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It's Goodbye from Me...

At the end of 2017 I will be standing down, as Branch Liaison Officer and Irene Rabbitts will be taking over in the New Year.

After five years in Branch Liaison and 20 years as a member of the MC, 2018 is an appropriate time to step back to allow some new blood to take over. I will still be active in the Society, but more in the background looking after the minutes of a couple of sub-committees and assisting David Jackman on the WEB4 team.

Thank you everyone for all your assistance in these last five years and I trust you will be just as helpful to Irene. In the meantime I will continue to use the liaison@rcts.org.uk address but it will be transferred on 1st January.

.... And It's Hello from Me

Just a few words to say "Hello" and introduce myself. First the very basics: I have always loved travel and have been very lucky to have been able to do so from a very early age. I have a BSc (Hons) in social science and a varied range of other experience at home and abroad, working in both the commercial and voluntary sectors before joining local government in 1990. I retired from paid employment in social housing just over two years ago.

I knew about the RCTS through my husband Andy Davies, attending Surrey Branch when it was first set up just after we were married, became a member to get on a limited access branch visit, and later joined the committee at the branch AGM in May 2005 with the only proviso that I would not do teas and coffees. And the rest is history as they say.

It is with some trepidation, and excitement too, that I take over the role of Branch Liaison carrying on from my illustrious predecessors and I hope in my time in office to do some good and perhaps occasionally to live up to my name Irene, which means "peace". I hope that you will tell me if I get things wrong – so that I can say sorry, put it right and do better next time, and that you will also let me know if something is right and works for you so that the good things are kept. I would like people to feel free to have a two-way conversation so that we can share our enthusiasm and look forward, for the benefit of every member of the Society.

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