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Editorial Committee Report 2018

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Our journal has continued to be published twice yearly almost continually since the society's inception in 1977. The editorial committee (Peter Burrows, Audrey Curtis, Moyna Kitchin, Graham Starkie and myself) meets approximately five times a year to formulate ideas and then to write, edit and eventually produce our journals which we hope members find of interest. Each member of the committee has his/her specialty skill.

One aspect of local history under consideration by the editorial committee is the recording of local history. As the BBC's website on this subject states: "Anyone at all can contribute to this sort of history - whether they are connected to an event or person as a neighbour, relative or acquaintance, or whether they are someone contacted for a specific project through advertisements and announcements. They do not have to be old. They may not see their own memories as valuable historical sources. But what seems unimportant to someone who has lived their entire life in one place may be highly significant to a historian looking at the wider picture of change. Oral testimony can help to fill in the gaps and explain obscure points in our understanding of the past. It also enables you to engage not just with documents and artefacts, but with real people".

Some of our members will have lived through many changes over past decades and future historians will be fascinated by what to us may seem mundane lives and events. So, if you would like to add to the rich tapestry of our local history by recording your memories, do contact one of the above committee members.

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