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Here, at last, is the long awaited effort from the pen, or rather the two fingers, of J B to attempt to emulate the standards of editorship of past issues.

A lot has happened, of course, since the last Newsletter. For one thing, Hew has disappeared to seek his fortune in New South Wales (and to compete in New Margam forest?). Alistair is now teaching the Swedes how to speak even better English. Gareth is saving lives in Carlisle instead of Galashiels. Robin is filling teeth in Melrose. Hilary is staying at a long address in Anglesey. Carol has returned safely from assaulting the lower slopes of Everest. Bob S is now the proud owner of a M21B Silver badge! Perhaps most important of all, however, is the fact that club membership has soared since we went open, 30 at the last count, and more potential members in the wings.

Affiliation 1975

It's time again for that anguished decision we all have to make every year - whether we can afford another year's affiliation fee. For those of you who feel you can scrape enough together, please complete the enclosed form in the appropriate manner, and send me the appropriate amount payable to "Interlopers O C". You'll find the fees in the notes at the end of the last S O A Newsletter - please include an extra 25p per person for the club fee. In most cases, the fee will be £3.25 for an Individual (25p + £1 + £2) or £4.90 for Husband and Wife (50p + £1.90 + £2.50). Please check your address, etc., on the enclosed directory; if there are any mistakes or amendments, let me know sometime.

Results

Because of changes in the constitution of Relay Teams, we were unable to maintain our record of a placing in at least one class at this year's J K. However, at the Scottish Relays in May, we pretty well swept the board, with wins in both A1 and A3. Our team was 3rd. in the S. E. District Champs, and John, Gareth, and Hew were 2nd. in the Mammoth Relay in August.

Pride of place in Results, however, must go to Geoff, who once again proved his ability to come good in top events by being first Briton in 23rd. place in the World Champs in Denmark in September; also, many congrats to Liz who was 2nd. Briton in 27th. place in Denmark. Carol would certainly have gone to Denmark too, had she not already decided to aim for higher things in the Himalayas!

STOP PRESS Our International Section reports that HBF was 4th. in the Victorian Champs, not long after arriving in Australia, jet lag and all. How does he do it?

Glentress

Our hastily organised "close season" event in July was a bit of a flop - 12 competitors, including 2 Australians, one of whom was on holiday in Scotland, and who just happened to see a marker at the forest entrance at the main road! Publicity was the stumbling block, but it seems that a lot of people are away at this time of year (surprise, surprise!), judging by my attempts to recruit assistance.

S.E. District Champs 1975

We've decided, after some haggling, that there's no area big enough near Edinburgh to stage the Event at, and we've fallen back on Newcastleton (groan!). This means, of course, problems with mapping; a suggestion is that we have a couple of club weekends based at Scotch Kershope, and do it all in a big effort or two. This then raises problems of uniformity of mapping. We hope that Steve Terry will assume main responsibility, ably assisted by Bob Stobie and anyone else who wants to. Just to make sure nice and early, please keep 1 June 1975 aside; we'll need everyone who can make it on the day.

Social

There will be an informal club gathering on Wednesday 18 December from 19.30 onwards in Spartans Club, 12 Buccleuch Street. (Liz tells me it's next to a Cash Register shop, just up from Buccleuch Place). This will be an ideal time for everyone to meet, reminisce, and for new members to meet old members, etc. We also hope to sort out something about mapping Newcastleton. See you all there.

Happy Christmas (already?)

John B.