Dear Members,

In order to keep up with modern technology, the Society website has successfully been up-dated and re-vamped. One benefit has been the speed with which journal articles can be accessed and copied – subject of course to the Society’s copyright – which we usually grant on request.

Our membership continues to grow and much of my time is spent answering queries from members and non members. Our research material is regularly used by a number of universities around the world, including Oxford University. An increasing number of university students are writing theses and projects on the Anglo-Zulu war and we are always happy to help and advise.

Two new books will be of interest to members. Nicky Rattray of Fugitives’ Drift Lodge has produced a ‘memories and recipes’ book based upon her 25 years at the lodge, and Katie Stossel has followed on from her successful Sister Janet of Rorke’s Drift book. After walking the battlefields of Zululand and spending time at Rorke’s Drift Katie has researched and written her insightful interpretation of events on 22 January and challenges some of the well-established modern beliefs with some very sound primary source evidence. Katie also looks at the on-going effect of the Zulu War on the people of Rorke’s Drift. I commend both books; details of Nicky’s book are to be found on the enclosed ‘Did you know?’ paper. Katie’s book is published by Pen & Sword and will be available from bookshops around Easter 2015.

Members are always welcome to contact me for assistance or information.
I wish you all a peaceful Christmas.

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