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Dear All

Welcome to Newsletter 162 - a fairly short one with only two items for consideration.

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

I hope that all branch officers and branches have now implemented Guidance on GDPR as appropriate to their branches and, judging by the questions that have come in as a result of the new Regulation, that there is now a greater understanding of the implications. Questions have mainly been concerned with who does it apply to and which activities at branch level are affected. We do NOT have to ask people to give their permission for us to contact them as a part of their basic 'membership contract' with the RCTS; at branch level it is about any extras over and above this with a record of permission given - particularly for non-members on circulation lists, and an opt-out as required by the legislation so they can easily unsubscribe from branch e-newsletters for example.

Please confirm that you have complied with the guidance as we are expected to make sure that the RCTS is compliant throughout, including all branches, and let me know if there are any outstanding queries, concerns or problems with regards to implementation so that we can resolve them as soon as possible.

Regional Meetings

Firstly a thank you to everyone who participated and to those who were unable to participate but nevertheless gave their apologies. These meetings are a great forum for discussion and meeting with colleagues from other branches within the Regions, and providing feedback in both directions between Branch Officers and the Management Committee. We did not quite make 100% branch representation this year but were not far off. Additional thanks to those who made the arrangements, chaired the meetings and took the minutes, we could not hold the meetings effectively without you.

A quick reminder that I would greatly appreciate it if minutes of the Regional Meetings were sent through as requested by Monday 9 July 2018 if at all possible – any problems with this please let me know so that I do not keep asking you when there is good reason for a delay. I already have some completed minutes and appreciate that, because of the dates of the meetings, others will not yet have had the chance to finalise and agree their minutes. The Regional Meetings Summary will be circulated once all the minutes have been received and the information collated. I hope to provide a short easier to read precis version as well as the full version in due course.

Kind regards

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