



## Editorial

### Thank You, Sue

This Twentieth Anniversary issue of the *Journal of Structural Geology* is dedicated to its Chief Editor from 1985 to 1997, Susan Treagus. As many readers know, Sue devoted a large part of her professional career to the Journal, first as Editor (1981–1984) then as Chief Editor. When Sue joined the editorial team in 1981, with Founding Editor Paul Hancock and Tony Barber, the Journal was a youthful four issues a year. When she succeeded Paul as Chief Editor in 1985, the Journal was in the midst of an expansion that brought it to a mature twelve issues a year by 1993. She turned over the reins to Jim Evans in 1997. This was a real wrench for Sue, after 17 years of constant attention and unparalleled opportunity to correspond with workers in the forefront of structural geology worldwide. She particularly relished the conferences she was able to attend, putting names to faces whilst spreading the word of the Journal and attracting new authors. But she recognized the need for new blood at the Journal, and new enterprises for herself and her family. No more Brevias over breakfast, split infinitives with supper, earth movements in the evening...

Sue's presence and nous as Editor are legendary. She inherited from Paul Hancock a concern for quality of the whole undertaking, an attention to detail and appearance, as well as a fundamental focus on scientific content. But she added her own brand of constant vigilance, to keep the operation running smoothly. She kept a motherly eye on authors, associate editors, production staff and publishers. She combined compassion and firmness in equal measure, applied with an uncommon amount of common sense and a puckish sense of humour. She insisted on fair play—all authors were to be treated equally and none should expect to slip anything past the Editor. At times she was practically fierce. Indeed one of our senior colleagues said, upon meeting diminutive Sue for the first time, "I thought Susan Treagus would be a *large* woman!"

Sue is a large woman in every important way. Being married to a man in the same field and with two young children and a hopeless job situation in Britain, Sue knew when she joined the Journal in 1981 that she would probably never be paid to teach or do research of her own. So instead she has helped all the rest of us along with our research and teaching, by managing and nurturing our principal journal. The happy ending here is that within a short time of giving up her editorial post, Sue was awarded a five-year NERC Senior Research Fellowship. Whilst given on the basis of her research record and potential, the award undoubtedly gives a nod in the direction of Sue's tremendous achievements with and dedication to the Journal. Now she moves a step closer to being the academic personage some of her correspondents have assumed in the past ("Dear Professor Treagus. Thank you for accepting my paper. Please can I be your research student/assistant/visiting Fellow? Can you advise me if a scholarship/salary is available...").

The Journal has been buffeted by change over the years—in production staff, printing processes, artwork suppliers, and ownership. Despite being driven "to distraction" at times (from Sue's own account, this Journal, 1997, p. 1441), Sue maintained close communication with production staff, immediately raising concerns when things showed signs of going awry. She kept a close working relationship with Peter Henn, Senior Publishing Manager (first with Pergamon and then with Elsevier). Peter is in fact the only person to have had a longer association with the Journal than Sue, and he has been an anchor and supporter throughout the storms of change. Despite events Sue maintains admiration for publisher Robert Maxwell, whom she met twice, and without whom the Journal would not have seen the light of day. He called her "my little editor".

Sue, on behalf of a respectful and appreciative structural geology community worldwide, we thank you heartily and wish you well.

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