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24.01 MEMBERS WEEKEND COINCONFERENCE AGENDA

The agenda for the Officers' conference is appended as the **last** page of this newsletter. Can all secretaries please ensure that all delegates from their branch committee who are attending the conference receive a copy.

The Branch/Officers' attendance record (**APPENDIX A**) [to Secretaries and Society Officers] should be completed and passed to myself before or at conference. You can also send your information to my e-mail address or leave a message on my telephone. This includes any apologies. Please note that apologies must be tendered prior to the Officers' Conference by **NOON on Thursday the 19th of October**. E-mails and my home number **WILL NOT** be actioned after that time, as I will not have access to those facilities. You may leave messages with the hotel reception on 02920 529988 in the event of a late call-off.

24.02 THE RAILWAY OBSERVER

For the first time in many years the 'Railway Observer' appears on the agenda for the Officer's Conference. As the editorial conference meets soon after the members' weekend, it would be advantageous that branches use this opportunity to give constructive feedback and raise any issues they have regarding the R.O.

24.03 TEXT FOR THE R.O.

As indicated on the inside cover of the RO, Press Day for all material to be with the editorial team is the first day of the preceding month. For example material for the December RO should be with the editors by the 1st of November. Whilst the editorial team will make every effort to include material for publication, any material that is received after the 1st of the month may be held over and published in later editions. The editors are receiving branch fixtures information which are very close to the actual dates of the events and branches are really flying by the seats of their pants to get these include. Every endeavour will be made to include late changes such as a change of speaker or change of venue. Will branch secretaries and fixture secretaries or any other branch official that deals with fixtures with please take note of the press day information as published in the RO.

24.04 NEW PUBLICATION

With release of the Jubilee's book imminent can all branches send their orders to Peter Davies, Sales Manager on the normal publication order form. It is hoped that the new book will be available for distribution at the Members Weekend at Cardiff.

If production is delayed and the new book is not available in Cardiff then distribution will take place in the normal way. Please indicate on the form that you will be in attendance at Cardiff so that Peter knows how many copies to bring. You can also send in your requirements to Peter by e-mail at :- peter@littlecote.freemove.co.uk

24.05 SOCIETY NAME BADGES

With the launch of the new society image last year several branches have enquired as to whether badges with the new logo would be available. As I hold a quite a few badges with the old script the development subcommittee has obtained vinyl stickers to place over issued badges and the new stock awaiting distribution.

I enclose about 15 stickers for each branch secretary to distribute to existing name badge holders as necessary.

If the stickers are placed 9mm from the edges and 2mm from the top of the badges then they look very effective and portray the new logo well on the badges.

Additional stickers will be available at the Members Weekend in Cardiff. New name badges will also be available in Cardiff if required.

If you are not attending at Cardiff please contact me and I will distribute by post additional stickers and badges if required.

One last point, these stickers look very effective if you place them on society owned equipment such as projectors, screens, projector tables, computers and printers.

24.06 REGIONAL MEETING ACTION POINTS

All the minutes from the five regional groups have been processed and the 2006 Regional Meetings Action Document was presented to the M.C. at their August meeting. Copies of this document have been distributed to the group Regional Meeting's Chairmen for onward distribution to all the delegates who attended the meetings. If you have not received your copy please contact your group chairman for your copy.

24.07 BRANCH FIXTURE LISTS

The consensus of opinions from the feedback from this year's round of Regional Meetings was the recommendation to discontinue the distribution of the branch fixture lists to every branch, however adjacent branch may wish to exchange fixture lists. It was felt that the RO and the website have all the relevant information. If the distribution is intended to give ideas for forthcoming fixtures, this can be satisfied by meeting reports in the RO (and far distant ones are not likely to be useful, as the speakers concerned would not generally be available).

I enclose copies (for branch secretaries only) of the branch fixture I have received to date. Could all branches now cease to send me the twenty-five copies of their annual fixtures lists?

24.08 RECRUITMENT LEAFLETS

Are there any members of your committee or branch who give lectures, film shows or presentations to other societies or groups? If so, why not encourage them to take a handful of the recruitment leaflets and give the society a 'plug'. One member giving a talk to another society last year did exactly this and managed to recruit three new members.

24.09 EXHIBITIONS

Bob Ballard has compiled the annual return on the income generated for the society from branches attending exhibitions. Exhibitions generate a good source of income and an invaluable platform to advertise the Society and its publications. The information (APPENDIX B) is published for your information.

24.10 SOCIETY LAPEL BADGES AND PENS

Available at the Members' Weekend at Cardiff will be the newly designed metal lapel badges featuring the new logo. These will be available for members to purchase at £2.50 each. Also available will be new society pens, which also have the new logo. The pens can either be sold at a reasonable price or distributed as publicity material.

24.11 BRANCH LIBRARY BOXES

Several branches around the country have a branch library box, which contains books that members can have on loan for a period of time. The boxes can be exchanged on a regular basis giving members the opportunity to use some of the books from the vast collection of books in the society library. If you are interested in operating a branch library box further details can be obtained by contacting the society librarian, Terry Silcock at:- librarian@rcts.org.uk

24.12 NEW LIBRARY ARCHIVES REPRINT

CD-ROM OF "LOCOS OF LNER PART 11"

As already announced in the October RO, we are pleased that the first product from a new society venture will be available at the Members' Weekend. Many of the Society's out of print publications have become difficult and expensive to purchase second-hand. To overcome this we plan to progressively make available, on CD-ROM, the scarcer RCTS books and volumes of the Railway Observer.

This is a very cost effective method of reproduction, as after the initial set up costs, further CDs can be ordered in small batches, which eliminate storage problems and minimises up-front costs. The entire contents of Locomotives of the LNER part 11, 'Supplementary Information' has been professionally scanned and converted into an Adobe Acrobat PDF file on a CD-ROM. The CD is viewed from Acrobat Reader software, which is free software, available from many sources. Acrobat makes research very easy, since it enables the contents of the book to be totally searchable for any text, number or page within it. Each chapter of the book is "book marked". Purchasers will be able to print out the individual chapters, relating to each of the other books in the 'Locos of the LNER' series, for inclusion with their OWN copies.

At this time, because of the quantities ordered and possible complications with VAT the CD will ONLY be available from the Society's Librarian. Copies will be at the Cardiff weekend, Uxbridge Library or Watford meetings at the introductory price of £15 (including 17.5% VAT); or by post to members within UK at £16. At this time it will NOT be possible to provide sales stock to branches on a sale or return basis. However, if branches are able to take paid orders at their meetings, they could be supplied with CDs at Cardiff. There cannot be actual commission on sales, because of the VAT element in the price. However, the Librarian will seek means of making some small donation to branches that sell any CDs.

Purchasers and other members are invited to send, to the Librarian, their priority suggestions as to which other books or ROs should also be scanned to CD-ROM, so as to assist in the choices for future CD-ROMs.

24.13 OUT OF PRINT RCTS BOOKS

The Librarian currently has a small quantity of many of the out of print RCTS publications. On request, these can be supplied to branches at a 15% discount from the normal sales prices. **APPENDIX C** is a list of the Librarian's normal price list for such books, when sold to members, prices 10% higher for non-members.

24.14 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Steve Ollive and Richard Morris will be sending individualised membership renewal letters out this month to those who need to renew. Branch Secretaries should advise members that if they don't receive a letter from the Membership Secretary's to please let either Steve or Richard know, so that they can rectify the situation. Subscription for 2007 will remain unchanged at £20 despite the increase in size of the RO by a further four pages and the recent increase in postal rates and that the Society will be introducing another Life membership category commencing at 60. Due to increase in life expectancy the rates will be for members joining at 50 and 60, 25X and 20X the annual subscription rate respectively.

Branches should encourage members to renew at branch meetings. Secretaries may collect renewals with cheque payments at Branch meetings and send them collectively to Steve Ollive.

Contact details for Richard Morris are on the inside cover of every R.O.

24.15 SOCIETY HANDBOOK

Draft copies of the proposed Society handbook will be available for inspection at the Officers Conference. This will be discussed at conference but your comments and suggestions will be very useful.

24.16 FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & MEMBERS WEEKENDS

		DATE	BRANCH	VENUE	HOTEL
2007	AGM	20 th – 22 nd April	West Midlands	Coventry	Hylands
	MW	19 th – 21 st October	Surrey	Basingstoke	Holiday Inn
2008	AGM	25 th – 27 th April	Northampton	Northampton	Park Inn
	MW	tba	Humberside	tba	
2009	AGM	tba	East Midlands	tba	
	MW				
2010	AGM				
	MW				
2011	AGM				
	MW				

More details will be available in the RO and on the website nearer the event.

The MC is looking for branches or regional groups to volunteer to host future events.

If any branch or group is able to host an event please contact John Day for the AGM weekend and Gordon Davies for the Members Weekend.

W. Gordon Davies

6th October 2006

APPENDIX B



2004 / 2005 EXHIBITION RETURN BASED ON BRANCH RETURNS

BRANCH	Number of Exhibitions Attended		Total cost of stand £	Days	Total Sales £		Society Publications Sold £	
	2005	2004			2005	2004	2005	2004
Bristol	4	4	70	6	844	1287	50	105
Cheltenham	1	1	15	1	25	20	0	19
Croydon & S. London	4	4	96	7	653	797	207	208
East Midlands	1	1	3	2	432	554	129	456
Furness, L&L	1	0	7	2	60	0	30	0
Hitchin ++	3	1	15	1	207	154	17	25
Humberside	9	6	654	19	2316	3071	267	872
Ipswich	6	6	218	8	843	895	186	158
Lancs & N. West	0	0						
Merseyside, C & N.W.	2	2	209	3	2172	278	567	143
Milton Keynes	3	2	30	4	313	313	64	90
Northampton	2	3	40	2	123	187	16	29
North East	7	8	211	13	2087	2358	299	224
Peterborough	0	0						
Scottish	1	1	196	3	1318	623	98	190
Sheffield	0	0						
South East	5	5	127	7	1196	1675	88	55
South Essex	2	2	50	2	279	333	0	25
South of England	1	1	0	1	72	113	20	50
Surrey	4	4	132	7	1168	1366	89	290
Sussex	2	2	80	5	670	913	0	220
Thames Valley	3	3	41	3	344	245	28	65
Watford ++	3	3	145	5	1254	1334	255	420
West of England	2	2	60	4	1208	1820	92	112
West Midlands	2	1	216	4	1717	1426	1036	1113
West Riding	0	0						
Alexandra Palace **	1	1	319	2	916	886	294	252
TOTALS	69	63	Average cost per day £26		20217	25172	3832	5944

Key :- No Returns Received

** Attended by Watford & Hitchin

++ Watford & Hitchin did 2 shows jointly – the results of these are shown under Watford to avoid duplication.

W. R. Ballard
Exhibitions Office
January 2006

APPENDIX C

LIBRARY SALES OF SURPLUS RCTS PUBLICATIONS REF SR06Sep **PRICES TO MEMBERS OF RCTS Non members 10% dearer Printed 6/10/06**

QUALITY IS GOOD UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED. OFTEN POORER QUALITY COPIES ARE AVAILABLE AT LOWER PRICES

GW1 Locos of GWR part 1 £10 GW2 Locos of GWR Part 2 £10
GW3 Locos of GWR Part 3 £14 GW4 GWR PART 4 £15
GW5 GWR Part 5 £15 GW6 Locos of GWR Part 6 £15
GW7 Locos of GWR Part 7 £9; GW8 Locos of GWR Part 8 £9;
GW9 Locos of GWR Part 9 £10 GW10 Locos of GWR Part 10
GW11 Part 11 hard backs: £8 each ; soft cover £5 GW12 Locos of GWR Part 12 £30
GW13 addendum £9 GW14 Locos of GWR part 14 £20
MidC Midland Compounds (DF Tee) £5; H/Back:£8
LBSC1 Locos of LBSCR part 1 £15; & part 2 £27; LBSC3 Locos of LBSCR part 3 £10
LBSCR set parts 1 -3 £45
LSW1 IOCOS OF LSWR PART 1 £15 LSW2 LOCOS OF LSWR PART 2 £15
SR1 Locos of Southern Rly 1 £16 ;SR2 Locos of Southern RLY 2 £16
SEC1 Locos of SECR 1ST edition £6; SEC2: Locos SECR 2nd edn £12
SER1 IOCOS OF SER 1ST EDITION £6 Hard Back editions of these 1st edtns:£9 each.
LCD1 LOCOS OF LCDR 1ST EDITION £6 ; LCD2 Locos of LCDR 2nd edn £12
GER 0-6-0Ts P Proud £3
CHGE CLAUD HAMILTONS of the GER/LNER by P.Proud £4 NW8: Inwr 8 coupled £5
LN3a LOCOS OF LNER 3A - 4-4-2 £15 LN3B Locos of LNER part 3B £15
LN3C Locos of LNER part 3C £15 LN4 Locos of LNER part 4:£16
LN5 Locos of LNER Part 5 £16 LN6A Locos LNER part 6A £16
LN6B: locos LNER part 6B: £16 LN6C Locos of LNER part 6C £16
LN7 Locos of LNER Part 7 £13 LN8a LOCOS OF LNER PART 8A £14
LN8b " " PART 8B £14 LN9a Locos of LNER Part 9A (1ST ED:£11
LN9b Locos of LNER part 9B (1st ed) £11 LN10B £15
Locomotives stock books have stock lists + changes;LSB appendixes only have changes,
LSB35: :LSB 1935 £10 LS37 Loco stock 1937 £8
LSB36 LSB 1936 £10 LSA38 LSB Appendix 1938 £7
LS39 LOCO STK BK 1939 £8 LSA41 APPX CHANGES 1939-41 £3
LSB46 LSB 1946 (COVERS 1939-45) £8; LSA47 APPX 1947 vgc £4
LSB48 LSB 1948 vgc £8 LSB50 Loco Stock bk 1950: £7 LSB52 LSB 1952 vgc £7
LSA54 LOCO alteration 1952-4 vgc £5 LSB60 LSB 1960 vgc £6
LSB63 LOCO STOCK BOOK 1963 £6 LSB66 LOCO STOCK BOOK 1966 £5
LSB69 LOCOMOTIVE STOCK BOOK 1969 £6 (includes reprint of 1934 LSB)
CS76 COACHING STOCK BOOK 1976 edtn £5 CS78 1978 edtn £2
CS80 1980 edtn £1 CS81 1981 £1 CS82 1982 edtn £1
CS84 ABC COACHING STOCK 1983-4 £1 CS85 1985 edition £1
ESR45 ESR & PALESTINE RLYS 1942-5 £5; WD280:WD 2-8-0/2-10-0 1939-45 £5
RNott RAILWAYS OF NOTTINGHAM exhibition £2 ; RDOR: Railways of Dorset £15
RWear RAILWAYS OF WEARDALE - Rounthwaite £12 SYCR: S Yorks Coalfields £13
P&P Locos of LNER - Prentice & Proud 1941. £15

Orders to:- Terry Silcock 17 Raisins Hill, Pinner, Middlesex. HA5 2BU.

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