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40.01 OFFICERS' CONFERENCE 2011

This annual event will take place at the Hallmark Hotel, Midland Road, Derby, DE1 2SL on Saturday 15th October 2011 commencing at 14.00. This hotel is right opposite Derby railway station. There is ample car parking for those travelling by car.

Commencing at 11.00 a guided tour of the Derby Roundhouse site as it is today lasting approximately one hour will be available for all delegates at a cost of £6.00. The Roundhouse is located at Roundhouse Road, Pride Park, Derby DE 24 8JE. Tel: 01332 334800.

To get to The Roundhouse leave the railway station and turn right into Railway Terrace. Follow this road for about five minutes where you will see an underpass to your right which goes under the railway between the last building and the road over-bridge and come out just under the elevated roadway. Follow the path parallel to the road until you come to The Roundhouse. Turn right into a cul de sac and right again at the far end of the building. The reception is ahead. Total walking time to The Roundhouse is less than ten minutes.

Please note that the access to the underpass is hidden until you are right up to it and to get to the reception entrance to The Roundhouse it is necessary to walk on two and a bit sides of the building.

A party will depart for the Roundhouse from the Hallmark Hotel at 10.40.

A buffet lunch will be available at the hotel from 12 noon onwards at a cost of £6.00.

To reserve a place on the Roundhouse tour and to reserve lunch see item **40.03** below.

40.02 OFFICERS' CONFERENCE AGENDA

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 which were issued to all branches with Newsletter 39 in April this year and the 2011 Regional Meetings Action Points document. The action points document will be distributed to the Regional Meetings Chairmen for onwards distribution to branches week commencing the 19th of September following the MC meeting on 17th September 2011.

40.03 BRANCH OFFICERS' ATTENDANCE RECORD

The Branch/Officers' attendance record (**APPENDIX B**) [to Secretaries and Society Officers] should be completed and should be posted to myself no later than **Friday the 30th of September** so that arrangements for guides to the Roundhouse can be organised and the hotel can be informed of the lunches required.

Please enclose a cheque or cheques to cover the cost of admission to The Roundhouse and for the buffet lunch. Cheques should be made out to 'The Railway Correspondence and Travel Society'. Could you please indicate on the return any member who is attending conference for the very first time?

40.04 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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 11th October.**

40.05 TRAVEL COSTS

The MC states that it will meet the cost of reasonable travel costs for ONE delegate only from each branch attending the annual conference.

40.06 ACCOMMODATION

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 for a single room from £70 per person inclusive of a full English breakfast or a double / twin room from £80. Contact the hotel on 01332 345894 or on their website at www.hallmarkhotels.co.uk/our_hotels/derby

Alternatively The European Inn which is just across the road from the Hallmark has rooms from £53.50 Bed & Breakfast for a single occupancy bedroom. Contact the hotel on 01332 292000 or on their website at www.euro-derby.co.uk

Please note that the prices quoted above cannot be guaranteed and those wishing to stay overnight should make early reservations.

40.07 FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & MEMBERS WEEKENDS

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		DATE	BRANCH	VENUE	HOTEL
2012	AGM	tba	One Day Event Organised by the MC	Derby or other Midlands Town	tba
	MW	Friday 12 October to Sunday 14 October	John Day & his Team liaising with the Scottish Branch.	Dunfermline	King Malcolm Hotel
2013	AGM	tba	One Day Event Organised by the MC	Derby or other Midlands Town	
	MW	tba	John Day & his Team	tba	

Further details will be published in the RO, Newsletters and on the website nearer the event.

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

5th September 2011

APPENDIX A



2011 OFFICERS' CONFERENCE

Saturday 15th October 2011 at 14.00

The Milldale Room, Hallmark Hotel, Midland Road, Derby, DE1 2SL

Telephone No: 01332 345894

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 2010 Minutes
(Previously Circulated with Newsletter 39 – March 2011) | John Redgate |
| 4. | Matters Arising not covered by the Agenda | John Redgate |
| 5. | President's Message | Hugh Gould |
| 6. | Discussion of Action Points from Regional Meetings | Gordon Davies |
| 7. | Library sub-committee | David Pick |
| 8. | Finance Update | Reg Wood |
| 9. | The Railway Observer | Mike Robinson |
| 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 2012 Officers' Conference | Gordon Davies |
| 15. | Any other competent business (Previously Notified) | John Redgate |

A break will take place approximately half way through the conference.

Tea & Coffee will be served at the end of conference at approximately 16.30.

APPENDIX B



OFFICERS' CONFERENCE DERBY 2011

Saturday 15th October 2011

Hallmark Hotel Derby, Midland Road, Derby, DE1 2SQ

Branch/Officer Attendance Record at Officers' Conference & Booking Form

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Branch

OFFICERS ATTENDING	First Time at the OC- √	Derby Roundhouse £6	Buffet Lunch £6

TOTAL Remittances £.....

APOLOGIES

Officer submitting form - Name.....Tel No.....