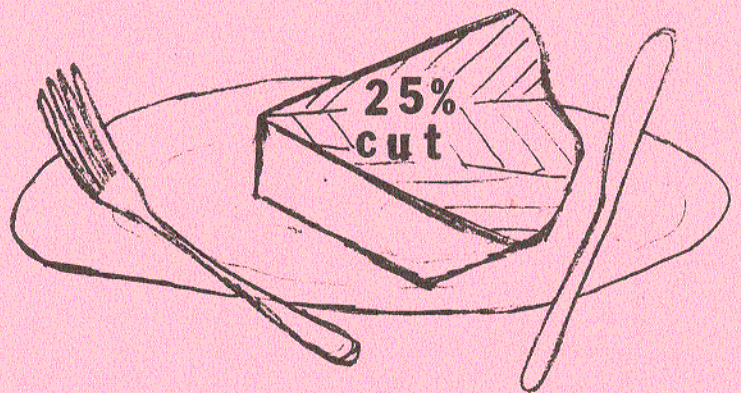
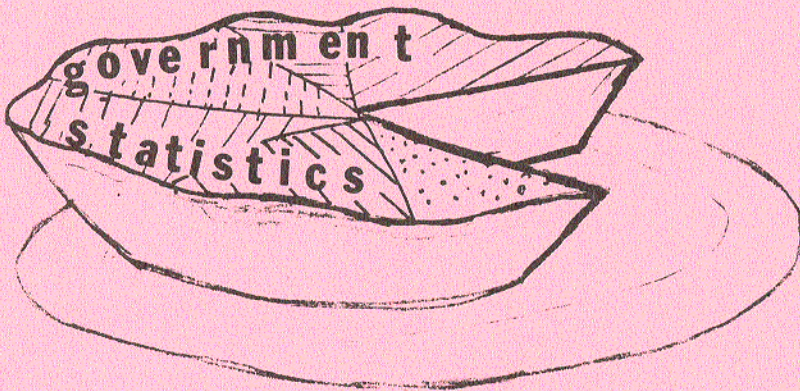


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Guidelines for editors and contributors

The Radical Statistics Newsletter is normally produced three times a year: February, May, October.

Editors:- normally send the typed newsletter to John Bibby (Faculty of Mathematics, The Open University, Walton Hall, Milton Keynes, MK7 6AA) one month before they want the newsletter to reach readers.

-at the same time should notify the Troika (RSG, c/o BSSRS, 9 Poland St. ,London W1V 3DG) so that they can update the mailing list with John Bibby.

-will be provided with A3 sheets (for typing articles to be reduced) from John Bibby on request. (note that these sheets require a wide typewriter)

Contributors should send typed contributions, single spaced on A4 paper (or on A3 as above), where possible.

'Anti-Social Trends' - a proposal

The proposal was made at the AGM that Radical Statistics should publish something, possibly a journal, other than the Newsletter. Following that proposal John Bibby has written some notes on how one such publication might look. A summary of his proposal is printed below. Anyone wanting more details should contact John Bibby at the Open University.

'The proposed book would be the first in a series of annuals to start appearing in 1982. Each volume would take cues from official statistics such as those published in Social Trends (hence the title). In some sense the book could be called 'An Unofficial Guide to Official Statistics'. However, it would be more than that, as a series of articles would precede the data.

Each volume would contain 3 sections, Section A would be largely introductory. Section B would consist of a set of articles on some common theme- the statistics of class is suggested for the first volume. Finally, Section C would be more for reference purposes and would consist firstly of an annotated bibliography, and secondly some relevant data sets.

The audience would be wide in scope, including trade unionists, teachers and students, and the interested man in the street. A paperback format similar to the CSO's 'Facts in Focus' would be used.'

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Minutes of Business Meeting, 14 March 1981

Action

1. Last years minutes (see RS 18 were accepted, there being no matters arising.
2. The Treasurers Report appears elsewhere in this newsletter. Membership stands at 150. The £2.00 subscription remains. The balance held to be put in a deposit account until needed to help provide initial funds for publications, or some other worthy cause. Heather
3. The archive held at BSSRS office (9 Poland Street) to be pruned to include only relevant material. John
4. Seminars are to be organised again when Bob Gilchrist reappears from sabbatical. Volunteers or suggestions for seminars requested. Bob YOU?
5. Jeff Evans resigned from the Troika. The new expanded Pentagon includes John Lintott, Ian Miles and Heather Booth and two new members, Jenny Head and Ben Armstrong. Thanks to Jeff for several years contribution to RSG work.
6. Pentagon meetings are to be open to all RSG members. Subgroup coordinators and the seminars organiser will be notified of dates.
7. Next years AGM is to be held in Birmingham, pending a venue. If anyone knows of a good place, please contact Heather. YOU?
8. A fee and donation, of £10 and £30 respectively, to be paid to BSSRS. The situation to be reviewed after 6 months. Members of RSG are urged to support the BSSRS fighting fund (see RS20). BSSRS are asking an affiliated group to take over (in name only) the Poland Street office. Heather YOU?
9. As an affiliated group to BSSRS we can send a representative to BSSRS Steering Committee Meetings. This is to be done on a local basis: Ben for London meetings, Colin Thunhurst for Sheffield and Edinburgh meetings, and Heather for Birmingham meetings. Pentagon Ben Colin Heather
10. John Bibby is the reviews editor for the newsletter. See elsewhere in this newsletter. John B.
11. Plans for the Radical Statistics Conference put forward at last years AGM have been postponed...indefinitely.
12. The International Statistical Institute meeting in Argentina in November/December 1981 to be opposed. See elsewhere in this newsletter. Jeff Evans
13. RSS council elections are not to be opposed this year. The issue is to be reviewed in October/November re RSG nominations. Pentagon John B. YOU?

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