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Zulu warriors in traditional dress standing on the 'coffin rock' on the 125th anniversary of the battle. Note that the rock was then standing clear of the water - and the distance to the Natal bank opposite. Even since this photo was taken the river has deposited sand almost up to the top of the rock. **Courtesy of Ian Knight**

The Society exhibition at the RLC Museum, Deepcut, recently came to a close and I know from your calls that many members visited the exhibition. I have expressed my thanks to the curator and his staff who wrote..

Dear Dr Greaves,

Could you please convey my thanks to all those involved in the loan of all the items used in the Zulu War exhibition here at the Royal Logistic Corps Museum? Although we do have a large collection it cannot possibly match the variety and breadth of your excellent Zulu War holdings. Your generosity allowed us to attract new audiences and provided a wonderful theme for the first half of 2009.

Andy Robertshaw

Curator/Manager The Royal Logistic Corps Museum

The next exhibition is due to take place at Easter and the venue will be the town museum at Tenterden in Kent. Full details will be posted on the Society website but for those without this facility, they can always call me at the Society telephone number, **01580-764189**. The title of the exhibition is.... 'Treasures of the Zulu War'. The exhibits will include a remarkable display of Zulu beadwork, wood carvings, necklaces and jewellery, assegais, axes – and a host of other rare pieces brought back from the war as trophies by such people as Capt. Charlie Harford, Lt.Curling, Maj. Dunbar and Sister Janet Wells. The exhibition is in memory of David Smith who died earlier this year, and who once owned many of these rare artefacts.

I have contacted numerous museums across the land to offer the Society exhibition for display but most don't reply; others, like the British Museum and the Imperial War Museum, declined. Of course, we have already displayed far and wide at a number of military museums and there is an offer from the 'under construction' Military Museum in Ontario to display at their inaugural exhibition in Canada in 2011. In the meantime, if any member knows of a museum who would like an amazing display, for between one and twelve months, please let me know. We will even arrange setting it up.

Otherwise, the Society continues to grow, with most new members joining on-line from abroad. I wish you all a happy and prosperous and healthy end of 2009 and all the best for 2010.

Adrian Greaves

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