

EDITORIAL

Lydia Thomson, our former editor, stepped down after a decade of excellent work. I will follow in Lydia's footprints and begin this issue number 110 with both optimism and trepidation. Our previous President, Anne Pinches, has also stepped down after a very successful tenure and the new President, Adrian Scott, is introduced to readers on page 100.

The Journal exists to record Club activities, the views of Club members, their individual activities and much else besides, all for posterity. Number 110 has appeared somewhat earlier than might have been expected from the cycle of previous publications, but with good reason. Last year, 2012, was a special year. Not only were the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the London Olympic Games celebrated, but the Club, founded in 1887, achieved its 125th anniversary. The latter was marked in a number of ways, all reported here, and the anniversary also prompted a number of special articles.

We can still identify with the enthusiasm of the Club's founding members, although life has changed a great deal during the past 125 years. In case that sense of common purpose obscures those important differences I will merely remark that, in 1887, my great grandmother, raising her nine sons in Elgin, did not get out on the hills very often.

Only a few articles deal with the past. Others report Club business and describe contemporary activities but I hope that they all inform, interest and stimulate us to be as active as we can, in our individual ways. I am grateful to all the contributors, including Club office bearers whose reports are published here, and in particular to our Secretary Ken Thomson.

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