

West Midlands Rundschreiben

November 2018

Group News.

Last month's talk was by Piers Milne showing 1980's German slides, although I only saw a few it is interesting to see the changes over the last 20-30 years. Recent visits to Karlsruhe just 9 weeks apart highlight how quickly things can change. This will probably be my offering for the December Christmas event. 'Let's to the timewarp (In Karlsruhe)' by Richard Shaw (not O'Brian!). Other small presentations are welcome! (And no I will not be dressing to reflect the name of the talk!)

Don Gatehouse is presenting this month's talk 'EastEnders, without the Duff-Duffs'. I do like these cryptic titles, unfortunately due to work commitments I can't make it, however I will make sure the projector and screen are there. You may be some of the first to sample the new in the museum too..

Some members will be meeting in Our Plaice from just after 6pm.

SBB and other News

A quick look at the SBB web site:

(http://fahrplan.sbb.ch/bin/help.exe/en?tpl=showmap_external&tracking-marketingurl=166)

There isn't a lot of long term closures, presumably because of the weather conditions.

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The funicular service FUN between Les Avants (funi) and Sonloup is suspended.

Duration from 29.10.2018 07:30 until 27.11.2018 20:00.

Construction work: Bern Weissenbühl - Belp

Trains S4 / S44 / S3 are cancelled between Bern Weissenbühl and Belp.

Duration from 24.11.2018 05:00 until 26.11.2018 04:00.

Construction work: Villars-sur-Ollon - Col-de-Bretaye

The rail traffic between Villars-sur-Ollon and Col-de-Bretaye is interrupted.

Duration from 19.11.2018 until 23.11.2018 and from 26.11.2018 until 30.11.2018 .

<http://www.swissitalianpaddlesteamers.com>

This has the usual great selection of paddle boat photographs. The news page also details some of the recent events (and failures!) of various paddle steamers.

www.cgn02.ch

Again there is a great selection of photographs of Lake Geneva. There is also a railway page at:

<http://www.cgn02.ch/ferphoto>

Suppose it is also worth mentioning that Flybe is up for sale. Hopefully they will not go the way of Monarch. Just hope they are still going for my trip on 27th Jan.

From Rupert :

Gotthard Panorama Express

0922 Lugano-Flüelen 1149 (3092)

1440 Flüelen-Lugano 1638 (3093)

This will run Tuesday to Sunday 19.04.2019 to 20.10.2019. It will now be Compulsory reservation FIRST CLASS ONLY plus a supplement of SFR 16

Gotthard Weekender

will only run Saturday and Sunday 20.04.2019 to 08.06.2019 (also 19/22.04 and 30.05) From 09.06 a different Gotthard timetable will apply due to the engineering closure of Zug to Arth Goldau

0757 Zürich-Bellinzona 1120 (3091)

1618 Bellinzona-Zürich 1942 (3094)

Direct link to zip file containing the entire SBB 2019 timetable in pdf documents

http://www.fahrplanfelder.ch/fileadmin/fap_daten_real/felder_pdfs.zip

2018 Presentations- Offers of presentations are welcome!

November 28th: Don Gatehouse Title 'EastEnders, without the Duff-Duffs'. I will show a selection of images taken on photo trips to Eastern Europe, East India and South East Switzerland.

December 12th: Christmas get together.

Still seems early to talk about Christmas but I've booked Wednesday 12th December for a Christmas event as per the last couple of years with a visit to Our Plaice followed by a couple of presentations at the museum with festive nibbles at the interval, mince pie and Christmas cake. Some offers of short presentations would be good.

Finally if you are eager to give a presentation the dates for 2019 will be:

January 30th - VACANT

February 27th - Sholto Thomas 'Dutch Transport Scenes'

March 27th - VACANT

April 24th - VACANT

Not that I'm suggesting we are a bit desperate!

Regards, Richard Shaw (shawrichard@pobroadband.co.uk)