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There have now been three newsletters issued since the start of the Covid pandemic. The last two contained articles based on papers given by Zoom at conferences held online rather than at physical venues, and this will have to be the case with papers from the May conference too, in the Autumn 2021 issue. However, contributors of articles, besides our regular and reliable printers, Pandapress, not to mention our Treasurer who has been packing and posting the paper copies for many years, have ensured that Covid failed to disrupt our customary issue of Spring and Autumn Newsletters about the time of the equinoxes.

Whilst to the best of our knowledge many members continue to value the physical presence of paper copies, because of postage costs overseas subscribers now normally receive only electronic copies, and other members can receive these by request. They do have an important advantage over paper in at least one respect, that hyperlinks can work directly from onscreen articles.

It has been a privilege to edit the Newsletter for a considerable number of issues (and years), but it would be healthy for the Society to have a successor in view. I would be very happy to have an informal chat with anyone who is thinking of offering a trial involvement in editorial work, which might grow in scope towards full editorship in perhaps three or four issues from now.

Bill Patterson, May 2021