

The Challenge we face

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After receiving this news from Mark I consulted both him and Ian Wilson on what we should do for a future editor. Ian, who is deeply committed to some very long-term historical research, agreed to look after the hands-on editing of this present issue, but only in a caretaker role whilst another editor is found. Accordingly, in the light of the fact that I feel competent only to be a very temporary acting editor I have decided that we should ask the membership if there is anyone who wishes to volunteer themselves for the role, subject to their possessing the necessary skills to produce two newsletters annually as heretofore. Any such volunteer should make himself/herself known to me no later than September 15th.

If we do not succeed in finding a suitable person, then one last ditch alternative may be to fall back on just a single newsletter a year, much shorter than the issues that we have become used to, comprising simply a summary of any significant Shroud events during the year.

If this fallback alternative should eventuate I would make myself responsible for sending a printed copy of it to whoever made it known to me that they did not have access to the online version. If you are such a person, do drop me a note now, at the address at the front of this Newsletter, letting me know that you need this service, which you will need to go on paying for, albeit at a reduced rate. Because we have in the bank more than enough money to pay for this present newsletter I will not be asking anyone to pay anything further at the moment.

If we do find a suitable editor, then we will of course continue with the normal subscriptions and will send out reminders with the December newsletter. In the event that this does not happen, and this issue proves to be the last conventional one, any further ones being predominantly online, then I will refund everyone who has paid up beyond this June 2013 number and who does not wish to receive a printed copy of the online version.

For the guidance of anyone who is considering putting himself or herself forward as a possible editor or who knows someone who might be interested, I have asked Ian and Mark to set out what skills are needed for the task. You will find what they have written at the end of this Newsletter.