

BRANCH LIAISON OFFICER

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Dear All

Just a few items of interest this time for what may seem to be a quieter public period for some of the branches although there is plenty going on behind the scenes. Some branches have finished their 2021/2022 seasons and have completed compiling their programmes for the 2022/2023 season, others are still working on them whilst some branches continue to hold meetings throughout the Summer. The *RO* continues to be published each month throughout the year and the Society Newsletter is regularly emailed to as many members as we have email addresses for, with an opt out for anyone who does not wish to receive it of course.

Former South East Branch equipment

All items have now been allocated to interested branches with the sack truck going to the Archive and Library at Leatherhead to replace the previous rather unsuitable trolley that had been in use previously.

Officers Conference Sunday 23 October 2022

I am sure that many members are concerned about the current rise in the cost of living which may result in uncertainty about whether or not to attend Conference as a branch officer representative. The following is taken straight from Treasurers Guidance Note No. 4 on Society reimbursements:

Officers' Conference

The Society will reimburse the cost of accommodation and travelling expenses for one night for one branch officer from each branch. These expenses should be paid by the branch treasurer and then claimed back from the Society through the half-year branch return. A receipt for fuel costs should be obtained in the same way as for Regional meetings. Accommodation is not reimbursed for one day events. Expenses will not be reimbursed for a delegate from branches with uncommitted funds of more than £1500.

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So for those branch officers who are concerned about costs for travel and overnight accommodation but are interested in attending to represent their branch, and where their branch has uncommitted funds of less than £1500, this may be a possibility. Please note this is only available for one officer from each qualifying branch. We would like as many branches as possible to have a branch officer representative at the Officers Conference this year especially now that we are no longer constrained by Covid lockdowns.

So, especially where there may be financial concerns, please give this some consideration so that we can help as many branches as possible to have a representative attend including those less well off.

Members weekend – reminder to book

Which leads nicely on to a quick reminder to all members to get their bookings in if they wish to attend the Members' Weekend and/or Officers' Conference (OC) and have not already done so. This reminder is not just for officers but for all members so please share this more widely. Any queries about the weekend or OC, please ask.

RCTS Name Badges

When I took on the role of Branch Liaison Officer in January 2018 I was eventually given the remaining stock of Society name badges which was very limited. As this reduced to zero, we have sought new supplies which, I am pleased to say, have now arrived. These are British made and almost exactly as the previous stocks although, like everything else, they have become much more expensive.

They are easily reusable by simply removing the previous name and inserting a new one if branch or other Society officers change. There has been a cost to the Society but these are free to branches and other Society officers who need them so I would ask that everyone who puts in a request bears this in mind, ie to make best use of them and reuse them wherever possible. Names can be printed for you if we have them, or you can print your own.

Please contact me, preferably via email, using liaison@rcts.org.uk if you are interested in having new name badges.

New Recruits

It just remains to say thank you to everyone who continues to contribute to the success of the Society, including the on-going efforts of the RCTS Strategy Group which includes, in this case, the superb success achieved by Dr Steve Lacey and Paul Chancellor in signing up over 70 new members at the DRS Charity Open Day on Saturday 16 July 2022.

I like to end on a positive note so this achieves that aim in the best way.

Kind regards

Irene