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- 11 September Slides - Railways with 75th and 100th anniversaries
- 9 October Alan Snowdon - Films from a while ago
- 13 November BOB Part II - Mr.McCann
- 11 November Christmas Meeting - Quiz Night

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### MANCHESTER

Venue British Rail Staff Association, Store Street (under Piccadilly Station) Manchester

Branch Organiser: D.Howsam, 3 Balmain Road, Davyhulme, Manchester M31 3TE tel 061-748 7850

Meetings start at 19:30 hrs, first Wednesday in month. Slides begin at 20:00 hrs prompt, 21:15 hrs onwards is chat time.

- 4 September Swiss Journeys - Roy Dunglinson
- 2 October Charlie's Ramblings - Charlie Hulme
- 6 November Oberland Excursions - Andy Micklethwaite
- 4 December Trains and Snow - Kath Crebbin

### NORTH EAST ENGLAND

Branch Organiser: Ernie Brack, 10, Tern Close, South Beach, Blyth, Northumberland tel: 0670 361172 or via Dave Ford tel: 0670 369060

Venue: 10, Tern Close, South Beach. Officially, first Wednesday of each month; in practice every Wednesday evening

### SCOTLAND

Branch Organiser: William McKnight, 4D Scott House, Hume Road, Seafar, Cumbernauld. G67 1AR tel:0236 729499

Venue: Conference Room, 'A', 8th Floor, Scotrail House, 58, Portdundas Road, Glasgow. Meetings start at 1930 hrs.

Please contact organiser for details of meetings

## EVENTS

### 700th Anniversary of the Founding of the Swiss Confederation

This took place in Battersea Park on 29 June. By courtesy of the Swiss National Tourist Office we were able to occupy a large space in one of the tents. An operating model railway based on RhB practice and continuous performance of Swiss railway video films were on offer.

8000 people attended the celebrations and at times it seemed that they all wanted to get into our tent. In between meeting old members and recruiting new ones, we found ourselves answering a wide range of questions about Swiss Railways put to us by members of the general public.

### Rail Industries Fair - Midland Railway Trust - Butterly Derbyshire.

Very early on the morning of Saturday 6 July found the 6ft x 6ft portable railway mentioned above on its way down the M1 for this two day event. Butterley was a good proving ground for the robust nature of the layout, being subjected to extremes of temperature and dust which enabled a few bugs to be ironed out. Hopefully it will be on show at the Old Horticultural Hall, London, 14-16 November.

Although the throughput was less than at Battersea, a reasonable amount of interest was generated and, again, new members were recruited. We had the pleasure of the assistance of the Chairman of the East Midlands Branch, Glyn Jones, on the Saturday ☐