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At last - the long-awaited Interlopers newsletter. As both news and orienteering activities have been somewhat scarce recently no doubt your devoured minds are associating this with a request for funds. Not strictly speaking true but not far off the mark. For those in some confusion as to how to deal with their BOT membership forms just fill them in and send them to me + 25p for the club. [Membership is £1 for S.O.A only 1205 £1.35 for BOT] - for those without forms send money + year of birth + full name + phone number to me + I'll get forms filled in. If any of you have been keen enough to send forms direct to SOA please let me know so we can see how membership stands.

Now that Spring is almost here a fuller orienteering calendar lies ahead. I for one hope to be out frequently and hope to see many others at the races (naturally taking top honours).

We defend the Atholl Rose Bowl in the Scottish Relay Championships on March 10 and the J.K. looms up in April. All those competing in either or both relays let me know and please give details of recent activities and results (good or bad) for team selection and also for next newsletter.

On to less serious matters - congratulations to John B on his recently announced betrothal. I'm sure so well make an excellent Interloper. And congrats to Mike on his great success in 21B in the Blue Star - one of these days he'll need 21A and help win those elusive team prizes.

Duncan Shiell was here briefly en route from Singapore to Darkest Africa seems to be looking forward to returning to Scottish Forests and he still enjoys his pint. Geoff & Eileen were spotted at Inverness Station where the elder of the 2 young Interlopers displayed the usual suicidal Peck tendencies.

Alasdair & Hilary having gained degrees with greater facility than some one of us are joining the ranks. And a recent encounter with Young Eric proved fruitful so gradually the ranks are swelling.

Finally I have a stock of Interlopers Badges. A must for all members and a bargain at only 40 pence each. Some members who shall remain nameless at present still have to pay their 40p!

So everybody, hurry along to pay your money, bring along potential members and let's get back to the woods and make '74 the year when we really show 'em!

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