

# POSITION VACANT — May 2020

## Journal Editor (unpaid) - nominate prior to AGM

### EDITORIAL

Families, particularly the children, often count down to anticipated future events by picking off the number of “sleeps” before it takes place. Sometimes the anticipated event is one of joy (for going on a holiday or to a birthday party, for example) but also sometimes an event anticipated with far less enthusiasm (such as going to the dentist). It is a scheme that I have used in my own family for very many years. Indeed, my twin daughters who turn 40 next year use it not only with their own children but also continue to use it with me (when we count down to family visits because they live far away in other countries). For me, the ACKMA AGM in May next year, is an event which causes me to do a count down (but one using different measuring indicia).

As our President notes in his report, he and I are stepping down from our positions at the Annual General Meeting being held in conjunction with the Jenolan Conference. My count down (using Journal editions as the increment) is one tinged with a little regret (but not enough to make me continue).

Two years ago, I agreed to take on this role to support my friend Andy as President for the duration of his term. The time has come, both of us being gentlemen of mature years, for us to step down – hence the job advertisement banner on this page. It is time to pass the baton to another generation.

### One Journal edition, after this one, to go!

This edition of the Journal is anchored by a piece from Steve Bourne about his recent return visit to Mulu. The pictures are spectacular as I have come to expect from him. The second half of his description of the visit will appear in the March 2020 Journal. There are two pieces about technical cave related matters, the first concerning a revision of the IUCN guidelines written by our treasurer, Dave Gillieson, and the second is one concerning education and oxygen isotope information written by Andy Baker.

I have included three pieces about graffiti, a constant curse for site managers. They follow on from an article with a similar theme in the September Journal. Wellington Caves contributes a short note on moving into their upgraded facilities. There are also a series of pieces on a range of other cave related topics – including a whimsical one from Dennis Rebbechi about events long past.

Contributions will now be accepted for the March Journal. At present, I only articles have booked in are the second part of Steve's article about Mulu and some material that I propose to write following my forthcoming visit during the Christmas break to Neolithic cave art sites in France.

**Please don't be shy!**

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