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1. INTRODUCTION

Welcome to our Autumn Newsletter, the main purpose of which is to update branches, and especially delegates, about the 75th Anniversary Members' Weekend being held at Cheltenham during the weekend 24th to 26th October 2003. Enclosed with this Newsletter is the Officers' Conference Agenda for Sunday 26th. It would be appreciated if delegates would note the format for this in order to bring the meeting to a satisfactory conclusion by 10.30am

We extend a warm welcome to Owen Skinner who is currently acting as Secretary of South East Branch having taken over from Eric Palmer. At this time it would be appropriate to thank Eric for all his hard work at South East Branch during the last eleven years or so – you have to visit South east Branch to appreciate the hard work that has gone in. Best Wishes Eric on your move to one of the more 'Sleepier Areas' of the east.

Included with this are Branch fixture programmes that have been received since the last Newsletter. An Officers Conference attendance sheet and advance reports for the OC.

2. SOCIETY PUBLICATIONS

Branches requiring stocks of society publications for collection at Cheltenham are advised to contact Geoff Baylis as soon as possible. Space will be limited to transport publications to Cheltenham and therefore this will be on first come first served basis.

In addition if any branches have copies of the following out of print books surplus to requirements can they please return them to Geoff Baylis at Cheltenham?

Newport - Shildon
Lord Carlisle

LMS Design

LNER 2A
LNER 7
LNER 10B
LNER 11

3. – OFFICERS CONFERENCE

Please remember that you must give prior notice for any item you wish to be discussed under AOB, notification must be in advance of the start of the meeting to Rodney Lissenden.

4. - BRANCH AGM REPORTS

We refer to Item 7.2 in Newsletter 12 (August 2003) regarding Branch AGM Reports. It would appear that over the last several years this has not been monitored as it should have been and subsequently has got out of control. It is therefore necessary to implement some procedures for the future.

This has arisen due to the need for the MC to get an early awareness of any issues for discussion at MC Meetings or for referral to Regional Meetings. It is also the intention of the Library to hold copies of each Branches AGM report, these will be bound into year sets for archiving as a single annual volume. I intend to plough through the volumes of paperwork that I inherited on take over and through those I have received since to establish where we are with past AGM Reports.

Therefore at some stage I may be contacting some branches for back copies of those not to hand.

From now on branches: are required to follow two procedures in respect of their AGM Reports.

- 1: At the end of each AGM "initialled minutes" must be forwarded to the Branch Liaison Secretary for discussion at MC level and the subsequent referral of items to the Regional Meetings as necessary.***
- 2: When the previous years AGM Minutes are approved and signed at the current AGM signed copies should be forwarded to the Branch Liaison Secretary for submission to the Library.***

Your attention to this appreciated.

5. - ELECTRONIC VERSION OF THIS NEWSLETTER.

To improve communications between Society Officers we can now offer to send this Newsletter and any other digital information to you or any other members of your branch committee or other society officers, by e-mail. This will be done via an e-mail list-server at Yahoogroups which will operate similarly to that available to Library users.

At present all current recipients of The Newsletter will continue to receive their copies by snail mail.

To join this free list server, you need to send an e-mail to

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eg: Cheltenham Branch's Publications Officer -- RO editor Scotland

This is necessary so that I can identify you, as the service is PRIVATE to RCTS Officers ONLY.

Please address any queries to: Librarian@RCTS.org and not to John Day

John Day - Ipswich 14th October 2003