



This *Flying Fish*, my 58th as editor, marks something of a watershed. My predecessor David Wallis, after whom the Trophy is named (see page 6), founded our Journal in 1964, with a flying fish on the cover but no formal name. The first issue contained 46 pages and was printed in London, even though David worked at the Chaucer Press, a major book publisher near Cambridge.

By the early 1970s – and now displaying the familiar *flying fish* logo on the cover – it was being printed in South Wales near where the Secretary kept his boat. It then moved first to a company in Norfolk and then to one in Hertfordshire, but in the late 1980s Derrick Bettiss, a colleague of David's, started up a small independent printing company and David naturally put some work his friend's way. Thus the past 62 issues, spanning more than 30 years, have been printed by Bungay Printers in Suffolk.

Sadly David died in 1990. He was a brave and stoic man, unwilling to admit how ill he was, with the result that there was no-one on standby to take over. I offered to do one issue (1990/2) on a trial basis, and found that I enjoyed editing members' articles and then laying-out the galleys (strips of printed text) and bromides (final size photos converted into monochrome) on pre-printed layout sheets. Perhaps partly in self-defence, as well as to assist this total novice, Derrick and his team were helpfulness itself and a very special relationship developed.

This continued after Derrick retired and Tony Grimwood joined John Pettit to run the business. By the late 1990s I was seeking their advice about creating the *Fish* on computer, soon followed by the challenge of colour photos. Even now it would be rare for an issue to go to press without several phone calls. Although I'm sure our new printers will be

fine, I shall really miss working with Tony and John – thank you both for your help and support over so many years! Anne, Editor

Tony does the techie side...

... while John runs the machines



Back to the future, and the **DEADLINE** for submissions for *Flying Fish* 2019/2 is **Tuesday 1st October**, though I'd appreciate receiving your articles and photos several weeks earlier if possible.

