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## EDITORIAL

I am delighted to introduce the 83rd Journal of the Durham County Local History Society. Although we are publishing this Journal a little later than I had hoped, it is a bumper edition in terms of quantity and quality.

The main article is a superb piece of detective work on Durham's three ancient spas, bringing to life a hitherto forgotten subject. In submitting his research for publication, Alan Rose told us that he is not a historian. However, in my view his work is a great example of excellent local history research and I'm thrilled we can put it into print.

George Muirhead has followed up his article in the last Journal with a fascinating piece on Wearside fishermen during the First World War. Win Stokes has also updated some of her previous work, this time focusing on the rather shady business career of Charles Barrett. Finally, Glen Lyndon Dodds introduces us to William Brockie, an important figure in Victorian journalism in South Shields and Sunderland.

I hope to produce the next Journal in Spring 2020 but to achieve this I need to receive articles by the end of January, so that they can be edited and typeset. If you are interested in writing for us please do get in touch. My role is to help get articles published and I am very happy to advise on style and content and to offer editorial suggestions to help articles read more clearly. We need your contributions to carry on publishing the Journal, which makes a unique contribution to the understanding and awareness of our county's history.

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