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THE EDITOR HAS HIS SAY!



WELCOME TO THE LATEST ISSUE

Unless of course you are reading this last in which case farewell.

The Society has purchased a high-end slide scanner for use in connection with the magazine. There were two main rationales.

The most important is that at present we keep slides and prints for two to three years before we may use them. In order to dramatically reduce this time a decision on slides will be made as soon as they come in and scanning will take place immediately. The digital images will then be placed on file and returned to the owner a lot more quickly than takes place at the moment. Also, in the long run, we will save money by scanning ourselves.

The scanner also handles negatives. Now I can hear everyone saying "I'm not sending negatives", but remember, plenty of members send slides and these are originals which we return as soon as possible, and from now on a lot sooner. It would be a great benefit to the society in the future if submissions could be made with negatives as well as the prints. They will be turned round as quickly as possible, and just to make the point again, a lot quicker than they are now. There is no need to cut the strips as this how they are scanned. Of course if you wish to continue sending in prints only these will still be very welcome, particularly if they are topical! Digital images straight from the camera are also particularly welcome. In the next issue I intend to write an article about formats, resolutions and methods of submitting.

In connection with above there is a great deal of experimentation in this issue as I get to grips with scanning. Until the final magazine appears I will not be able to tell if the scans are as perfect as I would like. I see proofs but these are only a guide and do not represent the final quality, or in this case possible lack of it! Please bear with me while I learn. Hopefully there will not be too many problems, but you never know.

AGM

I will not be able to attend the AGM this year, as I will be in the USA visiting my brother whom I haven't seen for a few years. I will, however, be going to the April Derby exhibition on the Saturday so if you have anything you want to ask me directly and you are going then make a point of looking for me. I am incredibly good looking and bear a passing resemblance to Pierce Brosnan and/or George Clooney. Ask your wives and partners if you are not sure. I am also going to be visiting several of the branches over the next year as and look forward to seeing you there.

Finally, we have a lot of new items in SRS Sales this year. We hope you like them and hope you will buy them so that we can make the calendar and card an annual event.

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