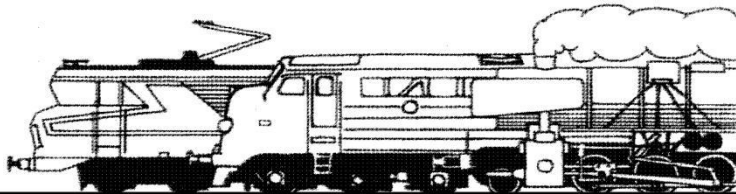


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## OVERSEAS STUDY TOURS NEWS – 03/2019

Bookings for tours must be on an overseas tour booking form and may be sent in at any time to the tour organiser whose name follows the tour details. Fuller details and closing dates will be announced in news sheets during the course of the year. During the course of the year various weekend events become known and extra tours will be operated taking in the more interesting events. **LCGB Tours are operated by LCGB solely for its members. Participation in LCGB tours entails compulsory LCGB Membership.**

<b>Tour 01/19</b>	<b>India and Bangladesh</b>	<b>January 2019</b>
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The 2019 India Study Tour of India and Bangladesh was completed to schedule and covered the line from Kolkata to Trivandrum. The highlights included having a private viewing of the newly restored Garratt of the South Eastern Railway in steam for which no charge was made. The LCGB Group was treated like royalty for the day. Another highlight was a private charter by EIR21, the oldest operating steam locomotive in the world, a few months older than the Fairy Queen that previously claimed the title. There will be a full report in the next Bulletin and there is a report covering the pre-tour option to Bangladesh in this edition. All the participants agreed that the tour was very good value for money and had a very enjoyable time. Chris Lewis, 15 Nursery Close, Widnes, Cheshire WA8 3HB email [chrislewiscl@aol.com](mailto:chrislewiscl@aol.com) Tel, 07720 755829. (Chris Lewis)

<b>Tour 02/19</b>	<b>Taiwan with South Korea and North Borneo add-ons with PTG</b>	<b>March 2019</b>
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Bookings closed. Departures commence this Sunday to North Borneo. (Adrian Palmer)

<b>Tour 03/19</b>	<b>South Africa – STARS Festival</b>	<b>April 2019</b>
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Bookings closed with 7 participants. (Adrian Palmer)

<b>Tour 04/19</b>	<b>Ethiopia and Djibouti</b>	<b>October 2019</b>
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Details enclosed with this Bulletin. (Colin Miell)

<b>Tour 05/19</b>	<b>Mexico for the Copper Canyon Railway</b>	<b>November 2019</b>
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**India 2020** - After several successful tours to India it is intended to operate another in 2020 assuming there is a demand. Amit Chopra (of Travelpals, India) and I are discussing details. The tour will start around Saturday February 15<sup>th</sup>, in Amritsar. It is hoped to get steam on five different sections of the tour including the Kangra Valley, Delhi to Rewari, Darjeeling, the Garratt and Matheran. There will be opportunities for line-siding. The routes will cover broad gauge, 2ft and 2ft 6in. The main tour will last for two weeks with an option to extend. There is a lot of work to be done to make this happen, especially to maximise the steam content. To charter steam trains, we need a certain number of passengers to make it financially viable. With that in mind will you please let me know whether you are considering participating in the tour. I will send you more details. Obviously at this stage there is no commitment on either side but this will be used to determine whether to put in the substantial effort required to make it happen.

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**Overseas Reunion 2020** – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> January Date booked at the UCL London again in the Drama Studio at the lower level. More to follow later in the year.

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