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## - Branches & Meetings

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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.

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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**

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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.*