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Dear Member ,

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Greetings to you all - I trust that you have been able to enjoy the past few days of 'summer' weather ; some beautiful sunny mornings in particular .

The most recent TV meeting at Ardington was a great success . The Railway Chairman , Peter Miles , gave us a fascinating update on all the many activities going on to enable the vital major Planning Application to be submitted by the end of the year ! You will remember that this is essential before we go in for the Transport & Works Order so that we can then start on extending the line from Killington Lane .

Public consultations have been held in several places and , almost without exception , the response has been very positive . Attention is being given to the few negative comments , so that when we submit the application, we shall be able to present a well-formatted and acceptable proposal . Much help has been given by Arup , the international consultants . The application will be from Caffyns Halt to Wistlandpound to give maximum flexibility for the construction programme . So an Appeal is going out to help with Land Acquisition very shortly. The Heritage Coaches are coming along well and should be ready in time for the Gala in May - as will LYD !

On Wednesday last , Trevor and I made a presentation to the Basingstoke Railway Society . It seemed to go over well , with lots of interest and questions , and a lot of literature was sold - we came home with £167 so it was well worth the effort .

On a personal note , my wife Gail and I have decided , after much consideration , to uproot from Woodstock and relocate to the balmy pastures of the West Country . We are purchasing a house in Challacombe (just off the A399) , just 20 minutes or so from Woody Bay . A big upheaval but one to which we are looking forward tremendously . Solicitors permitting , we hope to move in October .

Now , I am determined that the TV Group continues to flourish so if anyone feels that they can take on some of the 'local' organising , please call me asap .

The Gala Weekend is on Sat/Sun , September 29/30 AND THE NEXT ARDINGTON MEETING IS ON OCTOBER 13th - 2pm-4pm - PLEASE DO YOUR BEST TO GET THERE .

Chris Ward ,

Leader , Thames Valley Support Group

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