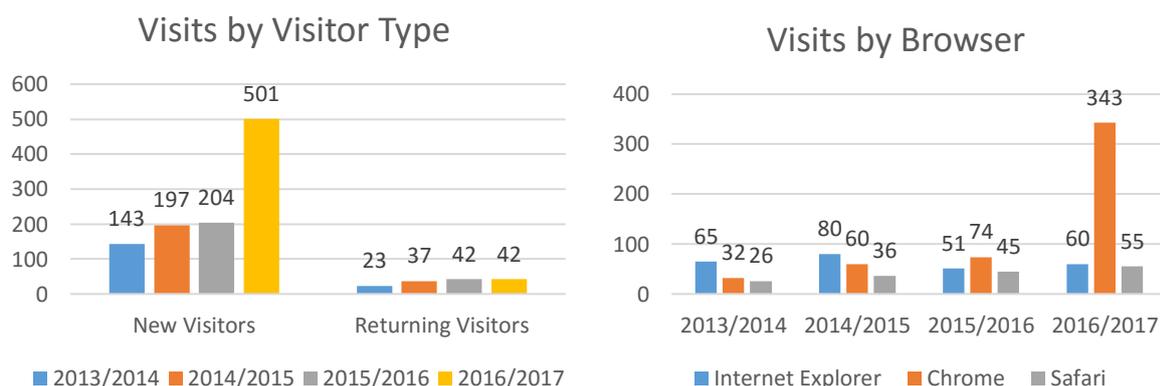# Webmaster's Report

The society website has undergone a complete transformation during the year. The purpose of this was to improve the viewing experience and also make it easier to add new features to the site, also incorporating information which is deemed to be sensitive and should not be available to the general public.

One of these new features is a 'members only' area to the site. To access this each member was allocated a login and temporary password (hopefully you have all changed it to something else known only to yourselves). All passwords held on the database are encrypted so even I am unable to tell you what it is.
Within this area there is a library option where members can interrogate the database to see if the DDPS library has a book they wish to view/borrow. Please note the Library is still incomplete. So far it holds around 425 publications. Still lots to add. David is now estimating that there are around 800 publications.

This years' presidential display, which for the first time was presented using a powerpoint display can be found on the members' articles section. Indeed further articles, thanks to Doug Howkins, are in the pipeline and will be published imminently. As these are added to the website I will place an article on the home page advising you of this change.

Usage of our current website continues to be healthy as can be seen from the graphs below which show that on average our website receives 21 new visitors every month. As you will see there has been a substantial increase in the number of new visitors this year. Hopefully this is as a result of the newly developed website.

The analysis of Browsers used to view the website shows a considerable swing away from Internet Explorer to Google's new browser (Chrome). The new site has already been developed to take this into account and should operate successfully across all browsers.

Finally, I would like to ensure that our website is still an evolving website, so I would ask members to give consideration to any features that they would like to see available on the website and discuss this with me, whereupon I investigate how their request can be fulfilled.

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