

EDITORIAL

This year we bid a reluctant, and early farewell to *Lithics*, handing over to the energetic and capable Wei Chu. Trying to fit in any voluntary activities around work, childcare and an ever-expanding field project is becoming increasingly difficult. Many thanks to all our excellent contributors, and to the reviewers who have helped us out over the last four years.

In this issue, as ever, the handaxe and our treatment of it looms large: Bingham and McNabb take a critical look at inter-analyst variability, whilst Cutler proposes a new method for assessing differences in handaxe planform. Rob Hosfield continues this theme, looking at morphometrical variation in handaxes and flake tools from the renowned site of High Lodge. Our final research paper looks at raw material variability in the Upper Palaeolithic of Romania, with significant implications for local human movement and trade.

The activities of the Lithics Studies Society within and beyond the society are covered in two reports – one of the ever popular Butzer Knapping weekend, and another covering the Vienna ESHE conference, at which many of the Palaeolithic-focussed LSS community were present. Members are advised to keep an eye open for ESHE 2015, to be held in London.

Finally, a plea: Lithics is as nothing without the contributions of its members, and without your submissions, this journal will cease to be – or at the very least, become very thin! Do please contact the new editor, Wei Chu, with your research articles and short notes (lithicseditor@gmail.com): authors guidelines are available on the society webpage at www.lithics.org/lithics/submissions.html.

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