

EDITORIAL

This number of the *Journal* completes Volume 19 and an index is being issued to accompany the Volume.

I wish to thank all the contributors to the last four numbers, for their efforts, their enthusiasm and for the wide range of interesting articles which they have written on mountaineering topics.

This number also provides some record of the events which were arranged to celebrate the Centenary of the Club in 1987. There is no doubt that the success of these events was largely due to the very hard work which was put in by Club Members for many months beforehand, together with great attention to detail.

The year of 1987 might have been an inward-looking year and there might also have been a sense of anti-climax following the Centenary year. However this was not the case and it is an encouraging and healthy sign that during 1987 and 1988 the Club has been very concerned about promoting new projects and activities, as evidenced by such matters as the woodland regeneration project in Glen Ey and the welcome re-introduction of rock climbing and snow and ice climbing on a regular basis at Club meets.

The pressures on the mountain environment continue to grow and the President in her Centenary dinner speech, made reference to the need to establish clear policies on conservation, which are necessary to prevent the recurring struggles between competing recreational and other uses. The pressures have to be recognised and the discussion and compromise referred to by the President are essential in order to ensure that there is an acceptable accommodation of uses. This does not mean that the Club need abandon those strong principles which have helped to maintain the Cairngorms wilderness during the last one hundred and one years.

