

## Journal – March 2023

The March Journal 'In Their Own Words' has been printed and distributed ready for collection in March. Sharyn Boyce does the essential job of organising the postage of hard copies to members and reciprocal societies and emailing Journals to those receiving a digital copy. We were very happy that we had enough submissions to run to 32 pages in March. We already have five submissions for the June Members Choice issue.

Our dates for 2023 have been finalized and are on the timetable and with the Newsletter Editor. We have modified our Themes for 2023 to incorporate recognition of the Society's 40<sup>th</sup> year so have added a Memories theme for December. The current suggested Journal themes for 2023 are:

June – Member's Choice

September – "My Ancestor was ..."

December – Memories

March 2024 – Member's Choice

June 2024 – Terrible Tales

We have submitted 3 copies of our December 2022 issue and Newsletter into the national Nick Vine Hall competition for 2023. The competition has developed a set of criteria over the years and we satisfy all their recommendations. We hope that members will continue to contribute as well as they have been doing as it gives our journal an essential range of contributions which is one of the criteria for the Nick Vine Hall Award. We are very hopeful and have been successful on three earlier occasions. We won last time we entered. More information about Nick Vine Hall and a link to the entry form and criteria may be found on the link.

<https://www.affho.org/index.php/awards/nick-vine-hall#:~:text=The%20Nick%20Vine%20Hall%20Award,honour%20Nick%20Vine%20Hall%20AM>

Sharing the editing responsibilities has settled into a good routine. Noelene Lowes is solely responsible for layout and formatting of the Journal. Even though our Style Sheet and proforma is set, this is a time-consuming and complex role requiring precision and a good understanding of Word. This sharing halves the workload of the editor.

We hope that another Society member can join the eTeam and soon take over the other half of the editor role which I have detailed below. These responsibilities will be put in the next Newsletter together with a copy of the NFHS Style Sheet that was revised in January.

The editor will need to: maintain the editor email and the eTeam Gdrive; ensure that there is enough paper to print the Journal; accept contributions; do an initial proofread; send articles to the two other proof readers (Margaret and Lea); communicate to contributors any queries or additions that might be added to their article; consider and make any corrections suggested by the proof readers; send that corrected article and any provided images to Noelene who will add them to the Journal; in consultation with the eTeam make editorial decisions regarding content to fill gaps in the Journal and coordinate Print Day.

We remain within budget. Postage of the Journal continues to fluctuate. We require about two and a half reams of 80gsm A3 paper for each issue and about 1 and a half reams of 160gsm cover paper 'every other issue'. Stock used to print the March issue was purchased in 2022.

Again I would like to thank the eTeam for sharing the load and contributing regular features and occasional articles to assist in filling each Journal.

Jane Ison for the eTeam (March 2023)