



The Sabine Baring-Gould Appreciation Society

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LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Dear SBGAS Member

This has been another good year for the fans of Sabine Baring-Gould, having seen the launch of the complete collection of his folk song manuscripts on-line, the publication of some fascinating articles on his life in later years by Ron Wawman, and the first performance in a century of the composition by Gustav Holst based on folk songs from *Songs of the West*, to mention a few highlights

We have also enjoyed an excellent annual meeting on Mersea Island, which you can read about in this issue of the SBGAS Newsletter. We are very grateful to Ray and Shirley Scott who organised the event – and managed to provide us with some stunning weather.

There was less happy news at the AGM about our finances. Our sole income is from member subscriptions and the number of members has fallen in recent years. There are also some members who have not paid their subscriptions. We have, as a result and with some reluctance, had to increase the subscription for the year 2011-12 to ensure that we stay solvent. This is not, however, going to result in future financial security. We need urgently to recruit new members. I would like to ask you to do your best to encourage someone you know to join – if everyone were able to do this then we could avoid the need to increase the subscription again for several years. Details and application forms can be found on our website – www.sbgas.org

We plan to return to Devon for our Annual Meeting in 2012. The dates will be 12-14 October. We are starting work on the programme for the weekend and we hope that we will see you there. Meanwhile may I wish you all the best for the coming year

Yours sincerely

Martin Graebe