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Accessibility of Meeting Locations

I am sure that wherever we go we are used to 'Accessibility for All' being a normal part of everyday life. Even all passenger rolling stock that is not compliant by 31st December 2019 has to be modified or taken out of service. And so ideally where the RCTS branches meet.

Can each branch let me know if where they meet is accessible to those in wheelchairs and walking aids. If your meeting hall is accessible I hope to have a wheelchair symbol added under the branch fixtures in the RO but don't forget to mention this in your welcome letter to new members and meeting programmes.

In future, if possible accessibility should be one of the factors to consider when selecting a new venue but there are so many other considerations to bear in mind in locating somewhere suitable so sometimes this may not be possible.

Officers Directory January 2018.

I will need to have the draft ready to go to Mike Robinson by the end of November. Can all Branch Secretaries and National Officers please check their entries in the July 2017 directory are correct and if not please let me know.

Digital Equipment.

Insurance via the Society's policy is expected to be available in 2018. Can the branches that have changed their equipment please get in touch so the records can be amended.

The RO, how your Branch can help

As the rail network is currently seeing an increase in new stations we are considering a regular RO item highlighting openings etc. As we rely on members to report such local developments it would be great if Branches could promote this possible feature, either by supplying info and images to a specific national officer or alternately by identifying a local member willing to contribute such material on behalf of the relevant branch area. All offers of interest, support etc to myself please.

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