

OFFICERS' NEWSLETTER 101

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BRANCH SPEKAER NEWS

Rodney Allen from the East Midlands Branch has been in touch regarding a speaker that recently did a presentation for them. He was so impressed that he thought that other branches might want to book him as well.

The speaker is Brian Hall and he gave a presentation on the project to build a B17 locomotive. All the information about his talk is given in the appendix to this Newsletter.

AFTERNOON MEETINGS

Has your branch considered holding afternoon meetings? Some branches have already done so and most recently Merseyside, Chester & North Wales decided to try them as well. The following is taken from an email sent in by a committee member.

The MC&NW Branch has completed its run of three afternoon meetings this season as a trial for a regular return for having meetings in Liverpool again. Unfortunately, because of a revision to the intended rebuilding of the establishment we initially used, which resulted in the location not being too successful, we moved to a local Royal British Legion, but still only 100 metres from South Parkway station.

The trials can be concluded as a success as we had numbers of 25, 34 and 44 at these meetings, with 11 visitors attending on each of the last two meetings. This more than compares with the attendance figures for our Chester evening meetings and, in fact in the latter two instances exceeds those at Chester.

The committee are extremely happy with the results of the trial and are going to increase the number of meetings held there for the 2016/17 season. We think that this is a forward step, especially as a large number of the membership is now probably retired and don't particularly like going out on cold wintry evenings, or using public transport late at night.

BRANCH MEETING REPORTS

When compiling reports of branch meeting for the RO and the website can the branch correspondent please include the attendance figure for the meeting. This is for the extra publicity effort the Society is making at present to enhance recruitment. A well known railway speaker who has attracted a large audience can potentially attract more prospective members.

So far we have gained 66 new recruits this year – compared with 78 at the same time last year.

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LNER class B17 New Build Project Presentation Summary

Consist of illustrated presentations normally with slides and live commentary which can be tailored to suit requirements each lasting between 45 – 60 minutes in length with time for Q's + A's at the end of each one. Questions part way through a presentation are encouraged to interact with the audience and will be answered.

Main Presentation

Class B17 background and Spirit of Sandringham project status will discuss.....

Requirement leading to B17 4-6-0 express passenger engine and service life

Aims and objectives

Setting about the project

Engineering development and manufacture

Programme and achievements

Why a B17?

Invitation to support Sprit of Sandringham project

Supporting Presentation 1

B17s (and B2s) in service

Supporting Presentation 2

Video with authentic background audio and live commentary showing manufacture of components or assembly related to the project. Promotional events containing items of railway interest and associated with the project may be included separately.

Presentations will normally be made using a digital projector connected to a laptop computer.

Permitted use of a suitable screen at the venue will be greatly appreciated.

Enquiries and arrangements may be made direct to Brian Hall at the address below.

Yours sincerely,

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