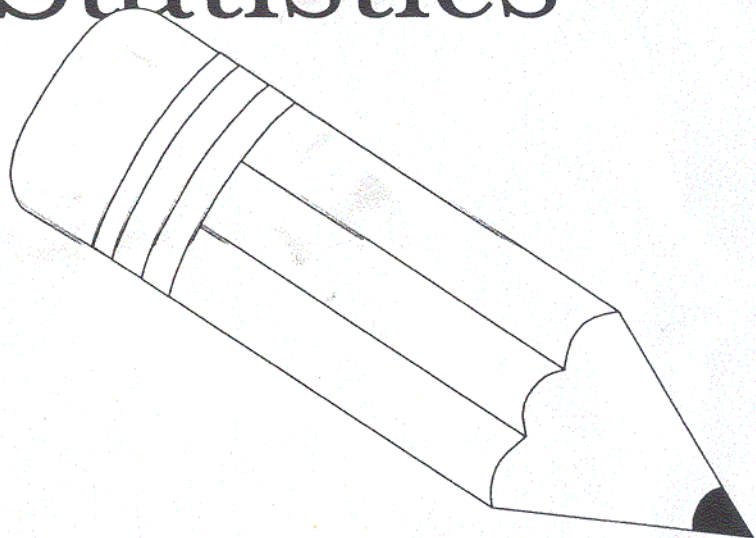


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Editorial

When asked to volunteer I felt apprehensive and agreed only if there would be someone to assist. Anthony Staines accepted the role and it is due to his efforts we have got so far.

I am generally optimistic. I had assumed that a few letters written to friends, a little pressure and I would have some material. My fears started to increase when the previous editor contacted me to see if I had anything to offer for her Newsletter. However I thought I am approaching 'new' people, and something will turn up. Sadly my optimism proved as ill founded as that of the legendary Mr. Micawber..

What can one do before writing all of the articles yourself? I read the notes kindly sent to me and felt what I could currently offer did not really fit in. Also I was always in my youth warned about substitution, a small group trying to maintain a active front, a deceiving myth. This is not the Radical Statistics approach though.

I am puzzled. I know there is a readership for the newsletter. I believe that the readers are involved in diverse and interesting activities. Should these people not wish to write a few lines to describe their pursuits, to provide us with their topical thoughts and even proclaim their successes. Maybe we are generally too self-effacing and modest.

Sadly I feel I failed in my role but you can make the next editor delighted by writing a short piece may be indicating your views and opinions in the latter days of this Tory government. 1995 is 'Be kind to Editor's year' ,so reduce the next editors anxiety and please write. *Jake Ansell (Anthony Staines agrees....)*

Radical Statistics membership report February 1995

The statistics below reflect that since May 1994 we have a new (and for the first time paid) membership administration, which has produced a very quick turnaround of enquiries and membership cheques. The backlog from the previous year has been cleared and the membership stabilised. However new members are not being made because there has been little advertising of Radical Statistics.

Membership (ie payment of subscription) at:

	Feb 95	May 94	Totals	
Unwaged	10	14	1989	176
Low waged	17	21	1990	250
Waged	274	277	1991	259
Institutions	53	53	1992	342
Overseas	8	11	1993	403
Total	361	376	1994	376
			1995	361

Payment by:	Standing order	189
	Cash/cheque	172
	Total	361

Free exchanges and free copies to journalists: 12

Changes in membership:

	May 94 - Feb 95	Feb 93 - May 94
New members	+29	+35
Lapsed members	-44	-62

Standing orders: raise them if you have not done so

Subscriptions were raised for 1995, to £20 for institutions and to £12 for waged individuals, both from £10. There has been no criticism or de-subscribing as a result, although there are some standing order payers who are being slow at returning their revised mandate. If you may be one of these please check and do it now.

Ludi Simpson/Pete Latarche/Sylvia Gill

Interests of members

On joining, new members express tick from a list of interests to show willingness to work with others. The same information was updated for all members in a members survey in 1991. The number recorded as expressing each of the larger interests was, in February 1995:

- 62 Anti-poverty/welfare
- 14 Crime/law/police
- 18 Peace/nuclear arms
- 56 Philosophy/politics of statistics
- 43 Education
- 24 Economics
- 48 Government
- 172 Health
- 11 Internationalisation/trade
- 33 Local government
- 41 Teaching statistics
- 38 Developing countries
- 14 Housing
- 20 Un/employment
- 42 Surveys & statistics for pressure groups
- 13 Transport
- 9 Trades Union campaigns
- 5 Statisticians as workers
- 37 Women in statistics
- 42 Green/environment
- 18 Other

Total members: 361

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* Note the new subscription rates *

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