

## **President's Report**

It's wonderful to welcome Springtime with our September Journal full of interesting reading and photographs. I, for one, have certainly enjoyed researching and writing my short article and always look forward with much enthusiasm to reading everyone else's contributions. It is always heart-warming to see the number of stories eagerly submitted by members and friends for each of our quarterly journals. Later in the year our December Journal 'Memories' will celebrate the fact that 2023 is the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Society which was formed in 1983. We continue to go from strength to strength!

This Winter has certainly been much more comfortable in the NFHS rooms with the addition of the air-conditioning. The solar panels allow us to stay warm in Winter and cool in Summer without too many concerns about the cost. Our monthly meetings from June to August have been very well attended with many members appreciative of not having to venture out in the cold night air. Fortunately, the availability of Zoom allows attendance for nighttime meetings for those who would prefer not to venture out, and now, the added bonus of having our very own NFHS YouTube channel allows our monthly guest speakers' presentations to be viewed (or re-visited) at a later date.

**We now have a dedicated NFHS YouTube Channel administered by our IT Manager where you can find recordings of our Monthly Meeting Presentations**

**Check it out here:**

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLa5H54fWfeGSD\\_gGJq\\_EWpjV2pTKV\\_OXoc](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLa5H54fWfeGSD_gGJq_EWpjV2pTKV_OXoc)

The decision to hold a *Christmas in July* this year, together with John and Judith Mulhearn's excellent trivia session, was favourably received by all our members who attended and had a wonderful time. The same is planned for next year. This December we will not hold a monthly meeting but rather gather together for our annual Christmas Lunch on the first Friday of the month. This has now become somewhat of a tradition which everyone looks forward to before we head into the hectic Festive Season.

We have much to look forward to in the last quarter of 2023.

Mel Woodford