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### INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the latest issue of our Society’s Journal, this year in an enlarged edition up to 68 pages, our largest so far. In order to maintain the annual sequence, we’ve also retained the 2016 publication date despite going to print early in 2017. Apologies for that slight delay, but we hope the range of material included here will be welcomed by members and all our other readers.

Previous issues have all included some sort of appeal for material, and this one is no exception. We can only work with the material submitted and hope always to reflect the Society’s range of interests, interpreted as broadly as possible within our Aim and Objectives.

The results of research projects, large and small, are always welcome, and one detailed study on a significant historic route is included here. It shows the wealth of information to be gathered by careful study, supporting the range of on-the-ground conservation work which, despite the challenges, continues to be a core remit of Society activity. Thanks to all contributors; feedback is always welcomed too.

This issue marks the completion of John V Nicholls’ outstanding editorial contribution to our publications. John succeeded our founder members Mervyn Benford and Terry Keegan as sole editor of *On the Ground* for five issues from 2006-2010 (numbers Three to Seven), reflecting interests very close to his own in the Society.

Since 2011 he has been both *On the Ground* editor and Production Editor of *Milestones & Waymarkers*, delivering six volumes in that period (volumes Four to Nine), and has done so with a commitment difficult to match. The role of editor in any capacity is always a challenge, and John deserves the considerable thanks of the Society for his efforts and skill. On behalf of the membership, they are offered here now. Enjoy your ‘retirement’, John, and keep writing!

DV and JVN

Cover Photos. Top: The inside arch of The Bell Inn, Stilton, Cambs (formerly Hunts) that somehow missed being added to the Milestone Society’s database. Photo by Mike Bardell.

Bottom left: The restored milepost at Bocking, Essex. See article on page 42. Photo: John V Nicholls.

Bottom right: The St Jean | Trinité parish boundary stone; the most elaborate and attractive of all the boundary stones of Jersey. See article on page 63. Photo: Roger Long.

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