

EDITORIAL

This is my fifth Proceedings editorial and I am pleased, thanks to the authors, to be able to present a wide mix of Natural History and Archaeological topics. Special thanks are extended to Dr Nick Draper, who gave a talk to the Isle of Wight branch of the Historical Association on slavery and agreed to write an article based on his talk. Slavery is a dark part of our nation's history and as the article demonstrates, the Isle of Wight was 'not immune.'

As for the last two years, the moth paper by Iain Outlaw is a short summary of a comprehensive report that can be found on the Society's website (Resources/Downloads/Moth report). In future years, the Proceedings hopes to make use of this medium in providing electronic, supplementary appendices for readers with a special interest in particular articles. In addition, the aspiration is for back copies of the Proceedings to be made available electronically, perhaps with a three-year rolling 'members only' restriction on the most recent issues.

I continue to be grateful to Mike Cotterill who attends many of our meetings with his camera and records member participation. Mike has provided four of the photos in this issue, but other contributions would be welcome. Also in spite of what is said above, at 103 pages, this issue is slightly shorter than it has been in recent years. Submission of suitable material is actively encouraged; please contact the Editor if you are interested in contributing an article to discuss the process.

The Society commences its Centenary year this November and to get members reflecting I have included an article about our founders. Next year if things go to plan, it is hoped to bring out a general volume in August 2020 and a special volume dedicated to Archaeology in February 2021.

I continue to be indebted to David Biggs, Sheila Caws, Rosemary Cooper, Anne Marston and Colin Pope who have proofread articles. The responsibility for typographical errors of course remains mine.

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