

## **JABA report for 2012 AGM**

The printed JABA has been largely dormant since the last AGM - Lucy Timmer who was elected Editor at last years AGM subsequently found that she was unable to take up the role after all. The Executive felt that the year should not pass without at least one issue and so previous Editor Tim Ford offered to produce a Christmas issue.

However, response to requests for articles and advertising were muted and the feeling was that some of the momentum built up over previous years had been lost. Nonetheless, JABA 34 was published in full colour and delivered at the end of November. It made a modest profit of £171, despite the printing cost rising 35%. However, once again, far too much time has been taken coercing payment from some advertisers, it taking over 2 months to get all payments in.

Although the post of Editor of the printed JABA remains vacant, we have, through the course of the year, developed the JABA 'What's On and News' sheet, which is emailed to those on our mailing list every 2 weeks or so and displayed on the notice board. To develop this, JABA 34 mooted the idea of moving to an online JABA and asked for people to email in if they wanted to subscribe. This produced a very disappointing 5 responses, which were added to the existing email list, now totalling 95. This should be compared to the 2000 printed copies.

The JABA website continues largely as a diary front page and long term archive. It receives a fairly constant 50 or so hits per week, many of them from people who have found Faith Ford's article's on Rotherwas Munitions and Not Forgotten. This has led to some interesting emails from people worldwide, this year connecting descendants of wartime Rotherwas workers with Bill Laws' In Our Age project.

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