

NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S REPORT **for the** **Annual General Meeting – Tuesday 4 April 2023**

In my report last year, I intimated that I hoped to produce two Newsletters during 2022, the first since early 2020. In the event, I only managed to produce just one, towards the end of the year. But, I also said that the next edition would be sent to all our members, by e-mail/web-site where possible, otherwise by post. This did happen, and I arranged the printing, in colour, of 330 copies, which between Maggie, my wife, Ann and myself, over coffee in the Clocktower Café, we managed to envelope, affix stamps and deposit them in sacks at Croydon Post Office.

We did have a few copies left over, some of which were put on display at the New Year lunch. I was intrigued to see a number of people, who are on our e-mail list, picking them up and reading them. Don't they read their e-mails or look at our web-site?

We did however manage to obtain another e-mail address from those who received a 'snail-mail' edition.

I do intend to produce two copies this year; the first should be out in May, with another in the autumn. Whether we send everybody a copy again is under consideration, and you may like to comment after I finish giving my report. My e-mails usually comprise six sides and it costs 22p per side or £1.32 per copy to get printed – well it did last time! In addition, we need to add the cost of stamps and envelopes – but having said that, the funds are there.

I have continued my practice of both reporting recent events and advertising others taking place in the near future. For the 2022 edition, both because there were several events on which to report, and because I had only been able to attend a limited number of them myself, I only provided brief summaries - with the exception of Judy's report on the visit to the Globe Theatre, which was really worth printing in full.

Looking back through my records, I found that I have been producing our Newsletters since 2009, so, as was indicated in the notice of this AGM, I feel it is about time to put away my e-pencil, and hand over to someone else. I have given your Committee notice that I wish to stand down after 15 years at next year's AGM, when I hope my report, then, will thank another of our members for taking over the post, and to offer him or her every good wish.

If you want to see past editions of the Newsletter, all copies, going back to 2006 when Philip Talmage produced it, are on our web-site.

Finally, 'Thank You' to those who provided material for the 2022 Newsletter, to the Committee, who are very good proof-readers and providers of suggested amendments to the content and to Chris Hall, our web-site manager and others for providing a number of photographs for me.

Are there any questions or comments?

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