

eTeam Quarterly Report to Management June 2024

The June journal, number 246, has been produced and circulated to members. Its theme was 'Medical Matters' and that proved to be so popular that we have had to assign the same theme to another issue – that will be in December this year.

Guest writers have continued to support us well, most recently we've featured articles by Dr John Fluit and honorary member, Frank Maxwell.

John Fluit also supported us by loaning us the medical objects which were on display in the library as part of the quiz in issue 246. While response numbers were disappointing, one new member who submitted a combination of correct and humorous explanations was thrilled to receive a prize (an NFHS badge). Scott Bevan of ABC Radio was told about the objects by an unknown (to us) person. As a result he will interview John Fluit for Scott's 'Things that Make Us' segment on the Saturday Breakfast show.

Additionally, he interviewed Jim MacDougall, Society Librarian, about some of the treasures in our library and the Mechanics Institute itself. This interview went to air on Saturday 15. These are valuable connections to make and valuable publicity, in effect coming from the work of the eTeam so we are rightfully delighted by it.

Feedback on our journals is not often forthcoming from members, but so far this year when it has come, it has been positive! We are also delighted that other societies cite some of our articles for their members' information.

Plans are well underway for journal 247, 'Down t' Pit' with a good number of items being submitted before the official due date. We are particularly pleased that three new writers have submitted to this issue.

The eTeam continues to flourish and enjoy the whole process of producing the Society's journal. Attendance at meetings of course fluctuates but we have about 10 members, all of whom are keen to keep the journal going as successfully as it has in the part.

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