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EDITORIAL

Christopher Daniel MBE

BSS members who regularly read the Queen's Birthday Honours List will have noticed that our President, and former Chairman for many years, was awarded an MBE this year. (For those overseas members not familiar with the UK honours system, this slightly archaic award denotes a Member of the British Empire.) The official citation was that it was awarded "For services to the history of marine navigation, timekeeping and sundials" but we know that it is the last of these, for dialling, that is the most important.

It seems that the press also thought that the sundialling aspect was significant as the poster in the picture (not faked!) makes clear. It is a shame that the newspaper in question was the Faversham Times, not the London one, but no matter.

We all offer Chris our sincere congratulations on the award, in recognition of all his work over many years to further a field close to all our hearts. We trust he will wear it with pride at all formal BSS occasions.

One of the reasons that the nomination was successful was the numerous letters of support that were sent, not just by UK worthies in the museum and academic worlds but also by sundial societies worldwide. We are grateful to them all!

