

2017 AGM report from the "West Vet" Editor Mike Jupp.

For those of you who have never tried it I can tell you being an editor can be a lonely job with little, if any, thanks for all the hard work and free time that goes into it. Perhaps in my case that is a reflection upon some of the non-cycling and maybe controversial stuff I have produced but who knows ? I've asked for critical comments but never had any.

As you know from my constant moaning I never have enough copy and have supplemented the spare pages with stuff of my own but as I said in the summer issue have decided to cut back on that. So, it means I'll be relying on you in the future to send me articles otherwise you'll most likely be receiving a smaller journal with fewer pages.

I did consider calling it a day but have decided to carry on for a bit longer in the hope the situation might improve - we'll see !

Whilst talking about articles I would thank all those who have kindly contributed and feel I should particularly thank Keith for his as well as doing the proof reading. Also Ted, Gordon, Ian, Brian B, Bernie, Janet, Pete and especially Dave Miatt and Brian Griffiths for their constant supply of interesting items. At times before receiving them I have sat at home with my head in my hands wondering what on earth to do !

Sadly that was the same problem back in the 90's when previously I was the editor which resulted in two issues being combined on two occasions due to lack of copy. I've managed to avoid that due to all the information that is now available on the internet.

As I have said before I'm happy to have anything and it doesn't need to be cycling – perhaps an interesting hobby with you having retired, such as when Ted Tedaldi briefly mentioned his interest in model boats ?

Once again, I can't sing my praises too highly of our printers "Busy Fingers". Gemma and her colleagues are just as much interested in getting everything right in our journals as I which speaks highly of their professionalism. To add to that they are still charging the same pro rata cost as when we started with them way back 5 years ago with my first Winter 2012/13 issue. (How time flies bye !) They are presently doing the long delayed scanning of our past journals prior to that issue with me having got all my copies together for them.

The West Vet has now been going for over 44 years since April 1973 when Frank Wells started it. I believe it makes our group stand apart from others and I really hope it will continue with all your help.

Of course, if anyone would like to take on the editorship then please let me know for I'll be quite happy to give help and stand aside.