

## HELLO FROM SAM BILTON

It is a great honour to be asked to edit this esteemed journal that has been so diligently curated by Tom Jaine over the years (and the Davidsons before him). While I can't promise to offer the same wit as my predecessor, I aim to maintain the integrity of PPC and provide you with stimulating content.



As a brief introduction, I am a food historian and writer, author of three books (two of which are published by Prospect Books) and present the Comfortably Hungry food history podcast. You can find more about me at [sambilton.com](http://sambilton.com).

In this issue Carrie Blough uncovers Hannah Bloomfield's love of puddings. Nader Mehravari continues his exploration of the pomegranate, much loved in Persian cuisine. Regular PPC contributor Blake Perkins offers his re-appraisal of Elizabeth David's *Spices, Salts and Aromatics in the English Kitchen*. Mary-Anne Boermans has been scouring the transcripts available in the Irish National Folklore Collection to decipher the Irish potato dish Boxy. Plus there are details on forthcoming conferences to add to your diaries.

If you have any suggestions for essays or papers you would like to discuss, email me at [sam@prospectbooks.co.uk](mailto:sam@prospectbooks.co.uk). Likewise if you have any news, books or events you would like to share with your fellow readers please get in touch.

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