

Editorial, Journal 52.

For reasons we can all observe and which have affected our lives, the time between this edition of the Journal and Journal 51 has been relatively quiet. Our office is always active and whilst we have been unable to hold any exhibitions, members and the public continue to keep me busy with questions, and it is evident that some families are using their free time to research their own family histories – see the two ‘*Letters to the Editor*’ and the reports from members, as examples. These letters have reminded me of earlier times when the Society was contacted with astonishing material, previously unknown – such as the Harford letters, Sister Janet’s scrapbooks and letters, the Curling and August Hammar letters, and so on.

A much brighter sign of an improvement was Ian Knight’s recent battlefield tour of Zululand. This is the first time for nearly three years that Ian has been able to organize and lead a tour, and his report is included in this edition. So, if you still have a tour of the Zulu War battlefields on your ‘to do’ list, now is the time to register your interest with Ian.

I continue to receive a steady flow of invitations for the Society to provide guest speakers for events. The most prestigious is for the 2023 Royal Engineers Rorke’s Drift officers’ dinner at Chatham for their ‘Rorke’s Drift’ day, and the following day Ian Knight is lecturing at the National Army Museum in London. David Payne continues to be our man for school talks in Kent and Sussex, a very popular service.

I wish all members and their families a peaceful and happy Christmas,

Dr Adrian Greaves

Journal Editor.