetins".

Mar. 25th: Friday, pre-AGM meeting at the Hallmark Hotel Derby starting at 20:00 - John - Porter - "Freight Trains through the Alps".

## HAMPSHIRE BRANCH

Branch Organiser: Glyn Smith  
Tel: 02380 849105  
Email: glyn-di.smith@tesco.net  
We usually meet once a month except for July and August. Members from Hampshire and surrounding areas are always welcome. We try to use the free meeting room facility at Southampton Central Library whenever possible, but as this can only be booked a short time ahead it may not always be available. The details of the following meeting will be confirmed to members attending each meeting. Members who have provided me with their email address will also receive a short newsletter containing meeting information. Could any other members who wish to attend the meetings please telephone (or email) me for each meeting date and venue.  
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 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).  
Dec. 8th: Christmas Quiz - Nick Freezer.  
Jan. 12th: Members' slides - Winter  
Feb. 9th: T.B.A  
Mar. 9th: T.B.A

## MANCHESTER

Branch organiser: Dave Howsam  
3, Balmoral Road, Davyhulme, Manchester, M41 5TR  
Tel: 0161 748 7850

## - Branches & Meetings

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.

Dec. 1st: Christmas Quiz influenced by Charlie Hulme.

Jan. 5th: September Travels presented by Dave Howsam

Feb. 2nd: France, Switzerland, Italy presented by Charlie Hulme

Mar. 2nd: TBA

Apr. 6th: Germany revisited - presented by Alan Donaldson

### 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 OF ENGLAND

Branch organisers: Rupert Dove Meadows and Maurice Criddle c/o 2 Hillside Close, Teignmouth Devon. TQ14 9XE  
Tel: 01626 770797  
Email: 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.

Dec. 11th: Members' videos of railways.

January. Annual lunch at a local hotel - details when decided from branch organiser.

Feb. 12th: T.B.A

Mar. 12th: T.B.A.

### 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.

Sep. 29th: Swiss treats - David Adams.

Venue - Kidderminster.

Dec.(tbc): Annual Dinner - Kidderminster.

Jan. 26th: Kidderminster - David Stevenson 'Swiss Trips'

Feb. 23rd: Kidderminster - Martin Fisher 'Switzerland 1997-2010'

Mar. 30th: Kidderminster - Helena Moretti 'Switzerland Again'

### 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.

Feb. 12th: Members Slides/ digital images on a theme of " Switzerland not just the trains"

## MEMBERS' ADS

### For Sale

Hardly used BEMO HOM stock, all boxed, was to be part of a model railway, some items of track have been painted and welded for wiring but they are functional. Items include Bernina Bahn starter set, GE 4/4III no. 645, Driving Trailer No.1721, coaches and wagons. Also for sale are a number of Cars, Swiss Buses, Lorries, signals, a mixture of Peco and Bemo track and a Gaugemaster Controller. Price £700 o.n.o. Would prefer to sell whole, but will consider splitting if necessary. Contact Paul on 01305 767689 evenings after 6pm and at weekends.

### Help wanted

Member Derek Evans is currently compiling information about Swiss tramway operations. He would be interested if any fellow members have information regarding the length of each of the individual routes in the cities that have trams, or if they could point him to an easily accessible source of this data. If you can help please respond to him by email at [hsb6101@yahoo.com](mailto:hsb6101@yahoo.com) .