

Editorial

Welcome to the first issue of 2009. This year promises to be an exciting one for the journal with the publication of a vast range of articles and theme issues. Topics covered will include ale ballads, Britain's first pneumatic maltings, the Scandinavian brewing industry and a fascinating case of a family with breweries operating in both England and Australia.

On a sader note, I would like to take this opportunity to mention the unfortunate news of Frank Pike's passing away. We were delighted to publish his wartime

history of Hall and Woodhouse and it was very gratifying to discover that Frank greatly appreciated seeing his work in print. We extend our sympathies to Frank's family. His history of the firm after 1945 will appear in a future issue of *Brewery History*.

As always I am keen to hear from you, the membership, regarding topics which you wish to be covered and, of course, look forward to considering your own articles.

Tim Holt



Jim Mantell, Jeff Sechiari (BHS chairman) and Frank Pike donating copies of his work, 2007.