

## Editorial

I recently assisted with the arrangements for a group of Kent doctors and families to stay at Fugitives' Drift Lodge to visit the battlefields of Isandlwana and Rorke's Drift. Their tour was a great success and I was keen to learn of their impressions and experiences. The tour went without a hitch and the facilities at the Lodge were, as expected, first class.

What I gleaned from their photographs was how the area has changed since I was last there just three years ago. I was mainly struck by the obvious improvement of the local roads, once infamous for their perilous condition and frightening potholes. Visitors can now safely visit these important battlefield locations without the fear of destroying one's hire car or shredding its tyres.

Our work continues quietly in the background. We regularly peruse students' Anglo-Zulu War projects prior to their submission and answer questions, not only from society members but from interested parties and the press world-wide. School talks remain popular and I am grateful to Dr David Payne for standing in as the Society's local school guest speaker.

This year the Society's Mango Buthelezi Gold Medals for Service to the Zulu people will be awarded to David Payne and Cameron Simpson; both have contributed articles for this journal. Details of the awards will be given in the December Journal.

On a personal note, my wife and I are making plans to downsize which means less of a display area for all of my stunning Jason Askew Zulu War oil paintings. Regretfully a number of these paintings are now for sale and they are listed in this journal. All are professionally framed and the prices are modest to encourage their sale to a good home. There is much about Jason Askew and his work on the internet.

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