

The British Society for the Turin Shroud Newsletter

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Back in late 1995, after I became convinced that the Shroud of Turin was authentic and started designing and building www.shroud.com, one of the first things I did was subscribe to the BSTS Newsletter. At the time, it was one of the very few periodicals available that was totally devoted to Shroud studies since Dorothy Crispino had stopped publication of her excellent, peer reviewed journal, *Shroud Spectrum International*, in 1993. The BSTS Newsletter became a critically important publication that served to keep everyone up-to-date and bind together most researchers participating in Sindonology worldwide.

Sadly, I had not been a subscriber to the first 42 issues of the BSTS Newsletter as I had stepped away from Shroud research for many years to pursue my own photographic and video production career. Ian Wilson was the editor of the newsletter at the time and we quickly agreed that I would reprint each new issue on the website, thus making it available to a much broader global audience via the internet.

So the first issue we reprinted on the website was #43, June/July 1996, and it was published in html format, along with all issues up to #48. In issue #49, June 1999, we switched over to Acrobat pdf format files and continue using that format today.

In 2011, Australian BSTS member Stephen E. Jones voluntarily began the enormous task of scanning and optical character recognition of all the back issues of the newsletter, along with great assistance from former newsletter editor Ian Wilson. As I write this, the [British Society for the Turin Shroud](#) page of our site now includes every issue back to #35, August/September 1993, and I have the scanned materials for issues #34 to #16 waiting patiently in my mailbox for inclusion online. (Stephen is much faster than I am)! Our goal is to have the complete archive of every issue of the BSTS Newsletter online by our 17th anniversary update on January 21, 2013.

Also, another friend of shroud.com has recently converted the six html issues (#43 to #48) to document files so we can eventually have the entire archive available in the pdf format. Of course, the six html page versions will be retained since many have been used as references in dozens of papers and articles over the past 16 years, so all the existing links will remain the same and we will just add new ones.

STERA, Inc. is very proud to play a small part in making this important archive of Shroud information available freely to the general public. Reading through the back issues provides a detailed and fascinating history of Shroud research in the 20th and 21st centuries. Enjoy!