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Officers' Newsletter 183

The RCTS Archive and Library

This newsletter contains information and requests that were sent to the Editor for publication in The Railway Observer. However it has not been, and will not be, published in the RO so is being sent by way of this Newsletter which I would request ***be forwarded using your branch e-mail lists***.

It was intended that the contents get to ALL of the membership, including those not on e-mail and without web access, but this is the best alternative method of distribution.

Book Stock and Loans

The stock-take previously referred to has been completed and the collection is now formally open for loans.

The book, magazine, rail tour and accident report lists have been uploaded to the website at www.rcts.org.uk/society/library/library-collections

The work involved in updating these lists has been more time consuming than was anticipated so has taken somewhat longer than we would have wished.

The archivist and Management Committee would like to express their thanks to all who helped with the stock check and also to our book reviewers who are sending review copies for the Archive and Library. Unfortunately time does not permit individual thanks for each book received.

As a result of the stock-take a few of the Library's holding of Oakwood Press publications were found to have been seriously affected by damp while at Uxbridge. If any member feels able to donate copies of any of the following to replace the damaged versions, they would be very much appreciated.

Oakwood Press Locomotion Papers:

15	The North Eastern Electrics	K Hoole
18	The Glyn Valley Tramway	David Llewelyn Davies
19	The Lee Moor Tramway	R M S Hall
20	The Dublin and Blessington Tramway	H Fay and A T Newham
21	The Cleobury Mortimer and Ditton Priors Light Railway	M R C Price
28	The Saundersfoot Railway	M R C Price

Also:

Railway World Annuals for 1975 and 1976.

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RCTS Rail Tours

This year, the collection of RCTS Rail Tour itineraries has been catalogued (we inherited a partial catalogue) and the catalogue has also been uploaded to the website. The itineraries have also been scanned as PDF files so that we have paper and electronic copies available at Leatherhead.

There are however some gaps, as detailed below, where we have no information on the tour. If anyone has copies of the itineraries, maps or other documents for those trips please either donate them to the archive or allow us to borrow your copy so that it can be scanned.

Reference Number	Date	Rail Tour Title
I001	21 Jul 1928	Beckton Gas Works
I002	19 Nov 1938	Manchester Ship Canal
2	25 May 1946	Longmoor
3	03 Jun 1950	Corringham Light Railway
4	02 Jul 1950	R.H. & D.R.
9	12 Jul 1951	Volks Electric Railway
10	19 Aug 1951	Bristol Rail Car
14	14 Jun 1952	Bishops Waltham Branch
18	11 Oct 1952	Catterick Camp
I003	19 Sep 1953	Hellingly Asylum Railway
29	25 Apr 1954	Shropshire & Montgomery, Fairbourne Railways
31	13 Jun 1954	West Wales Diesel Railcar
I005	07 May 1955	Manchester Ship Canal
39	26 Jun 1955	South Wales Diesel Car
I006	10 Jul 1955	Stocksbridge Railway
41	24 Jul 1955	R.H. & D.R.
42	31 Jul 1955	North Wales Light Railways
43	13 Aug 1955	Liverpool Overhead Railway
45	24 Sep 1955	Kegworth
I007	24 Sep 1955	Gypsum Mines, Kegworth
I008	16 Oct 1955	NCB Frickley Colliery (Underground)
I009	02 Jun 1956	Hepworth Iron Company
I011	15 Jun 1957	Bowaters, Sittingbourne
I012	06 Jul 1957	Denton Mines
I013	12 Oct 1957	Esholt Sewage Works
I014X	13 Jun 1958	Appleby-Frodingham Steel Company, Scunthorpe
I015	19 Jul 1958	Bowaters, Sittingbourne
I016	07 Jun 1959	R.T.B. Ystrad Quarry Railway
I017	09 Apr 1960	Hepworth Iron Company
I018	23 Apr 1960	Oxfordshire Ironstone Co.
79	07 May 1960	J21
I019	21 May 1960	Dorman Long, Lackenby Works
I021	27 May 1961	Bass Brewery, Burton
I023	28 May 1961	Preston Docks
I022	08 Jul 1961	Bowaters, Sittingbourne
105	08 Sep 1962	Isle of Man
I026	21 Sep 1963	Bowaters, Sittingbourne
I027	19 Oct 1963	NCB Rawnsley

Reference Number	Date	Rail Tour Title
I028	26 Oct 1963	Unilever, Port Sunlight
128	03 May 1964	The Cornubian
I029	23 May 1964	Preston Docks
I030	20 Jun 1964	Manchester Ship Canal
140	19 Sep 1964	Wenford
145	09 Jan 1965	Derwent Valley Light Railway
146	16 Jan 1965	Derwent Valley Light Railway
I031	01 Oct 1966	Stocksbridge Railway
I032	19 Aug 1967	NCB Pensnett Railway

There are also gaps in the list between the following dates:

15-22 April 1972

22nd November 1975 – 15th May 1976

8th January 1978 – 1st April 1978

30th April 1983 – 15th May 1983.

Also anything after 30th July 1988 (we know of tours that ran, but have no documents after that date)

If anyone can confirm that a tour did or did not run between those dates it would be appreciated.

Note that we will, as time permits, check reports in The Railway Observer to fill any gaps in the list.

We have many duplicate copies of the itineraries available for sale at £1 each + postage. If there is one you would like to purchase, please contact the Archivist regarding availability (details in the Observer's Diary section and below).

Books For Sale

We have numerous books for sale, detailed on a list that is regularly updated, which also lists The Railway Observer volumes that we have available for sale. If anyone would like a copy of that list, please e-mail the archivist. Note that we cannot post hard copies, sorry.

Archive And Library Opening Dates

For 2020 we will be changing the opening days so as to encourage more visitors. Please refer to the latest dates in the Observer's Diary section of The Railway Observer and check prior to travelling to Leatherhead.

Officer's Conference Presentation

Those of you attending The Officers' Conference at Leicester will have seen another presentation from me, providing a more general update on the Archive and Library. The presentation is included as a separate file with the e-mail distributing this Newsletter.

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