

Editorial introduction

As I write this on a so-called ‘summer’s day’, I can’t help wondering where we will be this time next year, with all the problems and uncertainties surrounding us, and I found myself musing on the words of the American journalist and satirist, HL Mencken, ‘For every complex question, there’s a simple solution, - and it’s wrong’. Or as Oscar Wilde wrote, ‘The truth is never pure and rarely simple.’ Mind you, he is also reputed, amongst others, to have written, ‘An expert is an ordinary man *(sic)* away from home.’

Now the question uppermost in my mind is, have I come to the end of my second co-editorship of a parish magazine? Having written a ‘piece’ for all but one edition, I joined Ruth, a consummate professional, as a sort of additional commissioning editor, trying to cajole others into contributing copy. But it is Ruth who has put together each edition single-handed; arranging and collating the received articles with suitable artwork, then dealing with advertisers’ and printers’ deadlines. No mean accomplishment, for one with a fulltime demanding job, a young family, another regular magazine to edit, and all the other activities with which she is involved. No wonder, ‘enough is enough.’

I’m sure you join me in thanking Ruth for all she has done to produce a regular magazine of such high quality. What comes next, I wonder?

Howard Brayton

Co-editor

12th August 2017