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The **British Section Website** is at <http://www.aec-europe.org.uk>. You can also find the British Section Newsletter on line at the French and European websites by clicking on to the labelled link.

Some of the above websites are in need of updating.

## Editorial

The increase in subscription to £10 seems to have had an effect. Several members have decided not to renew. I don't know whether this is because they were a bit peripheral as members anyway or because they didn't really like us. One did comment that we seemed to be very 'Europe' orientated. But that's what I thought it was all about! Still, I guess we are now more aware of where our solid base is. It's amazing what a bit of fine weather will do – plus a lot of dissatisfaction with one's lot. Riots and looting in London, Birmingham and Bristol – the latter the town of my birth where there were 'bread riots' in the 19<sup>th</sup> century and also but a few weeks before over proposals for yet another 'Tesco'; nice to think it's maintaining its traditions. Seriously, though; while there has been much written in the British press about the lawless youth of today and their lack of respect for parents, property or police – and how the culprits should be treated, the problems go much deeper. It's no accident that the rioting has taken place in relatively deprived areas. With so many goodies advertised everywhere and with 'big names' getting caught doing unsavoury things almost daily basis, is it any wonder that youths who see themselves as underprivileged take things into their own hands? Whilst the trigger of these events was unfortunate in the extreme; the fuse of this powder keg has been burning for a very long time. Saddest of all was the fact that the owner of the shop torched in Clapham Junction was also the founder of a charity aimed at providing schools and education for 'Street Kids' in countries in Southeast Asia to enable them to get a foot on the ladder. In a T.V. interview he contrasted these children's eagerness to learn with the attitudes of some of Britain's youth (by inference, the rioters), who he felt demanded their rights without thinking about their responsibilities. But what about dashed hopes?

On the same programme a mum told of how she managed to keep her young son indoors despite entreaties from his mates to go and join the party. It was evidently not an easy task, not helped by social networking. You know my views on 'Facebook' et al... It's easy to criticise when you're not actually involved. I recall attending an event in 1989, in a village in central France; a celebration of the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the French Revolution. The whole village was 'En Fête' and there were re-enactments of past events like the guillotining of the baddies of the hour. They had a portable model of a guillotine and the appropriate actors, wearing pigs faces, were placed appropriately for the 'blade' to descend upon their necks while the crowd cheered and jeered. I was part of that crowd and felt the excitement of the hour. How easy it would have been to have been just as excited had it been the real thing. How equally easy it would be to be among your mates, looting and burning in Enfield... And a further thought about the sprinkler systems that failed to control the fires...

Philip Worsfold and the production team.

### **A message from the President – Bob Clark.**

Dear Fellow Members,

The recent events of the economies of the Eurozone along with the problematic tantrums of the US Government intent on one-upmanship governance prove that

democracy is not an easy road to travel. Some of these 'democrats' have injured the world of democracy by being selfish, greedy and unwilling to help those less fortunate than we are. Think of the UK MP's expenses scandal, the Euro MP's "gravy train" and the US Republican Party refusing to support basic state health care for impoverished citizens of the USA. It's little wonder that people's faith in the democratic process has become strained. A one size fits all solution appears to have failed; however we still have our basic humanity and we know right from wrong. The point of organisations like the AEC is to come together and celebrate our differences and our diversity with pride WITHOUT the nationalistic trumpet blowing; whilst at the same time taking pride in celebrating our national identities. To this effect I point to myself as an example. There can be no prouder Scotsman than me and I am also a pro European and a supporter of the progress of the EU to a Europe-wide institution. I am somewhat disappointed that we Brits are inward looking and backward thinking in our attitude to the surrounding world. Yes we are part of the world and we cannot ignore it. When I decided to put myself forward for President it was with a certain aim; not one of personal ambition, but of pride; pride in the achievements of the past 50 years of the AEC in helping us to understand that each and every one of us is the same proud European as the person next to them. This was the message that came across to me in Verona and as the 50th Anniversary celebrations progressed I realised what an honour it was to be part of this historic occasion. We have proved that we can transcend national boundaries and yet still remain proudly what ever we want to be. So yes I am proud to be a Scotsman (who happens to live in England (my choice) and a proud European. There are differences at times but they always seem to be resolved in a typically European way at congress and varying committees (perhaps the "British Fudge" is not unique!). The forthcoming meeting in Sibiu will be another chance to prove our united aims and aspirations – we can only hope so. Let us take pride in the AEC and encourage the youth of Europe to join together in dialogue to carry us forward to a centennial celebration somewhere in 2061!

### **Recruitment**

With Bob Clark having been elected as President, Nigel Hyde has offered his services as Recruitment Officer. Any ideas you have should now be channelled through him.

We have available Philip Penaluna's 'PowerPoint' presentation to aid recruitment. This can be multilingual, within limits, for use by any national section, if required. Should members wish to use it as an aid to recruiting new members, please let the Editor, Philip Worsfold, know and it can be forwarded as an e-mail attachment.

Enquiries about membership should be addressed to **Bill Andrews**.

Their addresses and phone numbers are given on page 2.

### **PEOPLE**

#### **Malcolm Southgate**

Malcolm has been poorly for some months and has recently undergone surgery to his foot. We send him our best wishes for a speedy return to better health and hope to see him again before long at our London get-togethers.

## TRANSPORT NEWS.

### **The European Commission asks ten Member States to implement the Directive aimed at improving safety of European railways – Brussels 19/05/2011.**

*The European Commission has sent a reasoned opinion to ten Member States formally requesting to fully implement the last amendment to the Railway Safety Directive. Austria, Estonia, Germany, Lithuania, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Sweden and the United Kingdom, have so far failed to bring their national legislation into line with this Directive although obliged to do so by 24 December 2010. The Commission has set a two-month deadline for these Member States to remedy the situation. Should the Member States fail to do so, the Commission may refer the cases to the Court of Justice.*

#### **The EU rules**

The aim of the Directive 2008/110/EC is to improve the level of safety of the European rail transport system. It provides a legal basis for a common framework for the maintenance of rolling stock: before a rail vehicle is allowed to be put into service, the "entity" responsible for its maintenance (known as the "entity in charge of maintenance" or ECM) must be identified. For freight wagons, the ECM must be certified according to a system developed by the European Railway Agency and adopted by the Commission on 10 May 2011. Member States had until 24 December 2010 to transpose the Directive into their national legislation and to notify domestic implementation measures to the Commission. An essential provision of the Directive is that the certificate granted to an ECM is valid *throughout* the European Union. This provision, which recognises equivalence between the ECMs, is therefore intended to raise the level of railway safety throughout the EU and ensure interoperability.

#### **The reason for today's action**

Directive [2008/110/EC](#) has not yet been transposed, or has been transposed only partially, by ten Member States: Austria, Estonia, Germany, Lithuania, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Sweden and United Kingdom.

#### **The practical effect of non-implementation**

Failure to implement the directive would prevent achieving the expected level of safety. This will affect not only those countries that have not implemented Directive 2008/110/EC but the whole European single railway area as well.

#### **The next step**

If the Member States do not adapt their legislation within the two-month deadline, the Commission may refer the matter to the Court of Justice of the European Union.

For more information on EU infringement procedures, see [MEMO/11/312](#)

## **European Union joins COTIF**

The European Union will join its first international organisation for transport after signing an agreement on the accession by the EU to the Convention concerning International Carriage by Rail (COTIF) on 23 June 2011 in Bern, Switzerland. By acceding to the convention, the EU automatically also joins the intergovernmental

organisation (OTIF) managing that convention. The accession agreement entered into force on 1 July 2011 and will help to develop the EU's influence on international rail matters.

The establishment and development of a common rail policy has led the EU to legislate on various rail transport matters which are also covered by COTIF. The accession of the EU to COTIF is therefore necessary to enable the EU to exercise its competence in international rail relations where its internal competence has been established. Accession was not only a legal obligation for the EU; but it was also done in the interest of the promotion of rail transport worldwide.

EU accession will provide legal security for other OTIF members entering into rail relations with EU Member States, since the latter may no longer enjoy rights or assume obligations individually vis-à-vis third countries on matters where the EU as a whole is competent.

In practice, EU accession to COTIF will facilitate the development of a uniform legal system applicable to the international carriage of passengers and freight by rail across all the OTIF member countries: the EU, Russia, Ukraine, the Western Balkans, Turkey, and some Middle East and North African countries. All will now benefit from consistent measures and have easier access to EU and OTIF member state markets. By acceding to COTIF, it is anticipated that the respective EU and OTIF legal and technical regimes will gradually converge, benefiting EU and OTIF Member States.

## **SPANISH HIGH SPEED RAIL TO RECEIVE BOOST THANKS TO EU FUNDING**

***A Spanish study selected under the 2010 Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T) Annual Call which will significantly contribute to the realisation of Priority Project 3, the “High speed railway axis of southwest Europe”, will receive €5 million in EU co-financing. The study aims to complete the groundwork for the eventual upgrade of a section of high speed line in order to reduce travel times and increase the competitiveness of the rail sector in the region.***

The study, which concerns part of the Atlantic branch of Priority Project 3 and lies on the high speed Madrid-Lisbon corridor, will prepare for future construction works between Madrid and the cities situated along the corridor (Talavera de la Reina, Cáceres, Plasencia, Mérida and Badajoz), significantly reducing travel times and enhancing cohesion with the rest of Spain and with Europe. It will complement national investment from the government of Spain.

The study will include 11 separate activities. The first 8 cover the technical design studies for the track bed on the following sub-sections:

- Connection Madrid-Sevilla-Olías del Rey (15 Km)
- Olías del Rey-Rielves (17.2 Km)
- Rielves-Cármena (16.6 Km)
- Cármena-Montearagón (24 Km)
- Montearagón-Talavera (14.3 Km)
- Talavera-Calera y Chozas (13.4 Km)
- Calera y Chozas-Oropesa (14 Km)
- Oropesa-Toledo provincial limit (20.4 Km)

The three remaining activities cover geological and geotechnical studies, support for project management and a fauna study.

## Eurostar Ashden Award for Sustainable Travel

Eurostar, the high-speed passenger rail service, is funding the new Eurostar Ashden Award for Sustainable Travel, a programme designed to showcase local, sustainable travel initiatives in three European countries. In order to select the winning initiatives, Eurostar has partnered with the Ashden Awards, which operates the long running green energy initiative, the Ashden Awards for Sustainable Energy.

The programme will promote sustainable travel initiatives in the UK, France and Belgium where Eurostar operates. It will recognise projects that are innovative, clear, measurable and proven. The award will include a prize fund worth £20,000 and a host of benefits aimed at raising awareness of the winning programme.

The prize will go towards promoting the best environmentally sustainable travel initiatives in local and rural areas or towns. Examples of eligible initiatives include cycling, walking or public transport.

Rural and urban businesses, non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and local authorities working on sustainable travel initiatives in the UK will be invited to apply. Winning projects will be chosen based on their innovative qualities, but will also have to be proven and measurable. Projects will need to have been up and running for at least a year.

Applications are invited from July 2011 with a deadline expected to be in October 2011.

[http://www.ashdenawards.org/travel\\_awards](http://www.ashdenawards.org/travel_awards)

## EUROPEAN DAYS AND OTHER EVENTS.

European Days currently planned are:

**19.09.- 24.09.2011 Romania;** European Days in Sibiu, Transylvania. – **Booking is now closed.** See revised and corrected programme featured in this edition.

**21.05.-26.05.2012 Italy;** Paestum (S. of Salerno) This event replaces the proposed Danube cruise, which proved to be too expensive. Details are to follow.

**Autumn 2012** Joint European Days in **Charleroi (Belgium) and Lille (France),**

**Spring 2013** European Days in the **Bratislava Region of Slovakia.** (provisional)

**Autumn 2013** European Days in **Salzburg (Austria)** on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Austrian Section.

Items from the German section's calendar are:

### AKTUELLE VERANSTALTUNGSTERMINE

09.-11.09.2011 OVBerlin: Ausflug nach Oberwiesenthal

Sept./Okt.2011 RVHamburg: Wochenausfahrt ggf. Nach Kühlungsborn

11.-16.10.2011 RVHagen: Fahrt nach Bozen (Bolzano) und Verona

22.10.2011 Hannover: Vorstandssitzung des Geschäftsführenden Vorstandes

November 2011 RVFrankfurt: Traditionelles Gänseessen

26.11.2011 RVHamburg: Weihnachtsklönschnack

01.-04.12.2011 RVDresden: Weihnachtstreffen im Erzgebirge

03.12.2011 OVBerlin: Weihnachtsfeier mit Vorstandswahl

Dezember 2011 RVFrankfurt: Weihnachtsfeier mit Vorstandswahl

Vorschau 2012 RVHagen: 4 Tagesreise nach Wien

### EUROPÄISCHE TREFFEN

**19.09. - 24.09. 2011 Europ. Tage in Sibiu, - Rumänien**

**21.05.-26.05.2012 ggf. Europ. Tage in Paestum Italien**

**Herbst 2012 gemeinsame Europ. Tage in Charleroi/Lille, - Belgien/Frankreich**

~~**Frühjahr 2013 vsl. Europ. Tage in der Region Bratislava, - Slowakei**~~

**Herbst 2013 Europ. Tage in SalzburgzumAnlass des 50-jährigen Jubiläums der Sektion Österreich**

**A.E.C. EUROPEAN DAYS IN ROMANIA: 19<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> September 2011.  
20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Romanian section (AFEROM) joining A.E.C.**

**Hotel IBIS (\*\*\*) in Sibiu. (Correction)**

The 3\* hotel has conference facilities, restaurant, snack bar etc.

**REVISED PROGRAMME** (amendments shown in **bold** print)

**Sunday, 18.09.2011**

08:00 – 20:00 – The arrival of the attendants at the Administration Council of the AEC

Transfer from the railway station from the direction Viena ,Budapesta(Medias- 32 km.) or from the international airport from Sibiu.

Accommodation in the town Sibiu– Hotel IBIS 3\* (conference room, ,restaurant, snack bar etc.)

20:00 – Dinner in hotel

**Monday, 19.09.2011**

07:30 – 08:30 - Breakfast

09:00 – 12,45 –Meeting of the Administration Council of the AEC in the coference room of the Hotel IBIS.

13:00 – 14,45 – Lunch for the Administration Council of the AEC personnel at the restaurant of the hotel IBIS.

08:00 – 18:00 – The arrival of the rest of the attendants at the European Days of the AEC.

Transfer from the railway station from the direction Viena ,Budapesta(Medias- 32 km.) or from the international airport from Sibiu.

Accommodation in the Hotel IBIS 3\* ( conference room,restaurant, snack bar etc.)

16,30 – 18,30 - General Assembly meeting in the coference room of the Hotel IBIS.

19:30 – The official opening of the European days of The European Railway's Staff – 20 years since the Romania joining the AEC Gala dinner with dance in the restaurant “ VENICE “adjoining the hotel IBIS.

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Sept.:**

08h00 – 09h30 – Breakfast. 09h45 – Depart by bus for sightseeing tour of Sibiu (Hermannstadt) the European Capital of Culture 2007. The city centre area is a designated UNESCO site. 11h00 – 12h00 – Reception in Sibiu Town Hall.

12h30 – 14h00 – lunch in restaurant Imparatul Romanilor in Sibiu.

14h30 – 18h00 – continuation of tour of Sibiu and its surrounding area.

19h00 – Dinner at the hotel. Music and dancing.

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> Sept.:**

08h00 – 09h30 – Breakfast. 09h45 – Depart by bus to Bilea Lake, near Transfagaras (80km) 2034m above sea level. 11h30 – 13h00 Sightseeing in the area.

13h00 – 15h00 Lunch in restaurant at Bilea Lake. 15h00 – Depart for Sibiu.

16h30 – 18h30 – Free time.

19h00 Dinner at the hotel. Music and dancing.

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept.:**

08h00 – 09h30 – Breakfast. 09h45 – Depart by bus to Sighisoara, an important medieval site (92km). 11h30 – 13h45 sightseeing at the medieval site.

14h00 – 15h30 – Lunch in a restaurant in Sighisoara. 15h45 – 17h00. Continue sightseeing. 17h15 – Depart for Marginimea Sibiului.

19h00 – Dinner in a restaurant with folk music and traditional dancing.

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept.:**

08h00 – 09h30 – Breakfast. 10h00 – Visit Wagon museum in Sibiu. 13h00 Lunch in the restaurant of our hotel. Free afternoon.

19h00 – At the Hotel Ramada. Closing of European Days and transfer of the symbols of A.E.C. Gala dinner with music and dancing.

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> Sept.:**

08h00 – Breakfast. Departure of participants; transfer to railway station or airport.

Booking for this event is now closed.

**About Transylvania – European Days in Sibiu from 18.09. to 24.09.2011.  
Horst-Gerd Vanselow***Transylvania – Mysterious and sparsely populated*

Romania's heart lies in Transylvania. There sit in the curved range of the Carpathian Mountains a rich history, cursed villages and towns worth a visit! Just so, such a fantastic landscape invites tours of discovery.

Behind the woods near the seven castles lies Romania's well known region – Transylvania – the name, derived from the Latin for "beyond the woods". In this area of the curve of the Carpathians nestle the so called Seven Castles. These arose probably about the 12<sup>th</sup> century, when German settlers founded seven towns: Bistritz (Bistrita), Hermannstadt (Sibiu), Klausenburg (Cluj-Napoca), Kronstadt (Brasov), Mediasch (Medias), Mühlbach (Sebes) and Schässburg (Sighisoara).

One of these towns is Sibiu and was for good cause European city of Culture in 2007. The town, lying in the south of the Seven Towns is one of the oldest in Romania. Founded about 800 years ago by German colonists was probably named "Villa Hermanni" after an Archbishop of Cologne. Even today the German language is still present in many places, for up to the 18<sup>th</sup> century under Hungarian rule, there were for the most part only Germans in "Hermannstadt". Today they form a minority of about 2000 of the total population of 170000 inhabitants. Nevertheless the University town is considered as bilingual, which you'll notice first on the street nameplates in both Romanian and German. The history is in Sibiu's expensively restored "Old Town", with its fine historic buildings in many equally worthy styles. Particularly impressive are the thick walls which surround the former fortifications. For a journey through the Middle Ages, take a stroll through Sibiu's "Lower Town", with its winding passages, small gabled houses and defensive towers.

Not far from Sibiu lies the town of Sighisoara, with narrow streets and houses with slate roofs. With town walls and by far the best contained castle in the region you can see from the 60 metre high clock tower of the Seven 'Nuremburg' Towns. And naturally a visit to the house of Vlad Dracula is a must for most visitors. In the Middle Ages, Count Vlad Draculea lived in "Schässburg".

He got the weird nickname 'The Impaler' after he had stabbed his enemy through the heart with a stake. The time honoured wonderfully horrific legends, woven around the allegedly bloodthirsty ruler of Transylvania, inspired the writer Bram Stoker to pen his world renowned Dracula novels.

**About the Romanian section:**

The Romanian section was founded 20 years ago on 23rd November 1990 in Bucharest. It is therefore fitting that this event is taking place in Sibiu. In the last 16 years the Romanian section has hosted us in Brasov in 1994, in Iasi and the Danube Delta in 2000, in Neptun in 2002 and in 2007 in Bucharest. Now we come to another Romanian region "Transylvania". It's another small stone in our European mosaic, in which we get to know lands and people.

During this week, we shall get to know the most beautiful part of Transylvania, in which belong the towns of Sibiu and Sighisoara. These towns will surprise you with their attractions. For our enthusiastic railway buffs there is the possibility of a private visit to the railway museum and locomotive depot in Sibiu.

I'm already glad that I shall see again many AEC members in Sibiu. The President of the Romanian section, wants to bid you welcome to his homeland. From Hamburg there's a through ICE train to Vienna via Würzburg and Nuremberg and from there are sleeping cars via Budapest, Lököshaza and Arad to Medias, which the organisers have indicated as a transfer station. That means that it is possible (for those with the concessions) to travel for free to and from the week's event (19.09 to 24.09 2011) in the Hotel IBIS in Sibiu. Let's be hearing from you.

*Mit europäischem Gruß :*

*Vanselow Horst-Gerd*

*[Horst wrote this in May for his Hamburg members. Since then he has had a serious illness but appears to have recovered well; so we all hope he'll be able to make it to Sibiu.]*

**AEC EUROPEAN DAYS: EUROREGIO – France-Belgium-Zeeland  
In Lille (F-59). 17<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2012**

**Project Programme (05.2011)**

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2012**

**Arrival of members of the Administrative Council (50 people)**

- Dinner in Lille (50 people)

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2012**

[www.lille.guide.com](http://www.lille.guide.com)

- Breakfast
- Meeting of the Administrative council
- Lunch
- Tour of Lille
- Meeting
- Dinner in Lille

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2012**

[www.leboisducazier.be](http://www.leboisducazier.be)

- Breakfast
- Day in memory of all European miners who have worked (and died) in mines in Belgium 1956 Marcinelle "Bois du Cazier" mines.
- Lunch in Thuin
- Visit Grand Hornu site: [www.grand-hornu.be](http://www.grand-hornu.be)

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2012** [www.neeltjans.nl](http://www.neeltjans.nl)

- Breakfast
- Visit the Dutch island Zeeuws Vlaanderen Neeltje Jans: Storm surge barrier; (coffee + cake + admission + guide + introduction).
- Lunch (mussels) + boat trip through 65 locks to the sea
- Aquarium visit

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2012** [www.ville-roubaix.fr](http://www.ville-roubaix.fr)

- Breakfast
- VG rehabilitated industrial heritage walk (Roubaix)
- Lunch
- Pool Museum
- Factory visit "Manufactures des Flandres"
- Dinner in Lille

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2012** [www.vieuxlille.fr](http://www.vieuxlille.fr)

- Breakfast
- Guided tour of Lille
- Lunch in Lille
- Closing Dinner

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2012**

- Breakfast
- Departure of participants

**Approximate cost: 630euro. Booking arrangements will follow later.**

**EUROPEAN DAYS IN SALZBURG (A) 22<sup>ND</sup> – 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2013.**

**Project programme (05. 2011)**

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2013**

***Arrival in Salzburg of members of the Administrative Council.***

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2013**

***Arrival of delegates in Salzburg***

- Salzburg; Meeting of the Administrative Council
- Opening of European Days

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2013**

***Salzburg; City of Culture***

- Guided visit to the town

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2013**

***A day in the mountains***

- Trip to the Großglockner (Austria's highest mountain (3 798 metres))
- Visit to the Flachau region

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2013**

***A day on the Wolfgangsee***

- Boat trip on the Wolfgangsee
- Trip on the Shafberg Rack Railway.

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2013**

***A day in Salzburg***

- A visit to Hellbrunn castle (Fountains and gardens)
- Closing of European Days

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2013**  
**Departure of delegates**

**Price:** (as at 01.05.11) **650 euros**

**Includes:** Overnight accommodation including full pension; all transfers; the boat trip; Schafberg railway trip; entry to castle and museums.

We hope you will like this programme and wish you a a good visit.

Registration for **European days in Salzburg 2013** is open until **31<sup>st</sup> January 2013** so that the necessary reservations can be made.

**Contact address:**  
A1040 Wien, Gußhausstraße 19/18.

**Booking through the British section.**

Centralised booking makes reservations easier for the host section and also saves money on currency exchanges when payment is made. Details of the arrangements will be given in the newsletter at a later date, once the programme and price have been finalised.

**CHRONICLE OF EUROPEAN DAYS.**

I thought the following list of where European days have taken place would act as an aide-memoire for our long standing members and might even be of interest to some of our newer ones!

11.05. - 17.05.1982 CEFALU Sicily, Italy  
24.09. - 28.09.1983 SPA in Belgium  
13.09. - 20.09.1984 CAGLIARI Sardinia, Italy  
01.05. - 04.05.1985 NAJAC in Southern France  
19.09. - 24.09.1985 WIEN (Vienna), Austria *Congress, Committee elections*  
23.05. - 27.05.1986 TURIN, Italy  
31.08. - 04.09.1986 PALMA DE MALLORCA, Spain  
09.09. - 16.09.1987 CUXHAVEN, Germany  
26.05. - 31.05.1988 EVIAN, France  
01.05. - 06.05.1989 PALINURO, Italy  
24.09. - 30.09.1989 CALELLA, Spain *Congress, Committee elections*  
12.09. - 17.09.1990 CHARLEROI, Belgium  
17.09. - 22.09.1991 GUIDEL, France  
06.04. - 11.04.1992 WARNEMÜNDE, Germany  
12.07. - 17.07.1993 WIEN, Austria *Congress, Committee elections*  
03.10. - 10.10.1993 FLORENCE, Italy  
20.05. - 26.05.1994 BRASOV, Romania  
11.09. - 17.09.1994 BUTGENBACH, Belgium  
04.06. - 10.06.1995 TATRANSKÁ LOMNICA, Slovak Republic  
25.09. - 01.10.1995 ROQUEBRUNE, France  
28.04. - 03.05.1996 KECSKEMET, Hungary *Congress, Committee elections*  
29.09. - 05.10.1996 TORRE CANNE, Italy  
08.06. - 13.06.1997 MIERKIE, Poland  
06.10. - 11.10.1997 VALENCIA, Spain  
24.05. - 30.05.1998 KOUTY NAD DESNOU, Czech Republic  
06.09. - 12.09.1998 CANTERBURY, Great Britain

23.05. - 29.05.1999 CROTONE, Italy *Congress, Committee elections*  
 20.09. - 25.09.1999 VELDEN, Austria  
 03.06. - 09.06.2000 IASI, Romania (Moldau)  
 17.09. - 23.09.2000 DRESDEN, Germany  
 13.05. - 19.05.2001 LA GRANDE MOTTE, France  
 28.09. - 04.10.2001 RODI GARGANICO, Italy  
 22.05. - 27.05.2002 ALTAVILLA MILICIA, Italy *Congress, Committee elections*  
 08.09. - 14.09.2002 NEPTUN, Romania  
 24.05. - 31.05.2003 ZAKOPANE, Poland  
 28.09. - 04.10.2003 LANDECK, Austria  
 30.05. - 05.06.2004 RIGA, Latvia  
 12.09. - 18.09.2004 DOURDAN, France  
 04.06. - 10.06.2005 SANTA TERESA di GALLURA, Italy  
 02.10. - 08.10.2005 NÜRNBERG (Nuremberg), Germany *Congress, Committee elections*  
 04.06. - 10.06.2006 CÓRDOBA, Spain  
 16.09. - 23.09.2006 KUDOWA ZDRÓJ, Poland  
 20.05. - 26.05.2007 BUCAREST, Romania  
 17.09. - 22.09.2007 EISENSTADT in Burgenland, Austria  
 25.05. - 31.05.2008 ANTWERP, Belgium  
 17.08. - 23.08.2008 LYON, France *General Assembly, Committee elections*  
 24.05. - 30.05.2009 LÜNEBURG, Germany  
 20.09. - 26.09.2009 YORK, Great Britain *Extraordinary General Meeting*  
 24.05. - 29.05.2010 SANTIAGO DI COMPOSTELLA, Spain  
 12.09. - 18.09.2010 PREZEMYSL, Poland  
 22.05. - 28.05.2011 CASTELNUEVO, Lago di Garda, Italy

### RECENT EVENTS...

We have continued to meet at the 'Lord Moon of the Mall' once a month on the second Thursday.

For the 29<sup>th</sup> June visit, some members met at Peterborough Station while others travelled by bus from Eastern parts to rendez-vous (by taxi from the bus station) after some confusion, outside the entrance to the visitor centre at Elgood's Brewery in Wisbech. We partook of a hearty lunch in the restaurant before having a conducted tour of the brewery and sampling of its products. We returned to the bus station on foot and by taxi to continue our journeys homewards. A most enjoyable day.

On 27<sup>th</sup> July, despite our contact, the visit to the train simulator failed to materialise. Instead we visited the Nene Valley Railway, travelling from Peterborough (again) to Wansford, steam hauled by an industrial (Austerity J94 type) 0-6-0T on the outward journey and by a diesel locomotive for the return. We were able to inspect a number of interesting steam locomotives and rolling stock – British and continental – while awaiting the return. Again an interesting day.

By the time you receive this, the preserved railway theme should have continued on 31<sup>st</sup> August with a visit to the Swanage railway.

### ...AND THINGS TO COME

Reunions in London continue to take place at the '**Lord Moon of the Mall**' in Whitehall on the **second Thursday of each month**, so the dates from now on are **8<sup>th</sup> September, 13<sup>th</sup> October, 10<sup>th</sup> November, 8<sup>th</sup> December 2011; 12<sup>th</sup> January, 9<sup>th</sup> February 2012** etc.

**Please remember that, generally, the last Wednesday of the month** is earmarked for possible lunchtime talks or visits. However there will be no event on 28<sup>th</sup> September, since we shall not all be back from European Days in Sibiu. For full details of these and any other events you should contact John Woods by

e-mail to [jauwoods@gmail.com](mailto:jauwoods@gmail.com) . To keep abreast of developments it is advisable to contact John regularly, since sometimes events are arranged or changed at short notice and it is not always possible to announce them in these pages. The reserved dates continue as: **26<sup>th</sup> October, 30<sup>th</sup> November**. There will be no December visit. The events will recommence after Christmas on **25<sup>th</sup> January 2012**. For this meeting, at the **Royal Oak, 44 Tabard Street London SE1**, John Batts has again offered to present one of his 'off the beaten track' film shows. I wonder what we can expect this time!!!

#### **ASSOCIATION TIES AND BADGES.**

In common with other sections, the British section of the Association has a necktie and a badge. Our particular items are common to both the British and Belgian sections. We have produced the ties and the Belgian section, the badges. I am sorry that we do not have a specific item for ladies.

Ties are available, at £4.50 plus postage, and badges are in stock in small numbers, at £1.50 each, including postage. These items are available from **Philip Worsfold**. Please contact him first by phone to check availability.

#### **GREAT BRITAIN ALL LINE TIMETABLE THOMAS COOK EUROPEAN TIMETABLE**

Philip Worsfold holds an up to date copy of The Stationery Office Great Britain All Line Timetable and also Cooks European Rail and Shipping Services timetable (monthly edition, which continues to be published. This timetable contains the majority of British services in a succinct, abbreviated form. Train operators produce their own pocket timetables.

#### **YOUNG BUFFERS ASSOCIATION. RAILWAY STUDY ASSOCIATION.**

We recommend the support of these two organisations, membership of which is open to members of AEC.

**Young Buffers Association:** There is no subscription provided that you have an e-mail address; and no obligation to attend their events. If you would like further details, the Secretary is Larry Fullwood, tel. 01485 541599, e-mail [larry.fullwood@virgin.net](mailto:larry.fullwood@virgin.net) .

**Railway Study Association:** The full subscription, including 'Modern Railways', is £60. The new session of lectures, held on Wednesday evenings begins in October with the President's Address. Full details can be found at [www.railwaystudyassociation.org](http://www.railwaystudyassociation.org) .

#### **AND FOR THE FUTURE???**

We shall endeavour to continue the production of these three-monthly newsletters to get information to you. They will still be mostly information with just the occasional article. So please, put pen to paper. We need to build up a library of articles. Please keep in touch and let us have your information, your views and your ideas. Next copy deadline is **17<sup>th</sup> November 2011**.

## SUMMARY OF DATES

London Reunions on the second Thursday of the month at the “Lord Moon of the Mall”, Whitehall, London:

**8<sup>th</sup> September,**  
**13<sup>th</sup> October**  
**10<sup>th</sup> November**  
**8<sup>th</sup> December 2011**  
**12<sup>th</sup> January 2012**  
**9<sup>th</sup> February** etc.

Dates reserved for talks or visits on the last Wednesday of the month:

28<sup>th</sup> September – **No event due to European Days.**  
**26<sup>th</sup> October**  
**30<sup>th</sup> November 2011**  
There will be no December event  
**25<sup>th</sup> January 2012** John Batts has again offered to present a film show at this meeting.  
etc.

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### **50<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary of the Death of Dag Hammarskjöld**

It is 50 years since the unexplained death of Dag Hammarskjöld, then Secretary General of the United Nations, in an air crash over Africa. The anniversary has been noted in the British newspaper, ‘The Guardian’. In a letter, a correspondent wrote of Hammarskjöld’s keenness for ECOSOC and his desire to raise its status to the same level as UNICEF and other like bodies. The writer suggested that he might be remembered now by, at last, raising ECOSOC to this level of international importance. AEC is a member of ECOSOC.

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