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DEFENCE ELECTRONICS HISTORY SOCIETY LAUNCHES IN COLOUR, ELECTRONIC AND MONTHLY!

Your Committee have recently been giving much thought on how best to deprive the Royal Mail of revenue – an action stimulated by the recent massive increase in postal charges. That increase has added urgency to a move we have contemplated for some time; the question of whether we should distribute by electronic means as well as by post.

Three quarters of DEHS members have e-mail addresses, and our younger members might well consider a move to electronic distribution long overdue – indeed, conversation with young people both at universities and in organised groups such as Cadet Forces and Scouts elicits their view that they slightly wonder why we have hard copy at all; a ‘DEHS Facebook’ would be their preferred communication, and our webmaster Dick Green has already begun preparatory work.

Hence we are launching this *e-Defence Electronics Newsletter* (henceforth, ‘*eDEN*’) as a **monthly** electronic distribution, in parallel with our quarterly hard-copy *Transmission Lines*, a move which also allows us to use colour in both text and pictures in this electronic publication. *eDEN* will be published on or shortly after the first of every month, and will seek to maximise on the e-distribution potential for interaction with members by asking for help and input on the many queries which come our way at DEHS. In addition to the thought-provoking articles members expect of DEHS, *eDEN* will contain book reviews, letters, news and a listing of events around the country which we think might interest members. Certain articles will carry forward to form the quarterly hard copy *Transmission Lines*, so that our members who prefer not to use e-mail will not miss this content.

We will review all our publications and distribution methods after a year, but we hope that as many members as possible take up the option of electronic distribution, one specific Committee concern being that subscriptions for hard-copy will at some stage have to rise. Constructive comments, input, answers to queries, observations and articles are always welcome – chairman@dehs.org.uk or philjudkins@btinternet.com - and we are specifically making time at our Autumn Symposium for a consultation with members to identify preferences.

You will also notice that this first **eDEN** is not laid out in columnar fashion, as **Transmission Lines** usually is. This is to test members' preferences; September's **eDEN** will be laid out in two columns, and that of October in three, so that the discussion at the Autumn Symposium can be based on having seen the various options. Similarly the content of **eDEN** will vary; this first issue contains many requests for help, to stimulate interaction and also to illustrate the variety of queries we receive (of which these are only a sample).

The next hard-copy **Transmission Lines** you receive may, to assiduous readers, have a certain air of *déjà vu* about it. This is because it is intended as a recruitment vehicle, and so is made up from a variety of articles which have already featured - and no, that's not because we have no copy left, but because it has been suggested to us that members could do with a small stock of copies of **Transmission Lines** which they could hand to prospective members without giving away their own copy. Your wish is our command; you will receive a small stock of hand-out copies, and we will hold a central stock of this edition of **Transmission Lines** from which you can order more. Now you have no excuse not to pester your colleagues to join DEHS, so go get 'em!!

Dr. Phil Judkins, DEHS Chairman.

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