

## **Geoff Coupe [President]**

I first joined the ISAE in 1969 at an AGM I attended at Hagueley Rd in Birmingham. Top floor of an Hotel, it felt as though I was visiting Parliament in those days with Mr Rasbridge occupying the 3 top chairs. For he was the I S A E. Since that period and solid foundation the Club has moved forward a considerable distance forward both in membership and financial standing and also in the presentation of its Annual Reviews and Events during the Years until the present time.

The Club has always had a very experienced Committee that has worked very well together and has tended to find future officers from within for promotion, thus retaining continuity within the Club to this present time. This is now our Centenary Year 2008 with various special events happening for our membership. Since the formation of the Club there has been highs and no doubt lows, but currently we are on a Big High. In 2002 I was elected as your President following the standing down of Mrs Bryden for personal reasons. This came as quite a shock to me personally as I certainly had no aspirations to this, following in the footsteps of individuals I had always looked up to for the previous four decades.

Yes 6 years on , and I am still here doing my best for the whole membership and I genuinely feel at last I am able to put something back into the Club and lead it on thriving into the 21st Centenary.

This is going to be a great year for you all, highlighted in July at the Centenary Dinner where I hope to meet as many of you all as possible.

Finally a very big thanks to your Committee for all the effort put in to arranging the various events ant to you for supporting them.

