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Problem Corner: Farewell to NJL

Nick Lord took over from the late Graham Hoare as the Editor of Problem Corner in July 2003. Graham had, as I said at the time, ‘completed twenty years in harness’. Now Nick himself has decided to retire, having served his time for the same stretch. During this time he has supervised the selection of some 250 tantalising problems submitted by readers of the journal, as well as making apposite comments on solutions.

In 2008, Nick and Graham edited the book ‘*25 years of the Mathematical Gazette Problem Corner*’. A glance at the Index gives some idea of the variety and profundity of the themes explored, ranging from combinatorics, conics and constructions to polynomials, probability and packing problems. In the Editorial to the book, Nick observed that a published solution is never the final word on a problem. This is evident in the insight Nick has always displayed when discussing solutions, and his comments have often involved unexpected insights, impressive refinements and generalisations.

I am sure that Nick will continue to support the Problem Corner by submitting new ideas and solutions, and maybe it will soon be time for a second edition of the compendium.

I am pleased to announce that Chris Starr will be the new Editor of Problem Corner, and know that he will have Nick’s full support this role.

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