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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2008

The 4th Annual General Meeting of the Railway Development Society Limited
will be held at
Warwick Road United Reformed Church, Warwick Row, Coventry CV1 1EX
on Saturday 10th May 2008, starting at 11.00 a.m.
(registration from 10.00 am onwards)

Walking from Coventry Station:

From Coventry station walk directly across Station Square, heading for the City Centre. Follow the roadway towards the Inner Ring Road which can be crossed by a subway. Keep straight ahead and on the far side of the Ring Road veer right taking a pedestrian underpass labelled 'Greyfriars Road'. The Warwick Road Church Centre is about 30 meters beyond on the left.

The nearest Car Parks are the Barracks or City Arcade, both to the rear of the venue, but note that all central Coventry car parks charge £7.00 for 6 hrs.

Information about attractions and facilities in Coventry (e.g. maps, accommodation etc) can be obtained from:

www.visitcoventryandwarwickshire.co.uk

Tourist Information Centre Tel: (024) 7622 7264

Accommodation Booking Line: (024) 7622 7264

email: ticinfo@cvone.co.uk

website:

Important Notice regarding Catering: If you require lunch at the AGM, you must book and pay for it in advance. The Society cannot afford to order (and pay for) extra lunches on the off-chance that delegates might want them on the day.

Tea/Coffee will be provided free-of-charge during Registration (10.00-11.00) and again in the afternoon. However, it has become increasingly difficult in recent years to predict with any degree of accuracy the number likely to attend the AGM and thus how many servings of tea/coffee to order (and pay for). If you are planning to come, please do take the trouble to at least tick the first box on the Booking Form so that we can avoid over (or under) catering.

Your co-operation is appreciated.

Postal Ballot for election of Directors.

Ballot papers are enclosed with this Notice. Please carefully read the instructions on the Ballot paper and return as instructed.

Proxies

Any member entitled to attend and vote may appoint a proxy to attend and, upon a vote, vote on their behalf. A recommended form of proxy is enclosed with this notice. A proxy need not also be a member of the Company.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fourth Annual General Meeting of
The Railway Development Society Limited will be held at
Warwick Road United Reformed Church, Warwick Row, Coventry CV1 1EX
at **11.00am on Saturday 10th May 2008**

AGENDA

10.00-11.00 Registration (and issue of lunch tickets to those who have booked)
(Tea/Coffee available from 10.00)

Morning Session

1. Chairman's Welcome
2. Welcome by The Right Worshipful the Lord Mayor of Coventry, Councillor Dave Batten
3. Apologies for Absence
4. Guest Speaker:
Jim Morgan, Chairman of the *ATOC Rail Planning Forum*, who will outline some of the work that ATOC has been doing recently and their future proposals for the rail industry.

Followed by questions

12.30 – 13.30 L U N C H (BY PREPAID TICKET ONLY)

13.30 Afternoon Session

1. Welcome:
2. To read and approve the Minutes of the Third Annual General Meeting of the Railway Development Society Ltd held on Saturday 12th May 2007.
3. Matters Arising from the Minutes.
4. President's Address.
5. Chairman's Report.
6. To receive the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the period ended 31st December 2006.
7. To receive the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the period ended 31st December 2007.
8. Reporting Accountant's Report.
9. Appointment of Reporting Accountant.
10. Results of postal ballot for Directors and to note that the Chairman, Mike Crowhurst, is elected unopposed.
11. Appointment of President and Vice-Presidents
12. Motions – to consider motions on RDS policy, strategy and organisation. These will be distributed at registration, but advance copies can be obtained by request with a Stamped Addressed Envelope (see booking form). Any amendments should be given in writing, with the names of the proposer and seconder, to the Chairman.

By Order of the Board
12 Home Close
Bracebridge Heath
LN4 2LP

C.A. LINGARD
Company Secretary

1st December 2007

AGM Motions

Motions on national RDS policy, strategy and organisation are welcomed from members.

These must bear the name of a proposer and seconder.

They must reach the Chairman:

Mr Mike Crowhurst, 33 Station Court, Aberford Road, Garforth, Leeds LS25 2QQ
by Saturday 26th April 2008.

The Chairman may forward a copy of any motion to any RDS Officer, Branch, specialist committee or affiliated group whose work it may affect, in advance of the meeting. This is solely to enable the discussion to be as well informed as possible.

Motions on local issues should normally be debated at Branch AGMs but may also, in exceptional cases, be put to the National AGM. Emergency motions may be put to the meeting at the Chairman's discretion.

Motions should be CONCISE (preferably not more than 100 words) and the proposer and seconder should normally be present to speak on them and/or answer questions. Motions without a seconder will not be accepted. Any member proposing two or more motions must indicate order of priority (motions other than his/her first one will only be put if time allows).

Specialist Committees

These are currently:

Passenger
Freight
Network Development (formerly Reopenings)
Policy, Lobbying & Campaigns
International & EU
Internal Affairs
Railwatch Editorial Board

Any member interested in serving on any of these Committees should write to the Chairman (address above) as soon as possible; he will then put their name to the incoming Board of Directors at their first meeting after the AGM.

Railfuture's Mission Statement

To be the number one advocate for the railway and rail users.

AGM BOOKING FORM

Warwick Road United Reformed Church, Warwick Row, Coventry CV1 1EX
on Saturday 10th May 2008, starting at 11.00 a.m.

(PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETION)

If you are coming to the AGM, or wish to send your apologies, please complete this form
IN CAPITALS

NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____

_____ POSTCODE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

Please tick as appropriate:

- I will be coming to the AGM in Coventry on Saturday 10th May 2008
 I will require Cold Buffet Lunch @ £8.00 (must be booked and paid for in advance)
 I will not be coming. Please record my apologies

- Please send me a copy of the 2007 AGM Minutes (please enclose a)
 Please send me a copy of Motions for this meeting (large letter/A4 envelope with)
(a minimum of a 40p stamp)

- Please email me a copy of the 2007 AGM Minutes
 Please email me a copy of the Motions for this meeting

Copies of the 2007 AGM Minutes also available for download from the Railfuture website
www.railfuture.org.uk

Please return this form (with cheque, payable to ' Railfuture ', where appropriate):

by FRIDAY 2nd MAY 2008 **AT THE VERY LATEST**, to:

Lloyd Butler (Railfuture)
24 Chedworth Place
Tattingstone
Suffolk
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