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Will all Branch Chairmen please ensure that the information in 37.05 is strictly adhered to.

37.01 FINGER PROBLEMS

Newsletter 36 did contain two errors with e-mail addresses. The relevant information is shown correctly below. My apologies for any difficulties encountered in trying to send e-mails to incorrect addresses.

36.13 BRANCH FIXTURES

For Commercial Magazines (*The Railway Magazine* etc): Ronnie McAdam, 137 Mountcastle Crescent, Edinburgh, EH8 7SY. Ronnie's e-mail should have read: **rmcadam47@aol.com**

36.15 RCTS OFFICERS E-MAIL GROUP CHANGES

The address shown as RCTSOfficersowner@yahoogroups.com should have read **RCTSOfficers-owner@yahoogroups.com**

37.02 OFFICERS' CONFERENCE 2010

The agenda for the Officers' Conference is included as **APPENDIX A** to this newsletter. Can **all** secretaries please ensure that **all** delegates from their branch committee who are attending the conference receive a copy. Please remember to bring along copies of last year's Officers' Conference minutes and the 2010 Regional Meetings Action Points document.

If anyone has an item for 'Any Other Business' could you please send details in writing to the Society Chairman, John Redgate, at, High Lees, 7 Frieth Road, Marlow SL7 2QT. Tel./fax 01628 476265, e-mail: **chairman@rcts.org.uk** or myself (details above) no later than **NOON on Tuesday the 19th October.**

The Branch/Officers' attendance record (**APPENDIX B**) [to Secretaries and Society Officers] should be completed and passed to myself before the conference. Could you please indicate on the return any member who is attending conference for the very first time?

You can also send your information by post, to my e-mail address or leave a message on my telephone. This includes any apologies. Contact details above.

Please note that apologies must be tendered prior to the Officers' Conference by **NOON on Thursday the 21st October.** e-mails and my home telephone WILL NOT be accessed after that time. You may leave messages with the hotel reception on 01793 512121 in the event of a late change of plan.

Again the MC states that it will meet the cost of one night's accommodation and reasonable travel costs for **ONE** delegate only from each branch attending the annual conference.

37.03 STATIONERY

If any branch requires any additional stock of stationery please inform Bob Ballard and he will bring your requirements to the Members' Weekend at Swindon. Bob's contact details are in the Branch Officers' Handbook page 9.01. Orders to be with Bob by **NOON on Thursday the 21st October.**

Will those Branches who have been holding boxes of the spare Membership Folders for Bob (several offered to help him when he was inundated with a new supply a couple of years ago), please bring back what they still have to the Members' Weekend at Swindon as the supply of these he has on hand is getting rather low. Many thanks.

37.04 ARMSTRONG WHITWORTH – A PIONEER OF WORLD DIESEL TRACTION

The Publications Committee is pleased to announce the publication on the 18th of October of a new book entitled 'Armstrong Whitworth – A Pioneer of World Diesel Traction' by Brian Webb. The Society has joined forces with the well known transport history publisher Black Dwarf Lightmoor to produce this long overdue acknowledgement of Armstrong Whitworth's work in the field of diesel railway transport. The manuscript was completed by the late Brian Webb in 1978 and covers in comprehensive detail the Armstrong Whitworth involvement in the development and production of a total of 34 diesel electric locomotives and 30 multiple units, railcars and railbuses between 1928 and 1938. With very few company records available Brian Webb set about gathering material from former company employees and customers all over the world. The book contains a host of never before seen black and white photographs and drawings. Originally intended as a black and white publication it is published as written but with a colour supplement detailing the present known position of preserved Armstrong Whitworth vehicles. The book is 212mm x 276mm, casebound, contains 184 pages, 161 illustrations, 12 in colour and 42 drawings. The retail price is £19.95 but Society members can purchase this at a discounted price of £17.50 on production of a valid membership card. If ordering on the Society website please ensure you have entered your membership number so that you can qualify for the members discount.

37.05 ARMSTRONG WHITWORTH – SALES BY BRANCHES

As a joint venture the RCTS has signed an agreement with Black Dwarf Lightmoor Publications Ltd. The terms and conditions of this agreement will need to be observed so as to maintain the excellent working relationship between the RCTS and Black Dwarf Lightmoor Publications Ltd whilst working on this project. Remember we and Black Dwarf Lightmoor Publications Ltd may want to work together on other projects in the future so please DO NOT break the terms of this agreement and literally 'put a spanner in the works' between Black Dwarf Lightmoor Publications and the RCTS.

The agreement does restrict the distribution of the book and the following applies to ALL BRANCHES.

1. The RCTS will promote the book within the Society, at branch meetings, sales stands and at national and model railway exhibitions. Members will be offered their usual discount from the RCTS stock sales.
2. The RCTS will advertise the book in the national railway magazine trade for sale by mail order, across the RCTS website and the printed publications brochure.
3. Black Dwarf Lightmoor will be responsible for all "Trade" distribution. This means that branches are not allowed to distribute the book to their local independent book shops or any other retail outlet.
4. Black Dwarf Lightmoor will promote the book through their usual sales and trade outlets and handle sales to the industrial heritage business. Branches are not allowed to supply copies to preserved railways or museums.
5. Black Dwarf Lightmoor will handle and supply wholesalers and the book trade through their Lydney operation. The RCTS will direct all trade sales and wholesalers to Black Dwarf Lightmoor. If you receive any enquires at branch meetings, sales stands or exhibitions regarding retail sales please forward the enquiry to:-

Black Dwarf Lightmoor Publications Ltd, 120 Farmers Close, Witney. OX28 1NR
Tel: 01993 773927. Web: **lightmoor.co.uk** e-mail: **info@lightmoor.co.uk**

6. The book will be sold at £19.95 to the public and at £17.50 to Society members on production of a valid Membership Card. No other discounts will be applied without the express permission of the Publications Committee.

Branch stocks holdings can be ordered from John Wood, Publication Sales Officer in the normal way. Contact details for John are in the RO or in the Branch Officers' Handbook page 9.02. See also **37.06** on page 3 regarding the latest version of the branch order form.

If you are attending the Members' Weekend at Swindon you can order your copies via John Wood and they will be available for collection at the Marriot Hotel on Sunday the 24th of October.

Please note that branch orders for the Armstrong Whitworth book that will be collected at the Members' Weekend must be with John Wood no later **Wednesday the 20th of October**

37.06 PUBLICATIONS – BRANCH ORDER FORM

The order form used to order branch publications stocks has been revised by the Publications Committee and is now at **Issue 2 - October 2010**. Please destroy Issue 1 which was distributed with Newsletter 35 in March this year. 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 forward the revised 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

37.07 SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION

The MC has decided that the UK annual subscription will be increased to £23 for 2011. This reflects the increase in postal charges and various other cost increases. Any UK member wishing to renew for three years on an extended subscription will be able to do so for £64. Members needing to renew their membership this year will receive an individual renewal letter. Those members who are already on the three-year membership package and life members will receive a letter later in the year asking them to check their details and advise of any changes.

Will Branch Chairman remind members at a suitable point at a branch meeting that members need to read carefully the instructions in their renewal letter, regarding payment and completion of the renewal form. Please also remind members that in order to assist with the Society's administration, can members please try and renew before 31st December 2010 and that renewals can be made efficiently at branch meetings before that date. Each year we send out a large number of reminder letters which increases our costs and our administration work and will delay receipt of members copies of the RO. Should any member decide not to renew, it would be appreciated if they could advise Steve Ollive, 85 Bissley Drive, Maidenhead, SL6 3UY, as soon as possible, stating any reason for their decision. These letters will be passed to the Society Chairman John Redgate for review and provide useful feedback to the MC.

Full details on membership renewal will appear in the November RO.

37.08 COLOUR-RAIL - SPECIAL OFFER

In Newsletter 35 (March 2010) Colour-Rail offered to branches a discount on the purchase of slides for sale at branch meetings, sales stands or exhibitions. Due to a 400% increase in film costs the price of slides for resale by RCTS branches has risen to £1.10 from 1 October. Catalogue 19 is now available, price £10.

A Colour-Rail book, 'A Colour-Rail Journey' will be published in hardback by Pendragon towards the end of October. This contains approximately 200 new pictures with captions by Ron White. The retail price will be £30. If a branch orders 5 or more copies, these will be priced at £25 which also includes postage. Please note that these copies will only be supplied on the basis that they are not resold below the cover price. Orders for individual books at the full price can be placed via **www.colour-rail.com** or by post at Colour-Rail, 558 Birmingham Road, Bromsgrove, B61 0HT

37.09 FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & MEMBERS WEEKENDS

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		DATE	BRANCH	VENUE	HOTEL
2010	MW	22 nd – 24 th October	Bristol	Swindon	Marriot Hotel
2011	AGM	15 th to 17 th April	North East	Newcastle upon Tyne	Caledonian Hotel
	MW	tba	One Day Officers' Conference Organised by the MC	tba	
2012	AGM	tba	One Day Event Organised by the MC	Derby or other Midlands Town	tba
	MW	tba	????		
2013	AGM	tba	One Day Event Organised by the MC		
	MW	tba	????		

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 Members Weekend's.
If any branch or group is able to host a Members Weekend please contact myself or any member of the Management Committee.

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

6th October 2010

APPENDIX A



2010 OFFICERS' CONFERENCE

Sunday 24th October 2010 at 9.00 for a 9.15 start until 12.45 (Including Coffee)

The Marriot Swindon Hotel, Pipers Way, Swindon. SN3 1SH

Telephone No: 01793 512121

A G E N D A

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| 1. | Opening of Conference by Society Chairman | John Redgate |
| 2. | Apologies for Absence | Gordon Davies |
| 3. | Confirmation of Year 2009 Minutes
(Previously Circulated with Newsletter 35 – March 2010) | John Redgate |
| 4. | Matters Arising not covered by the Agenda | John Redgate |
| 5. | President's Message | John Redgate |
| 6. | Discussion of Action Points from Regional Meetings | Gordon Davies |
| 7. | Library Project sub-committee | David Pick |
| 8. | Finance Update | Reg Wood |
| 9. | The Railway Observer | Callum MacLeod |
| 10. | Website Development | David Jackman |
| 11. | Development sub-committee | Eric Palmer |
| 12. | Publicity | David Kelso |
| 13. | Publications sub-committee | Gordon Davies |
| 14. | Date & venue for 2011 Officers' Conference | Gordon Davies |
| 15. | Any other competent business (Previously Notified) | John Redgate |

APPENDIX B



OFFICERS' CONFERENCE SWINDON 2010

Branch/Officer Attendance at Officers' Conference

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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.

Any queries please ring 02476 370746

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ORDERED BY
DELIVERY ADDRESS
POST CODE
TELEPHONE NUMBER

TITLE	QUANTITY	TITLE	QUANTITY
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		Sildon - Newport in Retrospect	
LMS Diesels			
Raising Steam on the LMS			
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 2B			
Locos of the LNER Part 10A			
Locos of the LNER Part 11			
Armstrong Whitworth - A Pioneer of World Diesel Traction			
		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			