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BRANCH LIAISON SECRETARY

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43.01 BRANCH LIAISON SECRETARY You will have noticed a new name above. I have taken over as the Branch Liaison Secretary from Gordon Davies who was elected Society Chairman at the AGM in Coventry in April.

43.02 SOCIETY CHAIRMAN Our new Chairman's contact details are:-
W. Gordon Davies, 13 Blackthorn Close, Broughton, Chester, CH4 0PY.
Tel: 01244 520710 e-mail chairman@rcts.org.uk

43.03 SOCIETY SECRETARY Now that I have taken over from Gordon as the Branch Liaison Secretary the MC is pleased to announce that Bob Green, who is the Branch Secretary for the West Riding branch, has been appointed Society Secretary. Bob's contact details are:-
Bob Green, 36 Hall Rise, Bramhope, Leeds LS16 9JG.
Tel: 0113 2843604 e-mail: secretary@rcts.org.uk

43.04 2012 MEMBERS WEEKENDS The Members Weekend and Officers Conference will be held in Scotland on Friday the 12th October to Sunday the 14th. The venue will be The King Malcolm Hotel in Dunfermline.
Full details of the weekend's activities appeared in the July RO and this information is also available on the Society's website.
This is the first national event in Scotland for many years so hopefully you will support this event and enjoy the attractions that are being planned. Although bookings have now closed Andy Davies may be able to cater for a small number of late applications.

Andy's contact details are:-

Andy Davies, 34 Victory Park Road, Addlestone, KT15 2AZ
Tel: 01932 855015 or e-mail Andy at: officersconference@rcts.org.uk

Numerous train operators offer extensive discounts on train tickets if booked well in advance and conference delegates should take advantage of these discounted fares.

43.05 OFFICERS' CONFERENCE 2012 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.
If anyone has an item for 'Any Other Business' could you please send details in writing to the Society Chairman, W. Gordon Davies, 13 Blackthorn Close, Broughton, Chester, CH4 0PY.
Tel: 01244 520710 e-mail chairman@rcts.org.uk or myself (details above) no later than **NOON on Tuesday 9th 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 telephone message. This includes any apologies. Contact details above.

Please note that apologies must be tendered prior to the Officers' Conference by **NOON on Thursday the 11th October**. e-mails and my home telephone WILL NOT be accessed after that time. You may leave messages with the hotel reception on 01383 722611 in the event of a late change of plan.

43.06 CHANGE OF BRANCH OFFICERS Bearing in mind the changes indicated in **43.01, 43.02 & 43.03** above, if there is a change of Branch chairman and / or Secretary can branches ensure that those changes are forwarded in future to Bob Green, Society Secretary and Alan Cooke, Branch Liaison Secretary giving home addresses, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses. Changes to Branch Treasurers should be forwarded to Bob Ellison, Assistant Treasurers (Branch Finances).

43.07 EXHIBITIONS Dave Elsdon has compiled the annual return for 2011 of the income generated for the society from branches attending exhibitions. Exhibitions generate a good source of income and are an invaluable platform to advertise Society membership and publications. The information (**APPENDIX C**) is published for your information.

43.08 BRANCH EXPENSE CLAIMS The Society's banking cost continue to rise and consequently Reg Wood (Treasurer) is proposing to change the way that branch expenses are paid out from cheque to electronic bank transfer. For this to take place he will require the following information to enable this new process to be set up: --

- Name of Officer.
- Bank Sort Code.
- Bank account number
- Bank branch address.
- Bank account name.

A new expenses claim form will be available at the Members' Weekend.

43.09 SOCIETY WEBSITE – Updated information In Newsletter 42 David Jackman announced that a 'Members Section' as well as 'Officers Pages' are now available on our website.

To see them click on **<http://www.rcts.org.uk/about/members>** - you will be prompted to either login or register. When you have logged into the site you will see "Members' Pages" appear in the left hand navigation list and (if the system recognises you as a society officer) you will also get access to "Society Officers" pages as well.

Added to the Officers section is the Branch Officers Handbook. This in the past has always been issued to the branch secretary only however now that it is in the officers section of the website it is available to all branch committee members and Society Officers in general. This has been updated to include the most recent information.

43.10 RECRUITMENT INITIATIVE – Updated In Newsletter 41 which was published in December last year, it was announced that in an initiative to increase membership a special offer of £18 would apply to anyone wishing to join the Society at branch events. The final numbers of new members recruited in this campaign is shown in the table below.

NEWSLETTER CAMPAIGN 41	BRANCH
5	IPS
4	PBR
4	SRY
2	SCT
1	CSL
1	FLL
1	TVY
1	NEA
1	MCN
1	MDH
1	MKY

Congratulations to all the branches concerned for their efforts.

43.11 BRANCH MEETINGS If you are scratching your head trying to find speakers for your branch fixtures then the following ideas may be of interest: --

43.11.01 Bristol Branch Report Friday 2nd September 2011

Railway Journeys in Art

Richard Furness

We welcomed Richard and Judy Furness on the 2nd September to present 'Railway Journeys in Art'. Their unfinished project has so far taken 9 years. The first major task has been to bring the NRM and Kew records into agreement as they create a definitive reference for all posters and to search the NRM for posters that they did not know they had. Judy has the artistic eye to ensure that the most appropriate posters are used in the design of publications and the best standard is reached in poster restoration. 'Poster to Poster' is a series currently under preparation and this uses the 1955 local authority boundaries. Photoshop Professional achieves amazing restoration standards. Richard has become the national authority on the style, artists and production of posters. The difference between an artist and a poster artist was depicted. A fascinating evening of colour intertwined with a great depth of knowledge enhanced with the display of some originals.

Richard is keen to visit more Branches, his contact details are as follows and he is based in Gloucester.

Tel.01452 887280

judi@railway-posters.com or richard@railway-posters.com
www.postertoposter.co.uk and www.railway-posters.com

43.11.02 Adrian Curtis is a renowned expert and publisher on all things WR Diesel Hydraulics based in Peterborough. Website link is: <http://www.westernsonline.com/>

You can book Adrian Curtis for an evening of slides, interesting anecdotes, knowledge, archive information and fun. Adrian has vast experience of public speaking and has a wealth of slides, some unseen and unpublished, put together on a variety of power point presentations and can mix and match his talk/show to suit any audience. Although based heavily on diesel-hydraulics, Adrian can also provide talks on a number of other railway related subjects, including his work on the men behind diesel design in this country. Adrian is in the process of putting a tour together, so if you are plotting your club's next meeting calendar and want to have a great evening in the company of Adrian, then why not get in touch at westernlegacypublications@hotmail.co.uk putting 'Speaker' in the subject heading

43.11.03 Branches may wish to consider talks from the Community Rail Sector – Woking had a good talk from an ACoRP (Association of Community Rail Partnerships) speaker a few months ago, and South Wales have recently had a good evening from one of the local Community Rail Partnership groups.

The Association of Community Rail Partnerships is funded by the Department for Transport as an umbrella group to support CRPs and Station Friends groups. The Association shares ideas and best practice among its members through various channels including conferences and seminars and a quarterly magazine also a monthly electronic newsletter. There are more than fifty CRPs in the United Kingdom most supporting just one line but some, such as the Devon and Cornwall Rail Partnership encompass several nearby routes.

More information can be found at www.acorp.uk.com/

One final thought, Please can talks to be accurately described in programmes. If you are going to get – and then not disappoint – a good audience you need to make it absolutely clear what the speaker is going to be talking about (with a subtitle if needed).

43.12 RO 1000th SUPPLEMENT Extra copies have been printed and are available from Richard Morris. They will make a useful addition to membership packs and will be a handy tool in promoting the Society at exhibitions. Richard's contact details are: -- 2 Daylesford Close, Benhall, Cheltenham, GL51 6DH

Tel: 01242 516747 e-mail: Membership@rcts.org.uk

43.13 PUBLICATIONS NEWS Orders for the BR Standards Volume 5 can be made by means of the attached order form (**APPENDIX D**) which lists all the Society publications currently available. Please note the new address because Mike Robertson has taken over the role previously held by John Wood. A flyer for this volume is available for publicity purposes from Bob Ballard.

The Publications Committee have agreed that no orders will be serviced from branches that have not submitted their publications stock returns. So please can you get your returns in as quickly as possible.

43.14 PUBLICATIONS STORAGE When stocks of our publications at our Coventry store get low the Publications Committee contacts branches so that they can return these titles to the store. Some of the books returned are fit for nothing but pulping especially some of the soft back books as they have been stored in conditions that are far from ideal which results in un-necessary damage. Some books are returned with coffee stains, pen marks and even some have the ravages of being stored in damp conditions. With the publication of BR Standards Part 5 and the reprinting of BR Standards Part 2 branches are reminded that new publications are an extremely valuable Society asset and should be stored in good conditions at all times. If displaying books at branch meetings or exhibitions only one should be on show and used as a 'Counter Copy'.

43.15 SOCIETY INSURANCE – DIGITAL EQUIPMENT If any other branch has purchased a digital projector and associated laptop since the publication of Newsletter 41 in December 2011 can you please follow the procedure described in paragraph **36.08** in Newsletter 36 and inform me by **Friday 23rd November**. This will ensure your equipment is registered on the Society insurance policy due for renewal on the 31st of December 2012.

43.16 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & MEMBERS WEEKENDS

		DATE	BRANCH	VENUE	HOTEL
	MW	Friday 12 th October to Sunday 14 th October	John Day & his Team liaising with the Scottish Branch.	Dunfermline	King Malcolm Hotel
2013	AGM	Saturday 13 th April	One Day Event Organised by the MC	Coventry	Britannia Hotel
	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.

Alan Cooke
Branch Liaison Secretary

19th September 2012

APPENDIX A



2012 OFFICERS' CONFERENCE

Sunday 14th October 2012 at 9.15

King Malcolm Hotel, Queensferry Road, Dunfermline, KY11 8DS

Telephone No: 01383 722611

A G E N D A

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| 1. | Opening of Conference by Society Chairman | Gordon Davies |
| 2. | Apologies for Absence | Alan Cooke |
| 3. | Confirmation of Year 2011 Minutes
(Previously Circulated with Newsletter 41 – December 2011) | Gordon Davies |
| 4. | Matters Arising not covered by the Agenda | Gordon Davies |
| 5. | President's Message | Hugh Gould |
| 6. | Library sub-committee | David Kelso |
| 7. | Society Finance. | Reg Wood |
| 8. | The Railway Observer | Mike Robinson |
| 9. | Website Development | David Jackman |
| 10. | Development sub-committee | Eric Palmer |
| 11. | Publicity | David Kelso |
| 12. | Publications sub-committee | Gordon Davies |
| 13. | Date & venue for 2013 Officers' Conference | John Day |
| 14. | Any other competent business (Previously Notified) | Gordon Davies |

**A Tea & Coffee break will take place approximately
half-way through the conference.**

APPENDIX B



OFFICERS' CONFERENCE DUNFERMLINE 2012

Branch/Officer Attendance at Officers' Conference

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APPENDIX C



2010 / 2011 EXHIBITION RETURN BASED ON BRANCH RETURNS

BRANCH	Number of Exhibitions Attended		Total cost of stand £	Days	Total Sales		Society Publications Sold	
	2011	2010			£		£	
					2011	2010	2011	2010
Bristol	1	1	35	1	266	383	46	Nil
Cambridge*	Nil	Nil			Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cheltenham*	Nil	Nil			Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Chichester *	Nil	Nil			Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Croydon & S. London	5	5	262	8	1193	1321	235	578
East Midlands*	Nil	2			Nil	362	Nil	225
Furness, L&L	Nil	Nil			Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Hitchin	4	3	195	3	424	1131	160	82
Humberside	8	4	565	17	2946	2151	329	375
Ipswich	10	8	266	10	1174	1042	98	40
Lancs & N. West	Nil	Nil			Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Merseyside, C & N.W.	1	1	36	1	184	252	Nil	58
Milton Keynes	3	3	40	3	338	433	60	98
Northampton*	Nil	Nil			Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
North East	11	13	402	22	3527	4540	751	765
Peterborough	Nil	Nil			Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Scottish	1	1	38	3	652	661	155	312
Sheffield	Nil	Nil			Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
South East	4	4	183	7	1314	1972	43	200
South Essex*	Nil	1			Nil	338	Nil	72
South Wales	Nil	Nil			Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Solent	1	2	Free	1	92	297	7	31
Surrey	4	4	190	7	1558	1323	178	228
Sussex	Nil	Nil			Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Thames Valley	3	Nil	26	3	231	Nil	50	Nil
Watford	Nil	Nil			Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
West of England	1	2	48	2	1375	1620	80	87
West Midlands	1	1	124	2	686	1828	601	1747
Windsor & Maidenhead	2	2	122	3	410	398	65	33
West Riding	Nil	Nil			Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Alexandra Palace ++	1	1	203	2	1009	1020	57	274
Peterborough ++	1	1	168	2	413	529	128	42
TOTALS	62	59	2896	99	17792	21601	3043	5247
			Average cost per day £ 29					

Key :- * No Returns Received
++ principally attended by Hitchin

David Elsdon, Exhibitions Officer (January 2011)



BRANCH ORDER FORM - PUBLICATIONS

To order additional publications for branch and exhibition sales, send your order either by post or e-mail to,

**Mike Robertson, RCTS Publications Sales,
5 Ebro Crescent, Binley, Coventry CV3 2DR**

e-mail to pubsales@rcts.org.uk.

Any queries please contact 02476 457275

BRANCH
ORDERED BY
DELIVERY ADDRESS
POST CODE
TELEPHONE NUMBER

TITLE	QUANTITY	TITLE	QUANTITY
BR Standards Vol. 1			
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	
BR Standards Vol. 5		Sildon - Newport in Retrospect	
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	
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 3		Society Tie	
GN in the East Midlands No 4			