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Officers' Newsletter 175

Dear All

I hope you find the latest newsletter of interest with information about the 2018 RO Index, advertising branch activities on the Society's website and advertising the Archive and Library at Leatherhead.

2018 RO Index

The printed version of the 2018 RO Index is now available. Free copies are available from Alan Cooke upon receipt of a C5 sized SAE.

Alan's address is:

60 Hayse Hill, Windsor, SL4 5SZ

There are only a finite number of printed copies so please apply sooner rather than later if you would like one. Thank you.

**Advertising Branch Activities
(and updating Branch pages on the Society's website)**

By the time you receive this, some branches will have had their last branch meeting of the 2018/2019 indoor season which means that it is particularly important that branch pages on the website are kept up to date with reports from meetings, dates for future meetings where these are available, and details of activities over the Summer eg outside visits, observations, other activities. Please note that all branch visits should be advertised in the RO and on the branch pages of the RCTS website or advertised using at least one of them, to ensure that they are considered as Society activities that are covered by the Society's insurance policy.

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RCTS Archive And Library Advertising

Now we have regular opening days at Leatherhead (alternate Wednesdays and alternate Saturdays) we need to encourage people to visit.

Branches can play a role in this by spreading the news that our Archive and Library exists and is open!

Opening dates are advertised in The Railway Observer and on the Society Website <http://www.rcts.org.uk/society/library>.

We have A5 size flyers available. They will be included in membership packs but should also be displayed at exhibitions, and handed to the societies displaying their layouts. If you would like stocks of the leaflets, please contact Bob Ballard. There is a lot of information in the Archive and Library that would be of use to modellers, but we need to let them know that we exist.

Included as a separate PDF file with this Newsletter is an A4 version of the flyer including a QR code that will take interested parties direct to the Archive and Library web pages. Please print and display this as a poster at meetings and exhibitions. Please also forward it as widely as possible to your members, and non-members who are on your branch e-mail lists.

The front of the flyer/poster has details of where the Archive and Library is located while the reverse provides brief details of the collection. A fuller version of this, and lists of the books and magazines will be added to the website in due course (but hopefully sooner rather than later!).

If you have any queries about any of the above subjects, please ask.

Kind regards

Irene