



# THE GERMAN RAILWAY SOCIETY

FOR ENTHUSIASTS AND MODELLERS OF GERMAN RAILWAYS

## PROSPECTUS



ICE T at Boppard

Graham Lightfoot

### MEMBERSHIP

We offer annual membership worldwide, but we do reserve the right to refuse membership at the discretion of the managing committee. We are currently implementing a change in our status to a private limited company, giving added protection to our members.

### JOURNAL

Our full-colour magazine *Merkur* is published quarterly and we cover all periods of the prototype, from the earliest to the current era. We try to circulate as much information on news, developments and stock changes as possible. There are articles on prototype and modelling subjects as well as information about the Society, exhibitions, news of the model trade and a 'sales and wants' section, free to members. There is also an e-group available to members.



V200 at Triberg

Doug Tompkins

### ABOUT US

Formed in 1981 and now incorporated as a Company Limited by Guarantee, The German Railway Society (GRS) was set up to

- generate interest in German railways
- provide an English language source of information
- encourage modelling of the prototype



HO Model Depot Dügelschaven

Doug Tompkins

### LOCAL GROUPS

The Society has a number of local groups in the UK where there are a sufficient number of interested members living within a reasonable distance of each other. Meetings are organised by the members of the group and cover all interests. Some local groups are forming 'twinning' links with railway/model railway clubs in Germany. If you decide to join us and indicate an interest in a local group, the Local Group Co-ordinator will contact you to let you know if one exists in your area.



Two Class 99.73-76 at Bertsdorf

Graham Lightfoot



## SOCIETY PRODUCTS

The Society sells a range of products including steam- and modern-era DVDs and books about German signalling. They are sold from the Society's stand, which attends exhibitions, or by mail order from the Society Products Officer. Back issues of *Merkur* may also be purchased from the Society Products Officer subject to availability.

## HELP SERVICE

The GRS offers a write-in Help Service for those new (and not so new!) to German railways. This is a useful way of answering those small but important questions such as why, how and when!



Class 98.4-5 (bay. D XI) at Ingolstadt

Bryan Tozer



Class 103 at Hamburg Hbf

Doug Tompkins

## POLICIES

The GRS has various policies in place covering aspects such as Data Protection, advertising and society expenses. These are available to members on request.



E94 at Leipzig Hbf

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## SUBSCRIPTION RATES

		<u>2016/17</u>		<u>2017/18</u>
		£		£
<b>UNITED KINGDOM - PRINTED</b>	1 year	<b>17.00</b>		<b>18.00</b>
	Jan 2016 – Mar 2017		Jan 2017 – Mar 2018	
	15 months	<b>21.00</b>		<b>22.00</b>
<b>WORLDWIDE - ELECTRONIC</b>	1 year	<b>12.00*</b>		<b>13.00*</b>
	Jan 2016 – Mar 2017		Jan 2017 – Mar 2018	
	15 months	<b>14.50*</b>		<b>16.00*</b>
	3 years	<b>36.00*</b>		<b>39.00*</b>
<b>OUTSIDE THE UK – PRINTED</b>	1 year	<b>37.00*</b>		<b>38.00*</b>

\*Overseas payments can only be accepted by sterling cheque, bank transfer, credit card, or PayPal.

Please note: subscription fees are non-refundable.

**Completed application forms:** please detach and return signed, to the following address:

**Membership Secretary;**

**Mr Bryan Tozer,  
13 Clouds Hill Road,  
Bristol, BS5 7LD**

Electronic members must e-mail the Editor to receive the Society's journal  
**[editor@grs-uk.org](mailto:editor@grs-uk.org)**



SVT 137 at Leipzig Hbf

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**TRAIN SPOTTING: BANNER LOCOMOTIVES**

*Ans are:*

*From left to right of the Banner: Saxonia; Class 98; Class 52; Class 1*



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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

### QUESTIONNAIRE

Please complete the following questionnaire. The information gathered helps the Society function and is not used for any commercial purposes.

#### PERSONAL DETAILS

Title Mr/Mrs/Miss/Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Forename(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

#### RAILWAY INTERESTS

Are you interested in Prototype / Model / Both? (please circle)

Which Era(s)? \_\_\_\_\_ Other railway interests: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you own a model railway that you would be willing to exhibit? **Yes** / **No** (please circle)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Scale: \_\_\_\_\_ Era: \_\_\_\_\_ German/Other: \_\_\_\_\_

#### CONTACT GROUP INTERESTS

Like most societies, the GRS is run by volunteers and offers of assistance are always welcome. If you wish to volunteer please contact the Secretary in the first instance to find out more.

\*I am happy to occasionally assist on the Society stand at exhibitions in my area.

\*I would like to join the Society's e-mail contact group.

\*I would like to join a Local Group in my area (if one exists).

*\*Please delete if not applicable*

TEAR ALONG PERFORATION



## DECLARATION AND PAYMENT

I wish to apply for a subscription for: (please circle)

1 year UK paper membership / 1 year electronic membership / 3 years electronic membership /

1 year paper membership outside the UK

I wish to opt for the additional January to March pro rata rate **Yes** / **No** (please circle).

**UPON APPLICATION YOU AGREE TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE GERMAN RAILWAY SOCIETY,  
A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE AND HAVING NO SHARE CAPITAL**

### CREDIT CARD MANDATE

To; The German Railway Society (GRS)

Please debit my Visa / MasterCard / Other (please circle) credit card account with the sum of

£ being my subscription to the GRS.

I understand that this transaction will incur a surcharge of 4% (to be added by the GRS).

Credit card number;

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Security number;

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Expiry date;

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Name on card (please print):

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### CHEQUE / POSTAL ORDER

I enclose a cheque / postal order (please circle)  
for the sum of £ made payable to:

The German Railway Society.

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### ELECTRONIC TRANSFER

Amount Transferred £

#### PAYEE DETAILS

Name of account: The German Railway Society

Account number: 62033093

Sort code: 55 50 36

Please ensure that the "reference / comment" contains as much of the following information as possible, in this order;

SURNAME, INITIALS

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Payment on GRS website [grs-uk.org](http://grs-uk.org), using



**APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE:**

**DATE:**

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#### FOR OFFICIAL USE

Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_

DBU: \_\_\_\_\_

MCI: \_\_\_\_\_