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INTRODUCTION

Our integrated Journal has been well received and we are delighted to present this latest issue, which we hope represents the wide range of our Society's and members' interests. There has certainly been no shortage on offer of interesting material, not all of which we could accommodate. But the format and size of the publication sets us up well for future issues.

Our databases continue to grow along with access to them; take a look at the Google Earth page in this issue to see how wide that range now is, and how much can be shared and enjoyed on the web. Please keep making your own contributions to that process, vital to its success.

Articles long and short reflect the Journal's function as a place of record. So we publish research on the life of Turnpike Toll Collectors, on London Measuring Points and on various boundary stone series, all fascinating topics. The great success of the Letocetum Stone project celebrating The Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012 is fully recorded here too.

There are some key initiatives and opportunities under way, each one advancing our cause such as improving links with highways agencies (in all their several modern forms), essential for conservation of our roadside heritage. A study of an individual through route is proposed, a format well capable of expansion.

We also report on walks and events around the country and On the Ground projects led or encouraged by Society members. A strong theme is support from others in the community whether local councillors or geocaching enthusiasts – conservation and enjoyment, hand in hand! Please join in with your own support and ideas.

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Cover Picture: *The Bard of Barnsley, Ian McMillan, draws inspiration from an 18th century Guide Stoop at Salendine Nook...*

From 1697, the Justices were charged with erecting Guide Stoops on the moors and where highways crossed, although there was little implementation until the 1730s. This example has a fine gabled top and a benchmark, as well as indicating the way to Huddersfield and Lindley.

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