

ITALIAN RAILWAYS SOCIETY

IRS AGM & THE FUTURE OF THE SOCIETY

The AGM was held in Oxford at Rose Hill Methodist Church on Saturday 20th January. around 19-20 had indicated they would come leaving me to change from the original location at some expense. In the event 10 attended including the committee and we need not have changed the location. Lesson learned here.

Those who came were very positive about the Society and were keen to carry on with Binari as a magazine posted to members. The Committee were as well and to this should be added those who contacted me by email and letter hoping for the same outcome.

The main item on the agenda was the future of the Society and the news is we have one and it's a good one. Rob Anderson, a recent member, has volunteered to become the editor of Binari, Phil Blackman (our Treasurer) has stepped in to prepare Binari for printing and in addition, Helena Moretti has offered to set up a new website which will be a more contemporary news site with a member's forum, it will not replicate Binari. The current website, prepared by Alan Marlowe, will be continued until the new one is set up. Thanks to Alan for his service over the years.

The committee are very grateful to them for stepping in. Rob is new to this but then so was Hugh and so was I when I did something similar a few years ago. The committee will support him throughout the changeover and in the future. Rob cannot however do everything on his own, he needs articles, travelogues and input from members. We have relied for too long on translating magazine articles and

on a few, very few occasional articles from others. If you want Binari to continue help Rob and us to make it relevant and interesting, we like hearing about your trips and experiences and seeing photos from them. The same goes for the new website which will be set up by Helena over the next few months, she will need your input.

Enclosed in this Binari therefore is a membership renewal form, we hope you will all continue to be members of the Italian Railways Society, the friendliest and most welcoming of all railway groups.

CIAO HUGH

I hope you will all join me in thanking Hugh Edgley who, three years ago, stuck his head above the parapet and offered to edit Binari. He and I, with the help of Gus Basso, Joe Romano and Phil Blackman, have worked well together and enjoyed preparing Binari and taking it forward. Hugh has moved on to another continent now but I bet he will be back when he realises what he's missing in Italy, ice cream and cake mostly. Cheers and thanks Hugh from us all.

DAVID STEVENSON

SECRETARY - ITALIAN RAILWAYS SOCIETY

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS EDITION OF BINARI WAS HELD
BACK UNTIL THE AGM. THIS AVOIDED THE NEED FOR
ANOTHER MAIL-OUT AND WILL SAVE THE SOCIETY A
CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF MONEY. APOLOGIES FOR THIS
BUT WE HOPE YOU WILL UNDERSTAND.**



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2018 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It's that time of year and we look forward to you renewing your membership. We hope you have enjoyed the four Binaris we have produced in 2017/18 and that the thrill you get when the envelope drops down on the mat will be enough to get the cheque book out for 2018/19. We have a special offer for two years which we hope you will take advantage of, it does provide protection against any rate increase in 2019. Please note that a PayPal option is now available, please follow the instructions at:

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