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EDITORIAL NOTE

At a recent Council meeting, it was decided to alter the dating of *Records* with effect from this edition. In recent years, each edition has carried two dates: one the year of publication and the other the year to which the Society's reports related, two years before publication. Thus *Records 39* was dated 1999 (for 1997).

From now onwards, *Records* will carry the date only of publication. For practical reasons, however, the Society's reports will still relate to two years before the publication date.

This edition therefore contains reports for 1998 and to avoid confusion shows the dates 1998–2000 on the cover. The next edition, *Records 41*, will carry only the date of publication 2001 but will carry reports for 1999.

Members will note that this edition is shorter than in recent years but articles are already in hand for next year's edition. All contributions will be gratefully received and carefully considered. Please remember that if you do not have enough material for a full article, the *Notes* section provides a forum in which briefer contributions can be published.