

News & Messages – March 2009

Evoking the Age of Steam (Updated 27/03/2009)

The Buckingham and Winslow Film Society are holding a Special Event evening dedicated to the early days of cinematography and the golden age of steam trains. Much of the footage was shot by local film-makers but covers locations from around the world.

This special event launches with one of the Lumiere Brothers' one-shot films, 'Train Arrival at La Ciotat Station' showing a steam train arriving at a station and moving towards the camera. It has passed into film folklore for the incident that occurred at its world premiere, when the audience, unfamiliar with the cinema thought the train was really coming right at them, and panicked!

Evoking the Age of Steam will be held at 7.30pm on Friday 3rd April at The Rose Room, The Winslow Centre, Park Road, Winslow, Buckinghamshire. Admission is by ticket only at £7.50 per person including refreshment.

Tickets can be obtained from Jenny Wrens Tearooms in the Market Square Winslow or by calling:
Janet: 01296 688374, Mike: 01296 715523

Further details [here](#) or visit the [Buckingham and Winslow Film Society website](#)

ICRS Publications Team - Help Wanted! (Updated 11/03/2009)

The ICRS Publications Team are looking for additional Compilers to help prepare our extensive range of railway publications.

To be eligible you need to be an ICRS Member, be computer literate and have a knowledge of Microsoft Publisher - although the latter can be taught if required. The amount of time required will depend on how much you can spare but a typical book can be compiled in 5-10 hours. We do a lot of books so you could be involved in one or more, the choice is yours.

Compilers are unpaid volunteers but there is an immense satisfaction in seeing your name in print. All of our books are sold through Ian Allan bookshops as well as through our publishers, HB Publications.

If you are interested in finding out more then please contact [Carl Watson](#) and we can arrange a chat with our Publications Manager.

Website Update - March 09 (Updated 08/03/2009)

The ICRS website is now back up and running. Whilst the main site is fully operational there are still a few missing files from the Downloads section. I am working to get these files restored although it will be 1-2 weeks before all files are available again. Members may experience problems logging into the Members' Area particularly if you applied for your log in details towards the end of February. If you do have any difficulty logging in please [contact me](#) and I will sort this out for you.

A couple of additions to the site now are a new [Contact Us](#) page which lists all the principal officers and contacts for ICRS so if you want to get in touch this is your place to find the right person to contact. The facility to purchase or renew membership of the ICRS is no longer available via HB Publications. Instead we have set up a simple and easy to use facility with Paypal where you can pay for your annual subscription through debit or credit card facilities or via a Paypal account - [details here](#).

Once again, my apologies for the disruption over the last few weeks and thanks for your patience.

Notice of 2008 AGM (Updated 08/03/2009)

The 2008 AGM will be held on Saturday 4th April 2009. Full details are included in the March issue of *Tracks* and further information can be found in the [Members' Area](#)