Editorial Committee – annual report for 2017

This year has been another one of significant changes. In March Richenda Milton-Daws was appointed as Editor of the Reader magazine, and in February Peter Clough was appointed as Reviews Editor. We also said goodbye to Alan Wakely, welcoming Andrew Walker in his place, and Susanne Miller as Associate Secretary. For the time being I am continuing as Chair of the Editorial Committee but will be retiring before the end of 2018.

The news from Heather was received in the spring to say that she had finally managed to move to her new house, so that tortuous process did eventually come to a happy conclusion.

Feedback received on the changes we have made to the appearance and content of the magazine has been very positive. In response to many requests we have introduced a Letters Page, and we always welcome your comments even if they do not reach the printed page – please keep them coming, either by letter or email.

As well as welcoming feedback we are constantly looking for new contributors. Articles may be linked to the theme of an issue or on general matters. Forthcoming themes are notified on the Editorial page, and if you need any guidance Richenda will always be willing to help.

The detailed planning of each issue is done by the Editorial sub-group which meets quarterly. We work several months in advance which is why we do not always manage to be as topical as we would like. We hope to gradually improve this over the coming months so that we can better reflect what is happening currently.

I am very grateful to the Editorial team for all their efforts, and to the committee members for their continued support. We also continue to be indebted to Kevin Wild, who is responsible for all matters of production and distribution as well as advertising.

You will be aware that there has been no price increase since 2015 but will not be surprised to hear that our costs have begun to increase significantly in recent months. Regrettably therefore we are proposing to increase the Diocesan subscription rate for the magazine from £6.00 to £6.50 from January 2019. I am sure you will agree this still represents very good value for money.

If you want to contact me about anything to do with the magazine, please do so via chair@cofereadermag.co.uk.

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Chair
CRC Editorial Committee
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