

## EDITORIAL

This 112th issue of the Cairngorm Club Journal coincides with the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War in which the Club, from its then membership of 140, lost nine men. It is therefore appropriate that both the First and Second World Wars feature in several of the articles.

February 2018 also marks the 100th anniversary of the Representation of the People Act which allowed, for the first time, some women over the age of 30 to vote in the December 1918 UK general election. It is a good time therefore to recall as later described by Robert Lippe, one of the Club's Founder Members, that from the outset of the Club in 1887 it was open to "*men and women of heroic spirit*". It is pleasing to have several female contributors to this issue as well of course as welcoming another woman, the 7th of a total of 44, to the role and leadership of Presidency.

A new development for the Journal - a 16-page colour section has been used to highlight some of the Club's and members' achievements and photographic skills in the last 3 years, whilst acknowledging that this is only a tiny representation of all that has been accomplished.

The internet hyperlinks used in several of the articles and marked in the printed version by underlined text, reflect the Journal's forthcoming and new dual format: first and foremost, as a much-valued hard-copy of Club activities and from 2018 as an online and searchable archive. For those readers without a tablet or smart mobile-phone, there will in due course be a link from the Club's website to the online Journal archive. Further details will be provided in the *Club Newsletter*.

The task of Editorship is at times daunting and I am grateful for the help given by Hazel Witte, Ken Thomson, Donald Thomas and Sandy McIntosh and the outstanding examples of fortitude, sense of duty, good humour and resourcefulness exemplified in the pages of writing which follow.