

PROPOSED CONTENT OF CAC NEWSLETTER

1. Masthead, perhaps based on the current letterhead.

2. Reports that CAC representatives have appeared on radio or television, published letters or articles, spoken at meetings or conferences or given talks.

3. Reports that CAC has made or is making representations to government and quasi-government bodies. Full texts could be posted on a website or supplied on request as soon as the document had been sent to the body concerned.

4. News items from the press, broadcasting and the Internet. These would include:

i) statements by politicians and bureaucrats, eg. Tessa Jowell, Robin Duval

ii) cases, which do not have to be serious, eg. the fellow fined by his local Trading Standards office because the blue movies he sold were not blue enough (Ceefax 18/1/01 page 124).

iii) items of historical interest, eg. the film of Ulysses, first released in 1967, had finally been released in Ireland (Guardian Saturday review, 3/2/01, page 2).

IMPORTANT - items to be included must be sourced:

For print items: title, date and page number

For broadcast items: title of programme, channel and date of transmission

For the internet, full and correct address of the site where the item appeared.

(I will insist that unsourced items are not used. CAC is not a rumour-factory.)

5. Reports that CAC had expressed either praise or blame for items reported in section 4.

6. invitations to people who share our views to follow up items in section 4 in their own names - with the proviso that letters should be kept short and CAC (unlike pro-censorship campaigns) will not tell anybody what to say. Whether CAC members should mention their membership of CAC to be left to their discretion.

7. Debates on censorship topics, eg. what is our view on the News of the World sex-offender-naming stunt?

8. CAC's postal address (for membership enquiries), phone number and e-mail address.

Please let me have your ideas, but at this stage please restrict them to matters of content. Design can wait. However, I suggest that for reasons of cost this should be a straightforward printed publication, without images or other material which would need to be scanned into a computer.

Please bear in mind that the newsletter will be sent to schoolchildren for use in their coursework.