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In October 2007 we celebrated the Fiftieth Anniversary of the foundation of our Society late in 1957. Now we have a similar cause for satisfaction, as the first issue of *Cake & Cockhorse* appeared fifty years ago, in September 1959, as did our first records volume.

The inspiration for its appearance and name was its editor Dr C.F.C. Beeson (distinguished antiquarian horologist and boyhood friend of T.E. Lawrence). Each volume has covered three years, apart from Volume 6, which for format reasons was restricted to two). From Volume Five on there have been three issues a year. Reduction from quarterly issues made a significant difference not only to cost of production and postage but also to the editor’s workload (and the labour of actual despatch: inserting some 300 journals into envelopes, preparing and attaching labels and stamps, all takes time and energy).

That first volume was little more than a duplicated newsletter, but the journal was transformed when Barrie Trinder took over, from 1962 until Summer 1973. Ever since, our editors have striven to maintain the quality and interest he inspired.

As one who has been involved throughout to a greater or lesser degree in production and other aspects, my main regret is that we have only indexed the first six volumes and volumes 14 and 15. However, we have digitised all but the most recent volume (17). These should be available on-line and a form of search by name or subject should now be possible. We expect to publish a piece on using our website and the journal in our next issue, intended for the great many of our readers who are, we suspect, as computer-illiterate and easily confused as is your present editor.

**J.G.**

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