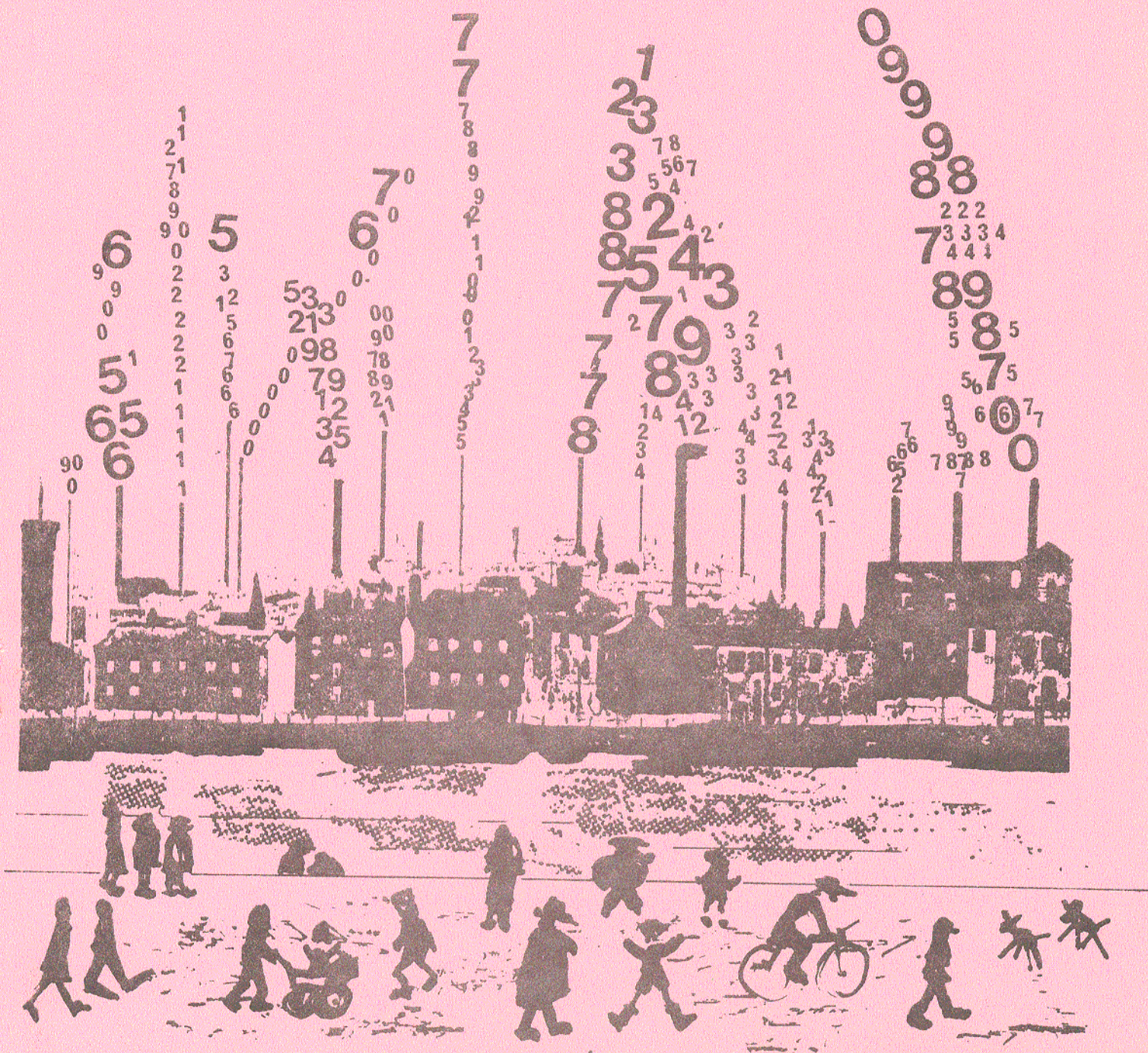


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Guidelines for Editors and Contributors

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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 Pentagon (RSG, c/o BSSRS, 9 Poland Street, 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, eg IBM)

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

<p>WARNING By H.M. Government BRITAIN TODAY CAN DAMAGE YOUR SANITY</p>
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EDITORIAL

The Annual Conference passed off successfully at Sheffield in March and I have been asked to thank all those that took part and arranged this event. It was good to see everyone who was able to come up and our discussions and the list of contents above shows that quite a lot is going on. New blood and new contributions are always welcome, the Old Stalwarts regularly contribute but new people and articles are always needed. The topics we are looking at do seem to be keeping pace with current issues for example the Nuclear Numbers Game. Maybe we will see a Radstats perspective on the Falklands Crisis even yet.

DAVE DREW

Radical Statistics Annual Conference : Minutes of Business Meeting held 21.3.82

- 1: Finance. Report included elsewhere in this newsletter.
It was agreed that RS subscriptions be raised to £3.00 pa
- 2: BSSRS. Affiliation and donation of £30 agreed.
Katy Barratt to be RS representative on BSSRS committee.
A BSSRS group (and possibly another group) was reported to be working on an Alternative Science Strategy. Troika to contact and see whether a RS input to either project was appropriate.
- 3: RS Organisation. After some inconclusive discussion on RS organisational structures, it was agreed that the Troika meet with representatives of the RS sub-groups to discuss organisation.
Nominations for the Troika: Jenny Head, Ben Armstrong, and Heather Booth, were not opposed.
- 4: RSS. The proposed merger between the Royal Statistical Society and the Institute of Statisticians was discussed. See elsewhere in this newsletter for outcome of discussion.
- 5: AOB. (1) Contact has been made with a Japanese radical statistics organisation, which has been in existence since since the 1930s. An article will appear shortly in a RS newsletter by a member of this group. Meanwhile if anyone would like any further information, contact Ian Miles at SPRU, University of Sussex.
(2) A publisher has offered, on the basis of seeing RS publications to date, and 'Demystifying', to publish a book on 'The role of numbers in society.'. If anyone would be interested in participating in such a project, they should contact Ian Miles, address as above.

RADSTATS ACCOUNTS

1981 - 1982 ACCOUNTS

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
	£		£
Balance 10.3.81	269.24	AGM 1981 outstanding	48.81
Subscriptions	321.43	RSN 21	108.50
AGM Fees 1981	27.16	RSN 22	100.00
		RSN 23	83.00
		Postage etc	22.59
		BSSRS subs and donation	40.00
		Bank charges	0.69
		Petty cash balance	6.50
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Notes

1. The current number of subscribers is around 170.
2. Expenditure exceeded income by approximately £60 during 1981 - 82. Increasing the subscription rate from £2 to £3 should guarantee our costs are covered during the next year.

H E L P !

Production and Distribution of Newsletter

We are looking for a person or persons willing to take on the job of duplicating and distributing the Newsletter as John Bibby, responsible for this at present, wishes to resign at the end of the year. John looks after the computerised mailing list, and reproduces and distributes the Newsletter. It would be possible to split the job into two parts in future -

- 1) Printing of Newsletter
- 2) Maintenance of computerised mailing list

If you are interested in either of these jobs, and have access to the necessary equipment, please contact us.