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**SIGNALLING RULES AND REGULATIONS CLASSES 2023/ 2024**

For the 37th consecutive year I shall be holding the above **FREE** classes during the Autumn /Winter.

This year will be the first year of a two-year syllabus, so is an ideal time for both the novice and the experienced to join.

Subjects covered will include Fixed Signals and Absolute Block Signalling in detail, procedures in case of signalling failures, train failures and accidents, signals passed at danger, Single Line Working and wrong direction movements. Many of these Rules have changed since the lessons were last given, two years ago, and these changes will be highlighted. The course will be based on the amended Rules Modules that are to come into use this December. This makes it ideal for even us old hands to keep current!

The above subjects will be divided into thirteen lessons, each one being given four times (twice online and twice in person in York), for the benefit of staff on shifts, with social commitments and those who are many miles distant. Each lesson will normally be held on a Tuesday or Wednesday evening, but there may be some exceptions to this, due to any emerging personal diary commitments. The first lesson (lesson zero) will be a general introduction to the subject and will benefit all by putting the subject and signalling systems into context.

We will have a lesson paper for each lesson (except lesson 0), but candidates will also need the listed Rule Book Modules, which I would ask you to order for yourselves or download from the RSSB website (below). Don’t forget that it will be the December 2023 Modules that you want. We will also use some video material which will illustrate my “chalk” and talk.

I have invested in a lot of signalling equipment here at home (see photo and associated diagram), which I will use extensively by live operation in the online sessions and by showing recordings of it in the classroom sessions. The classes themselves are all live and are **not** recorded.

If you are interested, please fill out the attached enrolment form and return it to me by e-mail or at the above address. Then just turn up at the sessions of your choosing. I do not place any limit on numbers, but I do need to know who has enrolled on the course and how to contact them, in case I need to change arrangements at short notice. (I do try to avoid this!).

I attach a list of the dates, as they are at present. I will advise you if I need to change any dates.

The voluntary lessons will end with an even more voluntary written examination next April.

As I always say, the course makes a very in-depth study of a rather narrow subject. It is purposefully intended for the novice to be able to reach the same standard as the seasoned professional. This means that, to the novice the course may seem complex to start with (although hopefully the introductory lesson zero should help here) but believe me, it will soon all fall into place. Conversely, those with a lot of experience in signalling and operations, may find the first lessons rather simple, but by lesson three, I very much doubt that there will be anyone who will not learnt (or re-leant) something. So, my message to those in either category is to keep at it!

I look forward to receiving your form and seeing you at the classes.

Kind regards,

Phil Graham.

**Please note that when we are in our classroom sessions, we are guests of Network Rail and are subject to Network Rail’s Alcohol and Drugs Policy. Drinking during the day before attending is therefore strictly prohibited.**

The main Rule Book Modules to be covered in detail this year are RS/521, RS/522, TS1 (parts), TS3, TS11, S4, S5, S7, M1, M2, P1, SP, TW1 (parts) and TW7.

You can download them all from the net in their current form at: [www.rssb.co.uk/rgs/rulebook/rulebook\_modules.asp](http://www.rssb.co.uk/rgs/rulebook/rulebook_modules.asp) or purchase then from Willsons the printers at Newark. [www.Willsonshop.com](http://www.Willsonshop.com). (The **Full** Rule Book – all modules with binders, can be bought for about £70. Alternatively, you can buy just the modules that you require, or your employer may buy you a copy if you explain that it is for career advancement or to help you in your present job).