

## I. Editorial

Welcome to the first volume of the *BHA* for 2009. In this issue we have two significant biographies of British archaeologist one (R. G. Collingwood) who was famous in his own time and another (John Robert Mortimer) whose fame was rather more local. These contributions help remind us that there is still much to learn about the 'great' archaeologists and those whose work (frequently unfairly) has faded from view.

We have our usual contributions from subscribers alerting the readership either to their own work or to recent publications of others, and our regular book review section. In this issue we also have a substantial contribution related to the important AREA Project into the history of European archaeology, a timely discussion of the value of oral history to the history of archaeology, and a report on the activities of the HARN (History of Archaeology Network) that really seems to be taking off.

Let me remind you that the *BHA* website is an excellent place to put material (advertising for upcoming meetings and the like) that won't wait for regular publication in the *BHA*. Our bulletin board is freely accessible. You can also make subscription payments on-line now – in fact we would prefer that you do so from now on. This helps keep our costs (and hence the price of subscriptions) down. Even in these days of financial turmoil the *BHA* remains remarkably good value. So visit our website ([www.archaeologybulletin.org](http://www.archaeologybulletin.org)) and encourage others to do so as well. We are always keen to sign-up new subscribers and are keener to publish your work.

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