

## EDITORIAL

The seven articles in this issue of the Journal contain much variety in time and place as well as subject matter.

The **Wiveton** theme of the previous issue is continued here with an article on **jettons**, a companion to the earlier one on tokens. The continuing study of metal objects recovered by detectorists in an area close to the Wiveton/Blakeney boundary shows that it is possible to make deductions about what was going on there in medieval times. The author reaches a most interesting conclusion – which the Editor won't reveal here! **Fieldwalking**, with and without a metal detector, has also been carried out by a Member living in **Field Dalling**, not one of the Society's core parishes but still less than four miles from Blakeney. The author has some interesting things to say, not only about his finds but also about the nature of fieldwalking.

A maritime element is bound to surface somewhere and this issue features the 'world premiere' of the recently discovered **trading accounts of the *William & Thomas***, a ship trading mostly between Cley and Newcastle in the early 1700s. For the doings of sailors ashore we have an article on **John Baines, master mariner**, outlining his life story – from 'ag lab' in Lincolnshire to boat owner in Blakeney – and tracing his family which blossomed in the 1800s and then died out (as a surname) in the 1900s.

Then it's back to medieval times to consider the **origin of Blakeney church** and to challenge the conventional view that the chancel was built by the Friars in 1296. The author considers the evidence and comes to somewhat different conclusions – but is he right? Soon after the arrival of the friars came the building of the **Guildhall** in Blakeney. Is there any connection between the two? Who owned this prestigious building? Why is it called the Guildhall? Read on! But you won't get all the answers as much is still unknown. Then another reminder that local history doesn't have to be medieval. An article on **housebuilding in Morston Road, Blakeney**, in relatively recent times shows what can be done by bringing together a variety of sources: maps and documents (if you read them), visual evidence (if you look for it), local knowledge (if you ask relevant questions).

In the Glaven area, as elsewhere, the history of the settlements and the people who built and lived in them can only be pieced together by looking at a great variety of sources and with different questions in mind. Already in the 40 articles presented in the Journal to date, there are linkages to be seen – the same people appearing with different roles in different articles, for instance. The more immediate point, however, is that these articles demonstrate that there is material enough to keep the Glaven Historian going forever – or for so long as there are authors willing to write pieces, and an editor willing to do the necessary. Please note, otherwise .....

Meanwhile, on behalf of the Society, the Editor would like to thank all authors who have contributed to the Journal – and its success – over the past five years.