

Editorial for Journal 37.

Dear Members,

The Society continues to flourish and I continue to spend much time answering queries from members and others from around the world. Our accessibility to universities in the UK and overseas is an on-going success, as is illustrated by the article in this journal by Ruben Rees from Canterbury University.

On January 22nd and 23rd, and representing the Society, Ian Knight and David Payne were the guests of the Royal Engineers in Wiltshire for their Rorke's Drift Day. Ian has written an interesting piece in this edition so you can read of their experience. In view of the various letters of thanks I have received, we expect this to become an annual event.

Meanwhile, Ian is arranging a private tour of Isandlwana and Rorke's Drift in November this year. This will be a special trip to specifically explore and discuss these two locations while staying at the Isandlwana Lodge on the Isandlwana battlefield. Details of the trip are on the Society web site or you can contact me and I will put you in touch with Ian.

Katie Stossel, author of *Sister Janet, Nurse and Heroine of the Zulu War*, has written a new book with her interpretation of events at Rorke's Drift. I have read the draft and I commend this book as very thought-provoking. It will shortly be available through Pen & Sword – and all book shops. The book is titled *Rorke's Drift. A Handful of Heroes*.

And to keep myself occupied and amused while recovering from an interesting year during which I underwent six spinal/neck operations, I have written a fresh review of the Anglo-Zulu War with a competition to find the answer to a question; the answer to which can be found in the book. The prize is an 1879 gold sovereign which has seen the battlefield at Isandlwana. If you have not received an invitation to participate and would like to take part, please let me know. The draw from the correct answers will be by Anna Calder-Marshall, one of the leading stars in *Zulu Dawn*. Proceeds will go to the village at Rorke's Drift. The response so far has been really superb.

I hope you have a good summer!

With kind regards,

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