## **EDITORIAL**

The articles in this volume are uncharacteristic of recent issues in that none of them has been orally delivered at recent meetings of the Society. Some of the contributors will be very well known to our readers and all of them deserve to be familiar Northern Studies household names because of their deep interest in northern affairs.

Three of the articles deal with Orkney and Shetland and a fourth takes us to Sweden to pursue the career of Princess Cecilia. We hope that you will find the varied topics stimulating and that you will look forward to reading the second instalment of the article by Ian Morrison and Jim Irvine in Volume 25.

**Doreen Waugh**