

THE CAMBRIDGE BRANCH OF THE RAILWAY CORRESPONDENCE AND TRAVEL SOCIETY

**Minutes of the seventeenth Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 9 December 2025 at 19.30 at
The Swifts, Haggis Gap, Fulbourn, Cambridge, CB21 5HD**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the seventeenth Annual General Meeting of the Branch.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from one member.

2. Minutes of the sixteenth Annual General Meeting held on 10 December 2024

The minutes that had been posted on the Branch web pages were approved.

3. Matters arising from the above minutes

None.

4. Chairman's Report

The Chairman read his report to the meeting which covered his thanks to the officers and committee members plus the other branch members who contribute to the running of our meetings. He also said to ensure the future of the Branch, it would be very helpful if some of you, who are not involved in running the Branch, would be prepared to step forward, perhaps to understudy a key role, or maybe to take on some aspect of a role.

5. Branch Secretary's Report

The Branch Secretary reported that there are 45 RCTS members nominally allocated to the branch (based on postcodes) by the RCTS national organisation, up about 25% from the previous year – gaining 9 new members. The average meeting attendance is about 24 people (highest 31, lowest 20), of which about 75% are RCTS members, the rest visitors.

6. Fixtures Secretary's Report

The Fixtures Secretary reported that a full programme of presentations for the remainder of the 2025-2026 season and most of the 2026-2027 season was in place (only vacancy was for March 2027). He said we had learnt from problems at the start of this season (when the speakers for the first two meetings were both unavailable due to illness) – the intention is to have arrangements in place to provide an alternative presentation at short notice. He also said that it is the intention to have a meeting in 2026 available via Zoom to the branch membership only (not nationwide). He was thanked for his efforts.

7. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that we had a surplus of £661.45 (largely down to the Sales Officer's book sales) and a healthy balance in the bank at the end of the year. Bank charges are starting to go down, in summary because HSBC has decided to waive monthly bank charges for charities. Also some of our balance is now held by national RTCS, but it is still 'our money' and can be accessed if we need it. The Treasurer was thanked for his work for the Branch.

8. Sales Officer's Report

The Sales Officer read his report to the meeting which detailed the sources of donated books, the mail order sales that he had been able to effect and the disposal of unsaleable items. Total sales revenue for the year was £1,106.25, of which 180 books (totalling £472.75 in revenue) were from former branch member John Drake's collection and £155.25 in mail order sales. He thanked everyone who had purchased books, his assistants Mike and Steve (now promoted to "passed firemen") and Kathy for their help. The Sales Officer was thanked for his efforts.

9. Web Manager's Report

The Web Manager said that he completed the 'Woodford Halse' feature article in the Spring. At around the same time he became the custodian of the RCTS collection of pre-1970 working timetables. The RCTS Board of Trustees are undertaking a review of the society website, including possible changes to the software, so he was holding off from adding major new content to the branch webpages at present. The Web Manager was thanked for his efforts.

10. Election of Officers and Committee

As all the existing holders of the positions of Chairman, Treasurer, Branch Secretary, Sales Officer, Web Manager, Fixtures Secretary, and general committee member were willing to continue in their posts, the Chairman asked if anyone had any objections to them being re-elected en-block. As no objections were received, the Chairman declared them elected.

11. Any other business

The Sales Officer expressed his thanks to Jim for his efforts in providing the refreshments at our meetings.

The meeting closed at 19.52