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Editorial

This issue is the last one of Volume XXII of *Hobilar*, in what has been a somewhat 'elastic' society year. This means that for many members your membership renewal is now due and you should find a renewal form enclosed. If you are unsure if your membership has lapsed with this issue, you can check the envelope that this magazine came in as that will detail the issue which your membership expires (123-R106 and your number is up!) For those of you who do need to renew, please remember that an early renewal greatly assists the Society from a financial and planning perspective. If you require any assistance then please contact Dave Lanchester at LandSOC@aol.com and he will be more than happy to sort you out.

The end of a volume requires me to conduct my 'Oscar acceptance speech' and thank those individuals who have helped me in the editorial process for *Hobilar*. These are Derek Stone, who has drawn many of the maps that have appeared in the issues of this volume. I should also like to thank my proof-readers Michael Ball and Richard Sisson who have saved my blushes on more than one occasion. Finally I should like to thank everyone who has contributed material over the past Society year ... I just wish there were more of you to thank!

My next end-of-volume task is to announce the award of the Editor's Prize for the best article. Very honourable mentions need to go to both Peter McAllister for his *Jacuarie of 1358, a Brief Military Account* and to Bob Black for his *The Singing of the Spears*. However I have decided to award it to Mike Horah for his *The Treatment in Wargames of the Retinue in a Medieval Army*. I hope this choice will also serve as a reminder to members that sizeable contributions do not require spending many hours with your nose buried in multiple textbooks, but can be wargames related, a subject about which most of us can express an opinion.

This issue is also the specially-themed issue on the Normans. Happily I have received enough material to enable me to produce an entire issue on this subject. Therefore the exercise will be repeated for the forthcoming volume. The new theme will be the 'Scottish and Welsh Wars'. No doubt most members' thoughts will immediately turn to the two Scottish Wars of Independence and the Edwardian conquest of Wales. There is, of course, much more to the conflicts that occurred between the nations that make up the island of Britain, and I am willing to accept submissions ranging from Anglo-Saxon battles with the Welsh and Picts to the rising of Owain Glyndŵr and the bloody field of Flodden. This offers a great range of possibilities, so I hope you will feel suitably inspired.

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