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STOP PRESS – LITERALLY!

Latest update on *The Railway Observer*

Given the current situation with regards to the Covid-19 pandemic, the following is an update from the RO Managing Editor, Mike Robinson, to let everyone know what is happening with regards to producing the RO in these unprecedented times:

- The printed version of the April Railway Observer will be despatched to members this coming Monday 30 March 2020;
- The RO's printer is now closed for at least a month, and the printed versions of the May, probably June, and possibly July ROs cannot be printed until the national emergency is over;
- However, publication of the digital RO will continue throughout the crisis to a slightly later timescale. The RO digital version will be available by the start of each relevant month, so please continue forwarding material and images to the Editorial team;
- As soon as printing is again possible the delayed printed versions will be produced and circulated to members;
- Members should consult the Society website - specifically the RO topic on the Forum, for up to date information on RO progress.

Members who have signed up for the printed version of the RO can also access the digital version if they have internet access logging on using their membership number. If they have never logged on to the RCTS website as a member (www.rcts.org.uk), the process is quite straight forward. They should select Members from the menu bar at the top of the page which will show a 'drop down' menu. They should then select either the Railway Observer (eMag) or Railway Observer (.pdf). This will bring up the login page – full instructions are in the attached appendix. Under the current circumstances, this is an ideal time to try out the digital RO so please will all officers, especially branch officers promote accessing the digital RO to their members in these difficult times. Some may actually like the experience once they have tried it.

In the meantime, keep well, keep safe.

Kind regards

Irene

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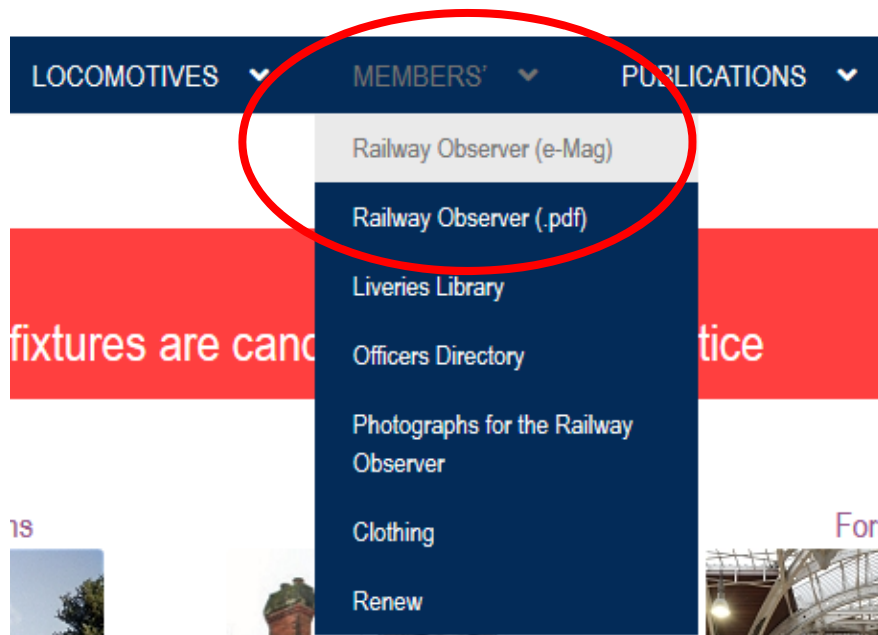


How to Download The Railway Observer

Note: I have based these instructions on a computer using Windows 10, Internet Explorer 11 or Firefox 73.0 and Adobe Reader DC.

From the RCTS home page www.rcts.org.uk click on “The Railway Observer” or “The Railway Observer (e-mag)”, below the Members’ link.

A screenshot of the RCTS website. The top navigation bar is dark blue with white text for 'SOCIETY', 'BRANCHES', 'FEATURES', 'LOCOMOTIVES', 'MEMBERS', 'PUBLICATIONS', and 'SALES'. A red circle highlights the 'MEMBERS' dropdown menu, which is open and shows options: 'Railway Observer (e-Mag)', 'Railway Observer (.pdf)', 'Liveries Library', 'Officers Directory', 'Photographs for the Railway Observer', 'Clothing', and 'Renew'. Below the navigation bar is a red banner with white text: 'Following Government advice all society fixtures are cancelled until further notice'. The main content area has several sections: 'Buy Books' with a book cover for 'A detailed history of THE LMS PATRIOT 4-6-0s', 'Buy Photographs' with a train photo, 'Forums' with a station photo, and 'Join' with a train photo. At the bottom, there is a section titled 'THE RAILWAY CORRESPONDENCE AND TRAVEL SOCIETY' with a description of the society. Below this is a 'What's New' section with a date and a brief description of updates.



It is also possible to click on the home page's Railway Observer image to directly access the current PDF issue.

You will be asked to Login (or to register if it is your first visit to the Members' Area)

RCTS Login - Windows Internet Explorer

Address bar: <https://www.rcts.org.uk/login.htm?redir=/about/members/pagesuite.yudu>

Navigation: Home Society Branches Features Forum Members' Reference Sales Links Join Us!

The Railway Correspondence and Travel Society

To login you must be a current member of the society and registered with the site. If you are a member but have not yet registered, please complete the registration details below.

Your e-mail address will be used to send you a reminder should you forget your password and can be used instead of your membership number when you login.

Login details

Membership number:

Password:

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Registration details

First Name:

Surname:

Membership number:

Postcode:

E-mail:

Password (at least six characters):

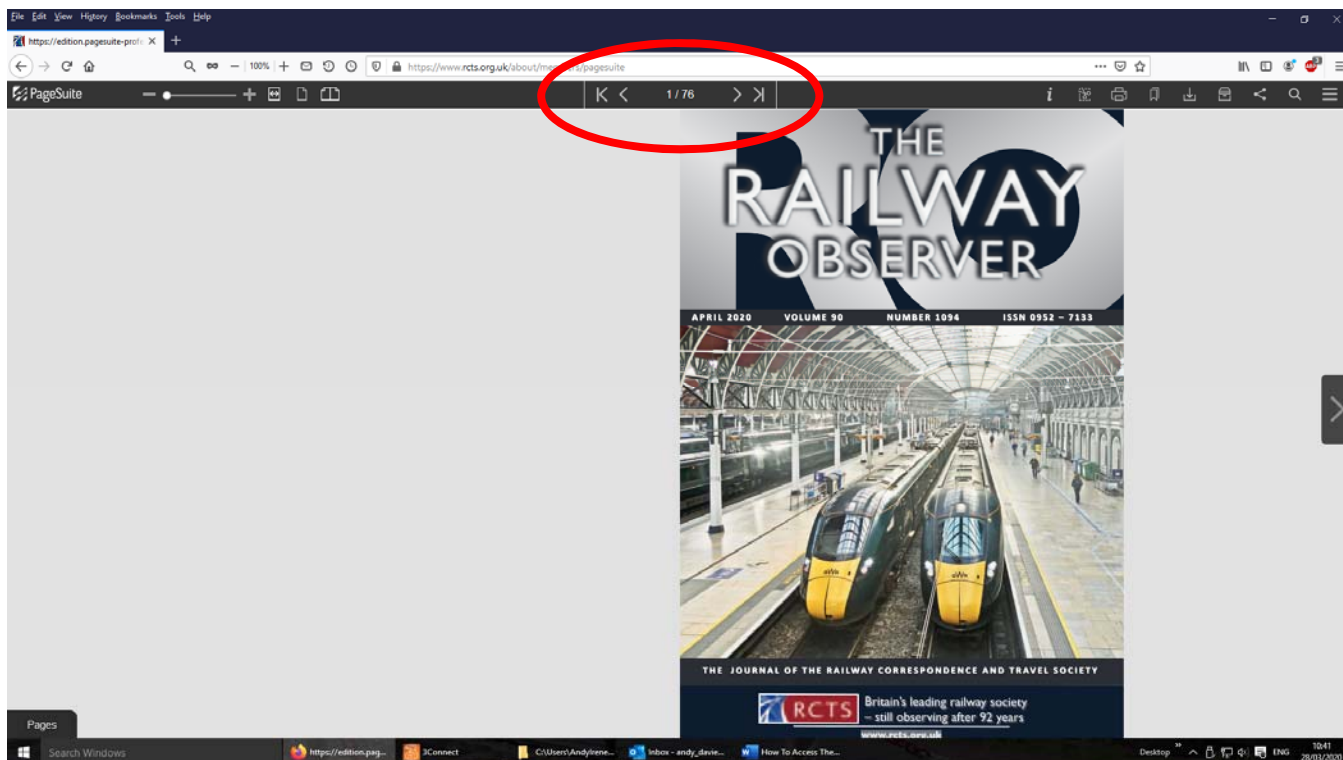
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You will then be directed to the current issue of the Railway Observer.

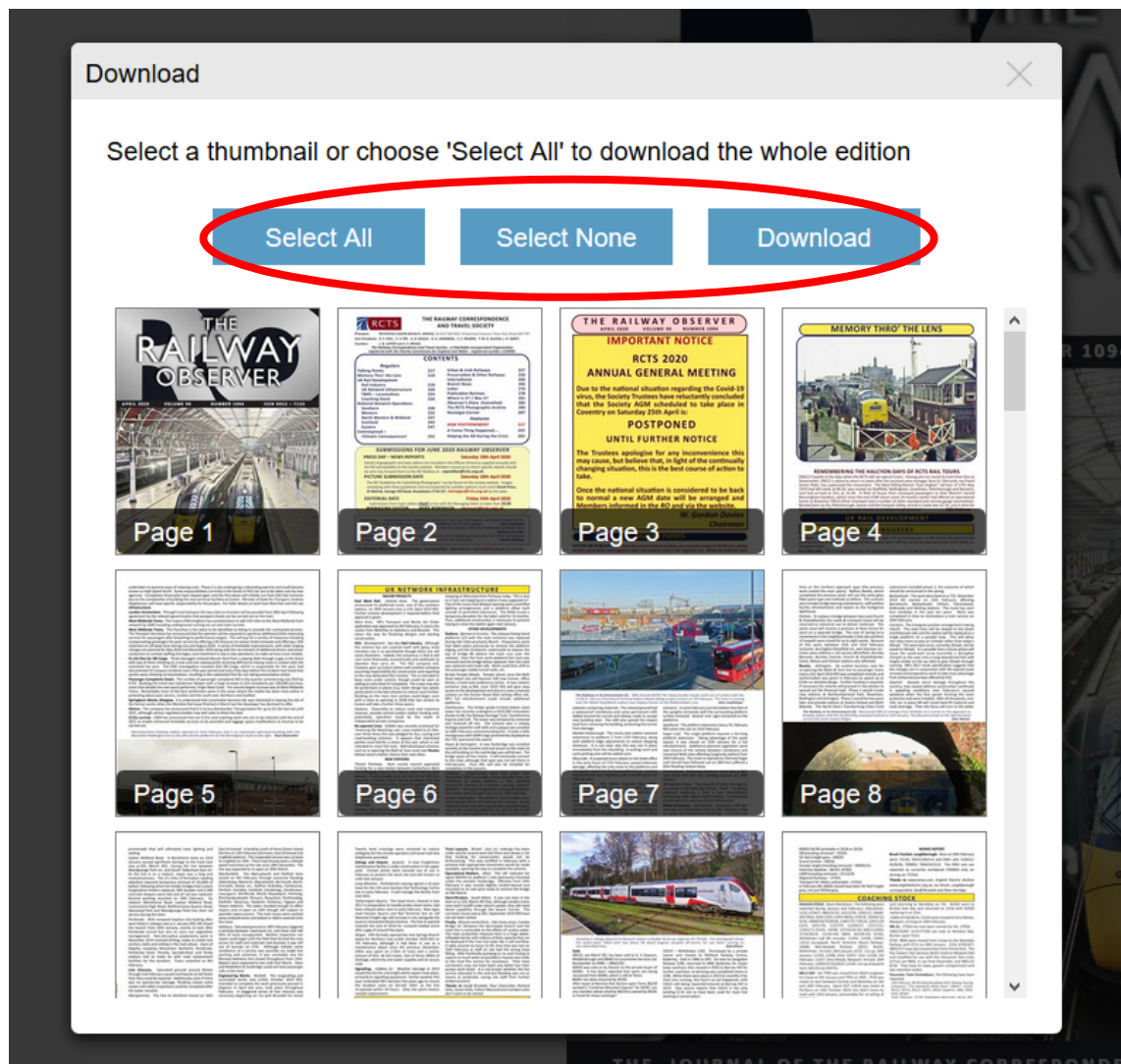
You can read the Railway Observer on the screen by using the arrows in the middle of the menu bar to scroll through the pages.



Click on the Download icon on the top right of the screen to download a pdf file:



That will take you to a screen showing the individual RO pages:



You can either select and download the individual pages that you require, or the whole magazine.

- To download the whole magazine click “Select All” at top of the screen, then click “Download”.
- To download specific pages click the page(s) to select the ones that you want, then click “Download”.

The following screen will be shown while the magazine is assembled. Note that this process does seem to take a considerable time!





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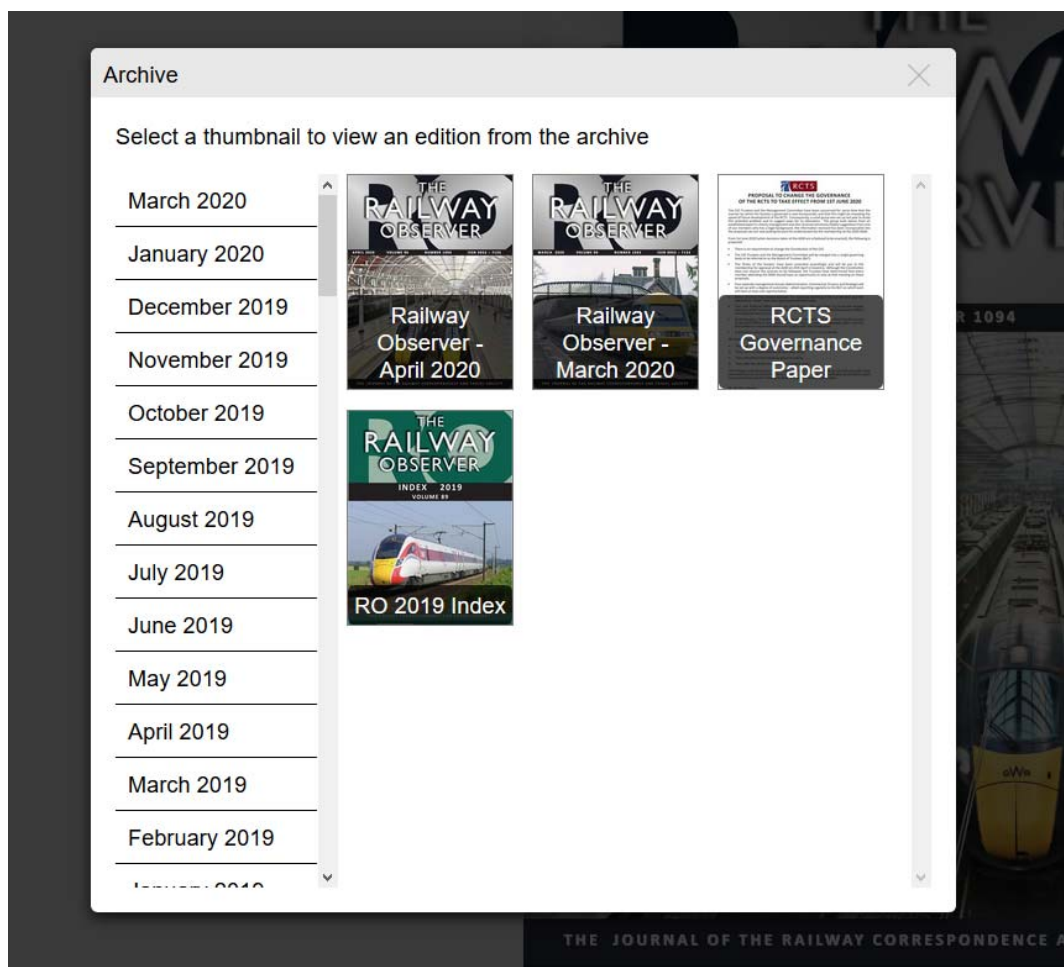
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Rename the file and save it on your computer in a convenient location.

Older copies of the Railway Observer are available by clicking on the archive icon on the initial screen:



You will then be shown all available issues for viewing or download:



Click on an issue and proceed as previously described. Older issues can be access using the menu bar on the left side.