



# President's Message

By Ted Cookson



**G**reetings from Hollywood, Florida. I look forward to serving as president of our organization for the next two years. During that period I have three main objectives in mind.

First, I plan to shepherd Bounty-Pitcairn Conference 2012 (BPC 2012) through to a successful conclusion. BPC 2012 will be staged August 19-21, 2012 at the Pitcairn Islands Study Center at Pacific Union College in Angwin, California. I am surprised and very gratified at the response received so far from participants -- presenters, potential attendees, and especially our donors. It is already clear that there is a tremendous amount of interest in the fantastic lineup of speakers that has been assembled. I encourage you to check in at [www.2012BPC.com](http://www.2012BPC.com) from time to time in order to take note of additional speakers and events as they are announced. At this point, out of a dozen presenters in total, we have speaking commitments from three people who plan to travel to BPC 2012 from Pitcairn Island. In addition, one other speaker grew up on the island.

Other speakers have written about Pitcairn and/or are experts in their various Pitcairn-related fields. Combine all that with the premiere of *Dem Tul Pitcairn*, an exciting documentary filmed on the island, and two fascinating Skype Q & A video chats with Pitcairn, and I expect that many of us will be sitting on the edges of our seats for much of the time! In fact, BPC 2012 will be both a fun and a very educational experience.

I encourage those who might want to reserve inexpensive dormitory accommodations to register as soon as possible. As of early September there were fewer than 20 dorm rooms still available, and these will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis to those who pay their \$40 per person registration fee. The registration form is available online. Those without internet access are requested to write to Dr. Herbert Ford, Director of the Pitcairn Islands Study Center, 1 Angwin Avenue, Angwin, CA 94508-9713; fax him at 1-707-965-6504; or telephone him at 1-707-965-6625 or 1-707-965-2047.

The second project on which we have already embarked is the digitization of the entire run of the *Pitcairn Log*

and of many of the fine monographs which PISG has produced over the years. As I write this in early September, scanning of the *Log* has already been completed and only the monographs remain to be done. Currently Vice President Vernon Kisling is busy preparing a comprehensive index. The scans and the accompanying index will be tied together with search software which was developed by John Coyle of Brisbane, Australia for a similar project for the St. Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha Philatelic Society. It is planned to make the PISG publications DVD first available for purchase at BPC 2012.

Third, I want to maintain our organization's good financial standing which has been achieved through the efforts of Immediate Past President Mark Butterline. In fact, this would be an excellent opportunity for me to thank all of our outgoing officers for their hard work and to welcome those new to the board. I enjoyed meeting two new board members, Vice President Vernon Kisling, Jr. and Secretary Ed Morgan, at the PISG board of directors meeting held in Columbus, Ohio on August 12. The other new (actually "returning" is more accurate) board member is Director Ron Edwards whom I look forward to meeting at BPC 2012. Ron hails from Melbourne, Australia and Norfolk Island. The following people with appointed positions have kindly agreed to continue in those positions for another two-year term: Librarian/Archivist Jerry Jensen; APS Representative Vernon Kisling, Jr.; ATA Representative Wendy Niem; and Webmaster Mark Butterline.

I want to thank Steve Pendleton and Marianne Butterline for their excellent service over the past four years as *Pitcairn Log* managing editor and production editor, respectively. Following their recent resignations, Everett Parker has kindly agreed to resume editorship of the *Pitcairn Log*. Everett is already well known to our members as both our longest-serving president (2001-2007) and longest-serving *Log* editor (1984-2007).

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