



ALS 2020 AGM

EDITORS' REPORTS

Newsletter

Is it just me or is time speeding up? I am entirely flummoxed by the fact that it's a year since I wrote a report on the newsletter. What's happened? We've had two newsletters since then, and everything just seems to be 'stable' in that respect.

I think people are now used to receiving them through the Mailchimp link and/or looking up on the website. Certainly, it's all relatively plain sailing at my end. People tend to submit articles either immediately after receiving a newsletter or very close to the deadline for the next one. That's fine. Just to remind you though, that time critical items are not best suited to the newsletter but should go direct to the website events calendar.

There's been some talk of a 'special' newsletter in lieu of the 'real' ALS weekend to exchange views/experiences/opinions of coronavirus and how it's impacted on Societies. I'm more than happy to curate/edit this if there's an interest. I've got a couple of articles already for the autumn newsletter, but if we put a date of August 1st on submissions for 'special' edition I can navigate how best to put out the information.

Possibly everyone has got more clued up on the values of social media since 'lockdown' and I'm always happy to reappraise the value/function of the newsletter going forward - especially as we 'grapple' with a new normal. I like to remember that the only constant in life is change!

Cally Wight

Newsletter Editor

Journal - ALSO

This year's journal is a slimmer edition than usual. This usually indicates that the topic does not have the appeal that we thought it would. Nevertheless, I hope you enjoy it.

As I have noted in my Chair's report, Robin Healey is taking over the editorship of the journal from me and so he will be producing next year's edition. I've enjoyed doing it but perhaps 14 years is long enough for one person and it needs some 'new blood'!

The 2021 journal will focus on the art of parody. Topically, he has chosen the idea of 'The Writer in Lockdown'. For suggestions on this, please read Robin's piece (under 'The 2021

Edition) in the front of the 2020 journal. We are hoping that this will be a popular theme, and contributions are invited to Robin by 1 April 2021. There is a style guide in the Journal area on the website.

Linda J Curry

Journal Editor