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Poisoned chalice?

You know what it's like! Some shady character sidles up furtively towards you and says "would you like to edit the newsletter?"

Sound familiar? It did to me as Gillian did the sidling (if one can 'sidle' on the 'phone?) in the run up to this year's AGM. Admittedly it was a job I secretly fancied; a chance to slag off friends (and complete strangers!) and an opportunity to give full rein to limited writing and desk-top publishing skills. But mostly it was the kudos and respect with which the post of newsletter editor is imbued that was the real 'carrot' (*shurely shome mishtake? – Colin*)...

Having made the decision not to go to the AGM, preferring to watch England's 'progress' at Euro 2004, and hearing on the grapevine that there could be competition for the post, I sat back, quietly confident that I'd done my bit for the club by standing – wrong! I was in. Then I began to think about it and quickly realised that I was in a 'no win' situation. If I'd taken over from some useless dork I would have been in with a chance. But trying to fill the shoes of the man who has produced "the best club newsletter in Scotland" is a bit like replacing Brian Jones with Mick Taylor – cue head shaking – "it won't be the same".

Before talking about changes I must not miss this opportunity to pay tribute to Colin who has done a tremendous job as newsletter editor for the last 53

issues. I imagine that, like me, most club members opened their newsletter with mixed emotions; anticipation of an amusing and informative read alongside the nagging possibility of one's limited talents with map and compass being put under the Inverarity spotlight.

From conversations with Colin I realised that most of every newsletter was his own creation. The title of editor should have read 'author'. His requests for contributions were largely side stepped leaving him to do what he did so well – keep members feeling

that they belonged to a thriving club via an informative and amusing newsletter.

Which brings me seamlessly to you dear readers! I'm vaguely resigned to producing the newsletter from my own slightly senile ramblings but wouldn't it be so much more interesting to hear your views on orienteering, life, etc...? (*Do I hear distant Inverarity chortling? – ed*)

At the most recent committee meeting it was suggested that the content of the newsletter could change, largely as a result of the club website (<http://interlopers.mysite.wa.nadoo-members.co.uk>)

providing more immediate news and results. More event reports and in-depth stuff was suggested. As the

more perceptive among you will have spotted the lay-out hasn't changed much – "if it ain't broke..." – but if you have any ideas (or better still, articles!) to improve what goes into your newsletter, don't keep it to yourself, tell me. Come now, don't be shy...



*"...free at last, free at last."
A beaming Colin Inverarity*

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Committee stuff

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