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EDITORIAL

The publication of this issue of the journal coincides with a change in the editorial team. Under normal circumstances this would have occurred next year, but likely developments in 2019 made for an unnecessarily complicated process of transition, hence the decision to advance the handover a year early. The new Editor, Dr Hella Eckardt, Associate Professor in the Department of Archaeology at the University of Reading, is already co-ordinating the 2019 issue. She in turn is handing over the role of Review Editor to Dr Will Bowden, Associate Professor in the Department of Archaeology at the University of Nottingham.

The proposed celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the foundation of *Britannia* duly took place on the 4 November 2017 in Senate House in London. The conference, on the subject of 'Retrospect and Prospect: 50 years of *Britannia* and the state of Romano-British archaeology', proved highly successful and was attended by over 100 delegates. The Editorial Committee is especially grateful to both Hella Eckardt and Andy Gardner for organising and fronting the event. The incoming Editor has kindly supplied the following observations for inclusion here:

All the speakers celebrated the enormous contribution that the journal has made to our understanding of the province, considering themes such as town and country, the military, the role of human remains and animal bones as well as material culture. A 'lightning round' featured short papers by current PhD students and independent researchers. The conference also considered areas that could be highlighted even more in future editions of *Britannia*; these include archaeological science and theory, and an increased focus on issues and debates. The Editorial Committee would certainly welcome contributions on all these themes and would also encourage continental comparisons alongside material focused on Roman Britain. Over the coming five-year cycle it will seek to take forward many of the stimulating ideas generated by the conference.

Readers of this year's 'RB in 2017' will notice that the way in which the site information is presented has changed, with only the most significant sites and discoveries for each region being included in the print and online versions, while the remaining entries have been consigned to an online file of Supplementary Material. The Editorial Committee hopes that this will enhance the coverage of the most important material, without detracting from the value of the whole. Any feedback should be directed to the incoming Editor. In the longer term, there will need to be discussion as to whether this section of the journal, together with those covering the Inscriptions and the PAS entries, should only be available online, as this would free up valuable space for other forms of debate and discussion.

Every year we note and mourn the deaths of influential scholars working on Roman Britain. M.J. (Mike) Baxter, who died suddenly aged 67 in February 2018, was a statistician by training but discovered a passion for archaeology through fieldwork in East Anglia. Mike made a major contribution to archaeology in general by introducing and explaining statistical methods through his books on *Exploratory Multivariate Analysis in Archaeology* (1994, reprinted 2015), *Statistics in Archaeology* (2003) and an ebook on *Basic Statistical Graphics for Archaeology with R: Life beyond Excel* (2016). Many readers of *Britannia* will be familiar with his important papers applying Correspondence Analysis to Romano-British material culture, co-authored with his wife Hilary Cool. These include work on glass and small find assemblages (e.g. *Journal of Roman Archaeology* 12 (1999), *Oxford Journal of Archaeology* 21.2 (2002)), and most recently, in *Britannia* 47 (2016), on Romano-British brooches.

Robin Edgar Birley, who died in August 2018, is closely associated with the important ongoing excavations at Vindolanda. Son of Eric and brother of Anthony Birley, Robin began excavating on the site aged 14; following a stint in the Royal Marines as a commando and teaching history at Gordonstoun School in Scotland to five princes, including Prince Charles, he became the

founding Director of the Vindolanda Trust. His vision of combining research and public education resulted in an active volunteer excavation programme and a world-class museum, supported by his wife Patricia, son Andrew and daughter-in-law Barbara. Robin's most well-known discovery was the Vindolanda writing-tablets in the early 1970s, which changed the way we think about the Roman army and ancient literacy. He published extensively on the site, e.g. *Vindolanda: A Roman Frontier Post on Hadrian's Wall* (1979), *Vindolanda – Extraordinary Records of Daily Life on the Northern Frontier* (2005), *Vindolanda – A Roman Frontier Fort on Hadrian's Wall* (2009).

No outgoing Editor can fail to mention those who have contributed to the publication of the journal, which of necessity is a major collaborative effort. Not least among them is the Society's Publications Secretary, Dr Lynn Pitts, whose constant hard work, efficiency and attention to detail have done so much to ensure the timely production of each volume to the usual high standard, and whose advice has been so freely given and so much appreciated. Thanks must also go to the Reviews Editor, Dr Hella Eckardt, to the Britannia Monographs Editor, Paul Bidwell, and to all those, recently retired or current, who have been involved in compiling the component parts of the 'Roman Britain in 20xx' section, whether sites, inscriptions or finds reported under the PAS scheme. The support of the Editorial Committee has also been much appreciated in taking forward discussion on new ideas and initiatives. No Editor can equally fail to thank all those whose contributions ultimately define the content and quality of the journal or those long-suffering anonymous referees whose unpaid labour forms such an integral element in the editorial process.

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