

Editorial Preface

This issue marks the thirteenth edition of *Sporting Traditions*. Far from being an unlucky number this suggests that the journal has survived and that it has catered for a real need. At a time when some scholarly journals are suffering from the decisions of libraries and individuals to prune their subscriptions due to economic necessity, the membership subscriptions to A.S.S.H. have continued to grow, albeit slowly.

Nevertheless, a society such as ours cannot afford complacency. It depends upon the active participation of its membership in bringing the society and its journal to the attention of colleagues and associates and in continuing to contribute the fruits of their research for publication in the journal. With the continued support of our membership we should even be able to test another superstition with our eighty-seventh issue.

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