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**Please take particular notice of items 35.01 relating to  
Branch Financial Returns**

**35.01 FINANCIAL RETURNS**

As mentioned in Newsletter 34 certain financial documentation should be sent to other Society Officers within the Society and not the Society Treasurer.

Please continue to send all Branch Expense Claims, VAT returns and Publication Sales returns to:- John Redgate, High Lees, 7 Frieth Road, Marlow SL7 2QT. Tel./fax 01628 476265. e-mail: [chairman@rcts.org.uk](mailto:chairman@rcts.org.uk)

Please continue to send publication stock holdings audit figures only to:- David Pick, 6 Harrowick Lane, Earls Barton, Northampton NN6 0HD.

Tel. 01604 810613. e-mail: [northampton@rcts.org.uk](mailto:northampton@rcts.org.uk)

This is an interim measure and branches will be informed of any changes at a future date.

**35.02 2010 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

As announced in February RO the 74<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting will be a one day event held at the Hallmark Hotel, Derby on Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup> of April.

Although no formal arrangements have been made for this weekend any member who wishes to stay at the Hallmark Hotel on the Friday or Saturday evening can reserve accommodation by contacting the hotel directly and make a reservation at a special rate of £39 per person inclusive of a full English breakfast. Contact the hotel on 01332 345894 and quote 'RCTS'.

The Programme for the Day includes:-

10.00 – 11.00 Arrival of members and guests in the Garden Room

11.00 – 12.00 Presentation by Nick Pigott, Editor, The Railway Magazine

12.00 – Buffet Lunch. Available to members at £5.00

13.30 – Annual General Meeting

15.30 – A Digital presentation by Brian Stephenson

16.30 – 17.30 Sales Stands

17.30 – Close of day.

Full details of the day's events appear in the February RO

### **35.03 AGM SALES STAND**

David Cole will be attending the AGM at Derby on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April where he will be offering for sale a selection of Society photographs and slides. The price will be 30p for slides for individual purchases or Branches may wish to bulk buy for sales at their meetings, exhibitions or sales stands at 10p each selling them on for what they may care to charge. Photographs will be at 30p each. Any Branch intending to purchase bulk supplies of slides should bring their own storage sleeves and advise David Cole on 01462 451184 or e-mail him at **dfcrcts@hotmail.com** of the quantities required.

### **35.04 OUT OF PRINT PUBLICATIONS**

If any branch (except the East Midlands and North East) have any of the following out of print publications could they please bring them along to the AGM at Derby on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April. Please ensure you have listed what books are being returned and indicate which branch these returned books originate from. Please hand your box or bag with the books to MC member David Pick.

1. All stock of Locomotives of the LNER **9A & 9B**.
2. All stock of The Great Northern Railway in the East Midlands Volume **No. 2**

### **35.05 2010 REGIONAL MEETINGS**

The first of the 2010 Regional Meetings will be taking place in May. All Branches will soon be contacted by their Group Regional Chairmen confirming with them of the dates and venue and will be distributing the agenda and a copy of the 2009 Action Points Document. Every branch should make every endeavour to attend these meetings. The Society will reimburse branches with reasonable travelling costs for two branch members to attend and a lunch will be provided at each venue. Claims for travelling should be paid out of branch accounts and claimed back from the Society Treasurer in the normal way. If any branch has not received details from their Regional Group meeting two weeks before the meeting it is their responsibility to contact the group Chairman. Below is a list of the meetings and the MC representative's who will be attending.

|                                                                                                                                        |                |
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| EMNESH – Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May -- 10.30a.m.<br>Central Methodist Church, St. Saviour Gate, York YO1 8NQ                        | RICHARD MORRIS |
| NORTHERN HOME COUNTIES – Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> May. 11.00a.m.<br>Digswell Village Church Hall, Warren Way, Digswell (Welwyn North) | DAVID PICK     |
| LONDON & SOUTH – Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> June. 11.00a.m.<br>The Wheatsheaf Ember Inn, Woking                                          | BOB ELLISON    |
| NORTH WEST & MIDLANDS – Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June, 12.30p.m.<br>The Crewe Arms, Nantwich Road, Crewe. CW2 6DN                    | DAVID KELSO    |
| GREAT WESTERN – Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> June, 12.00noon<br>Manvers Street Baptist Chapel, Bath                                       | ALAN COOKE     |

### **35.06 2009 OFFICERS' CONFERENCE MINUTES**

The minutes of the Officers' Conference held at Coventry in October 2009 have now been prepared and published. A copy of the minutes is enclosed with this newsletter. For those of you who receive electronic copies of this newsletter please note that the minutes are on another attachment to the e-mail.

Those of you who receive paper copies may also find additional copies enclosed; these are for other branch members who were in attendance at the Officers' Conference. These copies are marked with the delegate's name, could you please distribute them to the appropriate delegate.

### **35.07 RAISING THE PROFILE OF THE SOCIETY & BRANCHES**

You will have read in previous Newsletters the importance of raising the profile of the society by distributing the Society's recruitment leaflets at preservation sites, museums, tourist information centres and many other suitable locations. It is hoped that all branches are continuing to do this but have branches consider what can be done with those spare RO's that arrive with each branch secretary every month. Many will be used in the Membership Packs but if you have spare copies why not leave them at your doctors and dentists surgery waiting rooms and what about leaving meeting flyers or Society information packs complete with a copy of the current local branch programme on waiting room reading tables. How many times when you have gone to a surgery and there is nothing to read but 'Woman's Own' or other ladies magazines. Have you ever seen a railway magazine at any surgery waiting room?

Have branches tried contacting their local press and radio and inform them of forthcoming meetings, it is surprising what free advertising can be obtained with just a little effort.

### **35.08 RO & WEBSITE MEETING NOTES**

As you have read in the previous paragraph there are many ways in which we can attract new members and attendees to branch meetings and the information given in **35.07** is just an example of getting people's attention that there is a railway society called the RCTS.

Regular reports on meetings are essential both in the RO and on the Website so that any potential new member can find out what has occurred at their nearest branch. There is one branch currently who does not submit any kind of notes to the RO and quite a few Branches who although submitting notes to the RO find the thought of sending meeting notes to the Website is like communicating with a distant alien planet. There must be at least one member in every branch with a PC, who could send a meeting report to our Webmaster, David Jackman.

Also as a matter of courtesy to the speaker at meetings, a short paragraph in the RO and on the Website is just another way of saying thank you for the time and effort in putting a show together.

### **35.09 STATIONERY**

If any branch requires any additional stock of stationery please inform Bob Ballard and he will bring your requirements to the Annual General Meeting at Derby. Bob's contact details are in the Branch Officers' Handbook page 9.01.

### **35.10 COLOUR-RAIL, SPECIAL OFFER**

As many of you know Ron White has retired and has sold the Colour-Rail business to Paul Chancellor. Paul is a West Midlands Society member and he is pleased to announce that a special offer exists for RCTS Branches to purchase slides and for branches to sell them either at indoor meetings, sales stands or exhibitions.

RCTS branches may order duplicate slides, catalogues and supplements from Colour-Rail at the following special rates. However these may only be sold at the prevailing market price (or more) unless specifically agreed otherwise by Colour-Rail. These rates must not be divulged to any third party.

Slides £1 per slide plus postage & VAT (current retail price £1.65 per slide)

Catalogue (currently issue 18) £6.50 plus postage (current retail price £10)

Supplement (currently issue 18a) £1.60 plus postage (current retail price (£2.50)

Colour-Rail will provide a VAT invoice made out to the relevant branch. Payment terms, 21 days from date of invoice. No returns except for quality reasons.

And for those Fixtures Secretaries who are scratching their heads on who to book for next seasons indoor events, Paul is also available to give slide shows at branches throughout the UK.

Paul's contact details are:- phone 0121 453 6518, e-mail [colourrail@aol.com](mailto:colourrail@aol.com)  
or by post at:- Colour-Rail, 558 Birmingham Road, Bromsgrove, B61 0HT

### **35.11 RO's on CD-ROM (Commission for Branches)**

Terry Silcock is pleased to announce that five new CD-ROMS have been released since the last Newsletter and those for 1952, 1953, 1954, 2008 RO's and a compendium of Indexes 1928-2008 are now available for sale.

Could you please display copies of the attached sales form at branch meetings, exhibitions or sales stands. If you include your branch code on the form, then Terry will give your branch £1 for every CD ordered using this form.

### **35.12 LIBRARY SURPLUS BOOKS & MAGAZINES**

If any branch would like to have any surplus books & magazines from the library to sell at branch meetings, exhibitions or sales stands Terry Silcock will bring these to the AGM at Derby or they can be collected from the Library. Please e-mail Terry Silcock at **Librarian@rcts.org.uk** as Terry can provide lists as e-mail attachments and you can choose which items you require.

Branch commission is 25% of the sale price, sale or return.

### **35.13 SOCIETY INSURANCE**

If any Branch is required to give details of the Society's public liability insurance cover, for example by the organisers of an exhibition where there will be a branch sales stand, a copy of the current insurance certificate can be obtained from Alan Cooke, Society Secretary.

Alan's contact details are in the Branch Officers' Handbook page 4.01.

For the avoidance of doubt the only Branch assets the Society's Insurance policy cover are Nameplates, Society Publications, any Library second hand branch sales stock and money (cash). Society insurance does NOT cover the stock of branch or members owned second-hand books offered for sale either at branch meetings, exhibitions or sales stands.

Any Branch members who use any of their own equipment at either indoor or outdoor fixtures will have their assets covered by their own household insurance.

### **35.14 SOCIETY INSURANCE (DIGITAL EQUIPMENT)**

So that we can ascertain which branches have purchased digital projectors and the associated laptop computer the MC need for insurance purposes to compile a register of the equipment purchased by each branch. Will each branch please complete the Digital Equipment Register form (**APPENDIX A**) which accompanies this Newsletter and return the information to myself by Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March. A **NIL** return is required if no equipment is held.

Expensive digital equipment should not be stored at venues from one meeting to another.

### **35.15 PUBLICATIONS – BRANCH ORDER FORM**

A revised order form has been devised by the Publications Committee for branches to order their stocks of publications from our storage facilities in Coventry. For those of you who have received this newsletter by Royal Mail please pass on the copy to the branch person responsible for ordering branch stocks and ask that person to make more copies for future use.

For those who have received this newsletter electronically can you please new Branch Order Form file to the branch person responsible for ordering branch stocks and ask that person to store it on their PC for future use.

When a branch is ready to replenish branch publications stocks please enter your requirement and either post it or e-mail it to: John Wood, RCTS Publication Sales, 87 Tiverton Drive, Horeston Grange, Nuneaton CV11 6YJ. Tel 02476 370746 e-mail: **sales@rcts.org.uk**

### **35.16 FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY**

#### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & MEMBERS WEEKENDS**

|      |     | DATE                                        | BRANCH               | VENUE               | HOTEL            |
|------|-----|---------------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| 2010 | AGM | 24 <sup>th</sup> April<br>One Day Event     | Management Committee | Derby               | Hallmark Hotel   |
|      | MW  | 22 <sup>nd</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> October | Bristol              | Swindon             | Marriot Hotel    |
| 2011 | AGM | 15 <sup>th</sup> to 17 <sup>th</sup> April  | North East           | Newcastle upon Tyne | Caledonian Hotel |
|      | MW  |                                             | ????                 |                     |                  |
| 2012 | AGM | tba                                         | West of England      | tba                 |                  |
|      | MW  |                                             | ????                 |                     |                  |
| 2013 | AGM |                                             | ????                 |                     |                  |
|      | MW  |                                             | ????                 |                     |                  |

Further details will be published in the RO, Newsletters 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 Alan Cooke for the AGM weekend and myself for the Members Weekend.

The information contained in this newsletter is for use of RCTS Officers and Members only and should not be communicated outside the society.

W. Gordon Davies, Branch Liaison Secretary  
Branch Liaison Secretary

12<sup>th</sup> March 2010

## APPENDIX X



Branch.....

### DIGITAL EQUIPMENT REGISTER

Please list all Digital Equipment held by the Branch.  
This is to include digital projectors and any associated laptop computer.

**When completed please return to the Branch Liaison Secretary by 31<sup>st</sup> March**

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e-mail: [liaison@rcts.org.uk](mailto:liaison@rcts.org.uk)

If you do not have any digital equipment please return the form endorsed **NIL**

| Equipment Name & Type | Date Purchased | Value |
|-----------------------|----------------|-------|
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Name.....

Position held in Branch.....

Address.....

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..... Post Code.....

Tel:..... e-mail address.....

Signature..... Date.....



## BRANCH ORDER FORM - PUBLICATIONS

To order additional publications for branch and exhibition sales, send your order either by post or e-mail to, John Wood, RCTS Publications Sales, 87 Tiverton Drive, Horeston Grange, Nuneaton CV11 6YJ or by e-mail to **[sales@rcts.org.uk](mailto:sales@rcts.org.uk)**.

Any queries please ring 02476 370746

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| ORDERED BY       |
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|----------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------------|----------|
| BR Standards Vol. 1              |          | Travellers Guide to Robin Hood Line |          |
| BR Standards Vol. 2              |          | Plymouth's Railways in the 1930's   |          |
| BR Standards Vol. 3              |          | The Railways of Keynsham            |          |
| BR Standards Vol. 4              |          | Highland Railway Vol. 2             |          |
|                                  |          | Birkenhead Railway                  |          |
| The Jubilee 4-6-0                |          | Shildon - Newport in Retrospect     |          |
| LMS Diesels                      |          |                                     |          |
| Raising Steam on the LMS         |          |                                     |          |
| LMS Locomotive Names             |          |                                     |          |
| L&NWR Locomotive Names           |          | Great Northern Loco History Vol. 1  |          |
| Locos of the L&NWR Southern Div. |          | Great Northern Loco History Vol. 2  |          |
| Hughes & Stanier 2-6-0s          |          | Great Northern Loco History Vol. 3A |          |
|                                  |          | Great Northern Loco History Vol. 3B |          |
| Locos of the LNER Part 1         |          |                                     |          |
| Locos of the LNER Part 2B        |          |                                     |          |
| Locos of the LNER Part 10A       |          |                                     |          |
| Locos of the LNER Part 11        |          |                                     |          |
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|                                  |          | Railway Observer Easibinder         |          |
| GN in the East Midlands No 1     |          | Society Tie                         |          |
| GN in the East Midlands No 3     |          | Society Lapel Badge                 |          |
| GN in the East Midlands No 4     |          |                                     |          |
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## THE RAILWAY OBSERVER ON SEARCHABLE CD-ROMS

The **Railway Observer** has been published by **The Railway Correspondence and Travel Society** every month since 1929. It provides a unique record of officially supplied and enthusiast gathered information. The main problem for researchers has been locating that information, even when they have been able to acquire the earlier issues. The society also published many supplements to the Railway Observer, including the innovative Locomotive Stock Book introduced in 1934, shed by shed locomotive allocations and various other specialist publications. The Society's Library Reference Copies are being progressively professionally scanned and converted to fully searchable Adobe Acrobat files, bookmarked for each month and supplement. These are available for sale on CD-ROMs, one for each volume of the R.O.

They are available for sale from the Society's web site **rcts.org.uk** or by ordering by post using the order form below. Each CD is available for either £16.50 or £19 where Locomotive Stock Book or other significant supplements are included. These prices include UK postage and VAT. The Society will absorb the cost of the increased rate of VAT from January 2010.

A LOCOMOTIVE STOCK BOOK or APPENDIX is included with the CDs for each of the following years:

1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1950, 1952,

Four papers originally published by the Institution of Locomotive Engineers are included within the following volumes:

1946 "LMS Locomotive Design" by E.S.Cox

1947 "LNER Design" by B.Spencer

1949 "History of Southern Railway Locomotives" by C.S.Cocks

1950 "Churchward Locomotive Design" by K.J.Cook

The following RCTS books are also included on CDs for:

1946 "Egyptian State & Palestine Railways" and "WD 2-8-0/2-10-0 locomotives"

1950 "LNWR 8 coupled Locomotives"

Various lesser supplements: Locomotive allocations and lists of shed codes are also included.

Tear off here, and post to Terry Silcock

Order form: Post to Terry Silcock (RCTS), 17 Raisins Hill, Pinner, HA5 2BU

e-mail: Librarian@ **rcts.org.uk**

Branch/exhibition code: .....

Name: ..... RCTS Membership No: (if any) .....

Address: .....

.....Post Code: .....

e-mail ..... Phone Number .....

Please supply: CDs of ROs for: Circle those you require and cross out those not wanted

1932 1933 1934 1940 1941 1942/3 1944/5 1951 1953 1954 1958 1968 2008

Compendium of Indexes 1928 - 2008

@ £16.50 each Number ordered ..... Total price £.....

1935 1936 1937 1938 1939 1946 1947 1948 1949 1950 1952

@ £19.00 each Number ordered ..... Total price £.....

Cheque / Postal Order No: ..... enclosed for a total of £.....

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