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### EDITORIAL

#### Most Enjoyed Article Award 2012

I am delighted to announce that the winner of this award is Peter Kunath, for his article on the Henry Moore sundial 'Lost and Found. The long journey of an unusual sundial' in the December issue, 24(iv). Peter is definitely to be congratulated, particularly as he is a non-native English speaker. Most of the votes for the competition were collected at the Edinburgh conference but some readers who didn't attend sent me their inputs beforehand.

A very close second behind Peter was Dennis Cowan for his series of articles 'In the Footsteps of Thomas Ross'. Here, I took the votes for the various parts of the (ongoing) series together as this is the way some of the votes came in. Votes for some of Dennis's other articles, which also featured, were counted separately.

In third place was the 'Mosque of the Sun II: Crown of Doha' by Sara Shafiei and Ben Cowd. This was rather an unusual article by non-member authors so it was pleasing to see it so well received.

It would be invidious for the authors to give a full listing but suffice to say that most of our regular writers featured, some more than once, and that a total of 31 different articles received at least one vote. The range of topics was very wide with historical dials and modern ones, constructional items, visit reports, and sun-compasses and others, all attracting some supporters.

One thing which was noticeable was the high level of interest in the shorter items, sometimes used as fillers between the 'blockbuster' articles. The average length of articles picked was 2.76 pages and none of them had any equations! One piece of only a quarter of a page got a vote! Whilst it would be very hard work to fill the *Bulletin* with articles like this, it is good to see that the effort of filling small spaces is worthwhile. And, never fear, we will continue to publish 'serious' articles which will stand the test of time, advance the understanding gnomonics and enhance the standing and authority of the Society – as long, that is, as authors contribute them!