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I was talking on the telephone to one of our readers—unfortunately I can't remember who—and he suggested that it might be a good idea to put together a price-guide to clocks based on the clocks

which had been featured in 'Under the Hammer' for the previous year. I was busy at the time and filed the idea somewhere in the deep recesses of what passes for a brain, to bring out and look at later on.

You can probably see where this is going. The more I thought about this man's suggestion the more it seemed like a good idea. While the clocks featured in such a guide would, for the most part at least, have appeared in the magazine during the past year, such a guide would bring them all together in one place.

We could devote a section to, say, longcase clocks, another to carriage clocks, dial clocks, bracket clocks, skeleton clocks and so on. If we printed it, like our other guides, in A5 format, readers would have a handy pocketbook they could take around to the auctions or salerooms so that they would be able to compare prices asked for with prices which had actually been achieved.

It's two years now since we published the last addition to our stable of horological guides, *AMERICAN CLOCKS AN INTRODUCTION* by Tom Spittler. Perhaps now would be a good time to publish another? The more we thought about it, the more we discussed it, the better the idea seemed. So we decided to go ahead with it.

At time of writing, the new guide is still in preparation. But by the time you receive your next magazine it will be available. As it will only be relevant for a year or so—prices fluctuate quite quickly—the number of these price-guides we will be printing will be strictly limited. We are taking orders now, so if you are interested feel free to order it in advance.

Also, we are planning a major readership survey, something we haven't done for many years. Subscribers will receive the survey form with their renewal requests. We would like everyone to fill it in and send it back. Others will shortly be able to fill in the form at our website. We'd like to hear from you!

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