



President's Message



By Ted Cookson

A “Bounty-Pitcairn Conference 2012 DVD set” consisting of multiple discs has been created at long last for those who would prefer to consume the wealth of information presented in Angwin, California without relying on the internet. With the DVD set, the many video clips can be viewed on a computer or on a television screen via a home DVD player. Full details on content and information on how to purchase this collection are available at www.2012BPC.com/DVD.pdf. This information is also posted on the Pitcairn Islands Study Center website, www.pitcairnstudycenter.org. Those without internet access may contact Herbert Ford, Director, Pitcairn Islands Study Center, Pacific Union College, 1 Angwin Avenue, Angwin, CA 94508. Telephones: 707-965-6625 or 707-965-2047. Fax: 707-965-6504. Email: hford@puc.edu. Sales of BPC 2012 DVD sets are being made exclusively by the Pitcairn Islands Study Center, and all proceeds will accrue to the Study Center. (Alternatively, please visit www.2012BPC.com to view the extensive free video coverage, slide shows and other resources, all of which are expected to remain available online for many years to come.)

PISG members who can lend an hour of their time to help staff our joint society table at St. Louis Stamp Expo should contact Mark Butterline. Mark will supervise our participation at this show featuring British colonies which will be held March 21-23, 2014 at the Renaissance St. Louis Airport Hotel. Mark can be reached at mbutterli@gmail.com or 6 Carbone Circle, Maynard, MA 01754-2046. Experience is not necessary.

A tip of our collective hat goes to Barbara Kuchau for her dedication in penning her regular “Flotsam and Jetsam” column in this publication. I would be remiss if I did not pay tribute to the work done by my predecessor, Immediate Past President Mark Butterline, to balance the annual PISG budget. I would also like to acknowledge the support and participation of our directors-at-large and appointees and the members who volunteered to assist in manning our annual joint table

at StampShow these past two years.

While this additional reflection is one issue early, it should be noted that, with the final issue of 2013, Publications Editor and Past President Dr. Everett Parker will have edited the Pitcairn Log for exactly 25 years, including the last nine issues. By my calculations, as of *Pitcairn Log* Whole Number 161, there will have been a total of 3,492 non-blank pages of the *Log* published since the first four-page issue of September 1973; and at that point Everett will have edited 2,264 or 64.8% of those 3,492 pages. Congratulations one issue in advance and a heartfelt thanks to Publications Editor Dr. Parker for this tremendous accomplishment. I also salute Everett once again for his continuing dedication in operating our society auctions.

This will be my final message for the *Pitcairn Log* as president of our society. As I reflect back on the last two years, I recall the planning and organization that went into Bounty-Pitcairn Conference 2012 and also the many hours spent in digitizing the *Pitcairn Log*, *The UK Log*, and some of the publications of PISG and the Pitcairn and Norfolk Islands Society. I also recall the dedication of our other leadership team members who contributed their personal time to make your society a better organization. I want to thank Vice President Dr. Vernon Kisling, Jr. for his staunch support and always-excellent advice and for compiling his excellent indexes for the *Pitcairn Log* and *The UK Log*. I will be leaving you in Vernon's very capable hands from September 1, 2013. Also, frankly, this society could not have been run without the solid efforts of Treasurer Brad Brunsell and Secretary Ed Morgan.

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January issue: November 1

April issue: February 1

July issue: May 1

October issue: August 1

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I was lucky to have been elected to serve as president of our organization during a time when it made sense to gather for a second Bounty-Pitcairn conference. But our goals in Angwin were only achieved because of the generosity of the many members who contributed to the BPC 2012 fund which in the end exceeded \$2,360. I offer a hearty thanks to Austin Meares and the Pitcairn and Norfolk Islands Society Committee for their large donation in support of that cause; and I want to recognize the outstanding support and generosity of 2012 Bounty Anchor Award winner Herbert Ford, without whose Herculean efforts our very successful conference could not have taken place.

I hope that our leadership team will be remembered for: (a) the Angwin conference; (b) our publications digitization project which included the creation of DVDs containing the complete runs of the *Pitcairn Log* and *The UK Log* as well as online indexes for these publications; and (c) our donations of DVDs containing these two journals to a number of philatelic libraries worldwide. The initial mailing in January

2013 went to 13 philatelic libraries in the U.S. and 12 in Europe; and a second, smaller mailing is anticipated this summer. A complete list of these institutions will be included in an upcoming article in this publication. Another surprisingly difficult project, the writing of a short article about PISG for Wikipedia, the free online encyclopedia, is now well underway. Notice will be given in the *Pitcairn Log* and online at www.pisg.net once the approval of Wikipedia's red-pen-wielding editors has been granted so that the initial stub entry can appear online finally at www.wikipedia.org.

It is with regret we learned that former PISG Director-at-Large Mitch Bunkin of Pipersville, Pennsylvania passed away on April 9, 2013. Our sincere condolences go out to the family. Due to space considerations, a tribute to Mitch will be postponed until the next issue.

It has been a privilege to serve as your president these past two years.

Own *The Pitcairn Log* and *The UK Log* on DVD!

Own the entire run of PISG's *The Pitcairn Log* on a single DVD! The PISG DVD contains all quarterly issues in PDF format from 1973 through October 2011 plus three out-of-print PISG monographs: *Pitcairn Postal History 1914 to 1927* by Wilfred Bloom (1984); *The Pitcairn Islands Radio Station and its Postal History* by Taffy Hook (1992); and *The Pitcairn Anthology* by Everett Parker (1998). Also included are William Volk's 1998 index to the first 100 issues of *The Pitcairn Log* and a bonus monograph, *Pitcairn Island Nineteenth Century Mail*, by Stephen Pendleton (2008).

Similarly, own the entire run of PISG-UK's *The UK Log* on a single DVD! The PISG-UK DVD contains all semi-annual issues in PDF format from 1991 through July 2012 plus two bonus monographs, *Shipwrecked on Pitcairn* by Bob Hearn (2001) and *The Forgotten Bligh* by Madge Darby (2004).

A free installation CD with search software is sent with each DVD. The search software runs on Windows XP, Windows Vista and Windows 7 (both 64-bit and 32-bit). However, the PDFs of all documents can be viewed using Adobe Reader on any operating system.

If you don't own all the interesting back issues, this is your chance to expand your library inexpensively. Or, if you own the old issues but need to downsize, this is an opportunity to shrink your library without forgoing access.

Both DVDs are distributed from the U. S. To order, email LogDVDs@gmail.com or send your check payable to "Pitcairn Islands Study Group" to PISG Treasurer Bradley W. Brunzell, P O Box 12, Milton, MA 02186-0002. If you are a member of the organization(s) whose DVD you want to buy, then the prices for each DVD are as follows: \$15 to USA, \$15.50 to Canada and \$16 to rest of world. If paying via PayPal to LogDVDs@gmail.com, add \$1 for each DVD ordered. Non-members please add \$10 per DVD.

An order form is available at www.pisg.net/dvd.htm and <http://tinyurl.com/cz93e9>. The same form may be used to purchase both DVDs.

