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EDITOR'S LETTER

Editor's letter

Welcome to the Spring edition of Mass Matters!

If you are wondering what's happened to Becky, our usual editor, she is taking some leave to look after the new addition to her family, a beautiful baby boy. Becky will back for the summer issue. Our best wishes are with the Burnley family.

With the hugely successful Manchester conference behind us, we are now looking forward to this year's meeting in Cambridge. Registration is now open for the 39th BMSS. To whet your appetite, in this issue we have profiled our Robinson lecturer, Professor Kathryn Lilley.

For our annual meeting this year we have seized the opportunity to strengthen our links with other societies. Some of the sessions are being organised and presented in combination with JPAG (Joint Pharmaceutical Analysis Group) and the Reid Bioanalytical Forum. An introduction to JPAG is provided in this issue. Keep an eye on our website for updates.

In an article highlighting the excellent research being undertaken in Cambridge, Anatune report on their interesting work using mass spectrometry to diagnose on Parkinson's disease on the basis of 'smell'.

The John Beynon Conference and Travel Grants have enabled many BMSS members to attend a variety of conferences. Reports of the presentations given by several conference attendees are published here, from meetings as diverse as the European Association for Archaeology in Maastricht to our annual conference in Manchester last year.

We also mark the passing of Professor David Briggs on 9th January 2018. Professor David Briggs was a pioneer in surface chemical analysis by mass spectrometry as well as electron spectroscopy.

Mass Matters is your newsletter. We welcome any suggestions for its direction.

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BMSS Publicity Secretary*



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