Editorial. Journal 60

As editor I am delighted that the Society Journal has reached its 60th edition, published twice annually since the initial publication 30 years ago. Membership in that first year reached 50 and then went on to settle around the 600 plus memberships through to the present day. And so, a big 'thank you' to all our members especially to those of our first year, indeed, many members from our first year are still with us.

I am also strongly reminded that, during this period, we lost all three lodge owners located around the Isandlwana battlefield; owners who had so successfully brought their lodges to the area, and then employed several hundred local people, apart from giving so much pleasure to their thousands of visitors. All three were good friends of the Society, especially David Rattray. We still grieve over their departure – of David Rattray shot dead at his home, the world famous lodge at Fugitives' Drift; Rob Gerrard shot dead by robbers at Isandlwana Lodge and Charles Aitkinhead, killed while trying to stop his Rorke's Drift Lodge being burned down. We won't forget them.

I am pleased to report that the subject of the Anglo-Zulu War is still very popular with schools across the country, some of whom regularly request information. University students also use our research material - with students regularly submitting their ideas for clarification or confirmation before inclusion in their academic work. We still undertake school talks which are always popular.

I thank David Payne, who regularly visited the battlefield with me, and who now co ordinates our liaison with schools and student requests.

We continue to offer travel advice to members visiting the battlefields and it is reassuring that so many are still prepared to undertake the journey to these far-off battlefields.

I acknowledge the support of all our members and I look forward to continuing as the Journal's editor, despite *anno domini* slowly creeping up on me.

Adrian Greaves

Articles.

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