

New Members

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After being a blank for two successive bulletins this department has certainly come back to its own again with a wow! Our ranks haven't swelled with such rapidity since the society was first formed, in fact I doubt whether it grew any faster even in the first flush of its youth. Mighty fine round-up fellows, mighty fine.

Treasurer's Report.

Income

By entrance fees.....5 - 8 - 0d.

Expenditure.

stencils, paper etc.
for bulletins. . . . 1 - 11
Membership cards. . . . 16
Notepaper for secretary . . . 5
removal of Library. . . . 10
Directory of Random. . . . 1

CASH IN HAND 7s - 10d.

which brings us to.

CRISIS!

Funds are dangerously low. Worse still, as announced elsewhere, our dearly beloved Fido will appear no more after the issue with which this is enclosed, and therefore we can no longer avail ourselves of this buckshee method of distribution. The society needs some money and, of course gentle reader, you know without being told from whom that money is to be derived don't you? I thought you did.....

In order, then, to meet the cost of a separate distribution of the bulletin plus such other sundry publications as we can afford it has been decided to call for a yearly subscription of 2/6d. This must be sent in before the middle of May to cover the year from June 1st. 1945 to May 31st 1946; members failing to subscribe by the end of May will be considered as having resigned, subject to special consideration by the Executive Committee of special cases such as members with the Forces Overseas who may for this reason be temporarily awkwardly placed. Entrance fees paid during 1945 prior to June 1st will count towards the subscription.

If you have any suggestions for the improvement of the society, any complaints or criticisms (constructive ones preferred), we shall be glad to have them at the same time as your money. We would also remind members that the time is approaching for the election of the executives, President, Director, Secretary, Treasurer, and Librarian and we ask for proposals for candidates for these positions.

And, of course, if nobody, or practically nobody, subscribes, then BFS comes to its end, not with a bang but a whimper (T.S.Eliot?), as better - and worse - societies have done before it.

Date of Bulletin.

We hope to issue the Bulletin at approximately two-monthly intervals, and to make it a rather more imposing publication now that it will not have to shroud its deficiencies (unless some blithe spirit takes up the task of publishing it where Jim lays it down, a consummation devoutly to be hoped for.). A title would be nice (the Brit Sh Fantasy Fan or summat of the sort. If there was the demand we may, in addition to publishing all the general news we can find, include special departments, though there is no intention of developing a fan-mag proper (if such a thing exists). Not under the present management, at least....

The present management wants some help as it is. At the moment I, one Smith by name, edit and cut stencils, and I suppose I will go on doing so. Michael Rosenblum duplicates, and will go on doing so only in neither prayers nor any other means of persuasion (short of bribery, of course, we ain't got no money to bribe with) fail to find another more fittingly equipped with time, health and strength to do so. But there is still the addressing of labels, still the wrapping and stamping and other work of mailing to be considered, and for this we appeal for volunteers, very earnestly we appeal for volunteers, one addresser of labels, one mailing manager. We are not strictly limited to such volunteers, of course, anyone who volunteered to do the whole thing from start to finish would find us most willing to cooperate, but this minimum of aid we must have.

Forces Chains

The Executive Committee has been considering the question of the cost of running the Forces Magazine Chains, by which magazines are circulated to all who care to undertake to pass them on to the next in the chain. The cost involved is, of course, that of the initial posting, a cost which Ken Chadwick has borne until now without complaint (in fact we have had a job persuading him that it's not fair that he should bare this cost in addition to the trouble of handling the mags). Distributed over the members of the chains the cost is approximately 3d per annum, a negligible sum, but one which we think should, in all fairness, be paid. Would members of the chains, therefore, include this amount when sending in the main sub., in addition to the 2/6d.? I thank you.

Leys Department.

I recently received parcel from our dearly beloved John Cunningham containing Jan. '45 astounding, paper-back edition of "Burn with Burn", ditto illustrated "Mubaiyat of Omar Khayam". Nice of him. Cpl Reg Higgins of the RAF, member no. 63, got married couple weeks ago, was recalled on second day of his honeymoon to be prepared for shipment to foreign parts... pretty rough luck... remote fastnesses of Hartshill recently stormed by Edwin Macdonald in successful attempt to interview Hermit Smith - only with Ian Smith has met. As Roy Johnson came over not many weeks ago I think I've seen my quota of fans for the year....

AND ABOUT THAT 2/6d. SUBSCRIPTION.

Send it to D.N. Smith, 12 Church Road, Hartshill Munceton, Warwickshire. He being the secretary and therefore able to inscribe your name at once on the golden roll of faithful members. And much as I detest the labour of so preparing rolls and records, I trust you'll give me something to do.

REMEMBER - 2/6d ON NO BFS.

Adios,

D.N. Smith (secretary).