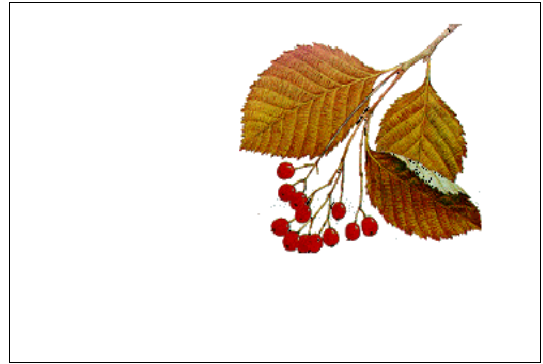


Gavin Atkin

Freelance writer and editor

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Key experience and skills

Medical, technical and business editing, writing and reporting; experience of PR and marketing communications; ability to master technical subjects rapidly; management of staff and budgets; using Macintoshes (subbing with Quark Xpress) and PCs; some knowledge of the Internet and Web authoring; experience of both journalism and PR; working knowledge of French learned when working in Brussels; clean driving licence.

Education

Caistor Grammar School, Caistor, Lincs
University of Newcastle upon Tyne, Newcastle upon Tyne
Qualifications: BSc General Science (Mainly physics, with some chemistry, geology and mathematics)

Marital status

Divorced, two children.

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Employment history

October 2006 to present

Part-time clinical editor, Chemist & Druggist, reporting to the editor

April 2000 to October 2006

Editor, The Practitioner, reporting to the publishing director

June 1994 to April 2000

Managing Editor, The Practitioner (UN Miller-Freeman. I fulfilled all of the usual responsibilities of an editor, including directing the journal; commissioning articles; liaising with advisers, senior colleagues and other departments; controlling budgets; and managing a permanent staff of two and a number of freelancers.

August 1993 to June 1994

Assistant Editor, Pulse (Morgan-Grampian, later UN Miller Freeman) reporting to the clinical news editor. My role was clinical news reporting on this leading weekly newspaper for GPs.

July 1990 to August 1993

Associate Editor, Laboratory Equipment Digest (Morgan Grampian). I acted as deputy to the editor and was responsible for much of the journal's news and features coverage, as well as most of the production effort.

May 1990 to July 1990

Freelancing for a variety of journals. Also wrote syndicated columns and material for PR agencies.

August 1989 to May 1990

Editor, 3D (EMAP). This interesting magazine attempted to unify the areas of computer-aided design, graphics and publishing. It did not survive the severe computer industry recession of the late 1980s.

January 1989 to August 1989

Freelance editor and writer for various journals in the electronics field, and for local newspapers.

March 1987 to December 1988

Senior Account Executive, Communication Systems SA, Brussels. This was a 15-man PR and advertising company working primarily for ICI's materials businesses and Philips Test & Measurement.

August 1985 to March 1987

Editor, Electronic Product Review (Patey Doyle Publishing). I introduced genuine reporting to this product journal, with the result that readership greatly improved.

August 1984 to August 1985

Editor, Technology (STC). I was effectively STC's group technical press officer during a turbulent time in the company's history. The post, which included writing speeches for Chairman Sir Kenneth Corfield, ended when Sir Kenneth was ousted during a board-room battle.

August 1980 to August 1984

Assistant Editor, later Associate Editor, Works Management (Findlay Publications), and Contributing Editor, Engineering Computers.

August 1979 to August 1980

Features Editor, International Power Generation (Fuel & Metallurgical Journals).

July 1978 to August 1979

Assistant Editor, IEE News and Electronics & Power (Institution of Electrical Engineers)

Non-work interests

Playing traditional and roots music with a successful local amateur group; sailing dinghies; designing and building small boats; maintaining a popular website focusing on traditional boats and boat design (<http://intheboatshed.net>); walking; and current affairs.