You will notice that the journal is under new management. We have introduced a few changes such as giving space to the activities of the Oxford University History Society. It is hoped that this will foster closer relations between the Society and the Journal. We have also endeavoured to ensure that the quality of articles, essays and reports published is of an excellent standard.

We worked hard to cover as wide a historical period and as interesting a range of subjects as possible. Quality has been our priority. Unfortunately, this has meant that some articles had to be rejected, but we hope that the authors will consider this setback as part of the learning process and will be encouraged to resubmit their work in the future.

We have finally adopted the style of an on line journal - this means that we shall update the issue with the addition of more articles in the following weeks.

We look forward to your comments and suggestions for how to improve the journal further over the coming months and years.

The next issue will comprise articles based on papers delivered at our first JOUHS colloquium: 'Odd Alliances in History' (Balliol College, 14 March 2009).

Many thanks, and keep reading,

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