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Welcome to the January 2018 issue of *SpaceFlight*, the first of a new design with more pages and a distinctive style that's in keeping with the progressive aspirations of the British Interplanetary Society - the world's longest-running organisation for space advocacy.

Thanks and gratitude go to professional designer Andrée Wilson* who has developed a style that is a great improvement on the previous look of the magazine, and to Martin Preston, who has spent a lifetime in design, editing and publishing, and is now the custodian of putting those ideas into practice. We welcome him aboard and thank both for their impressive contributions.

As we look to an exciting space year ahead with lots of events and activities to record, I am proud of the content provided by our contributors, and of the hardworking staff and volunteers at the BIS who do so much, frequently with few bouquets (and the odd unwarranted brickbat!), to advance the Society and to support your monthly magazine - our "new" *SpaceFlight*.

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