

Editorial (Newsletter No 41, Feb 2003)

Dear Members

There has been an exciting development concerning Sabine's trusty Dog-cart which has recently been auctioned. There was a real danger that Sabine's trusty and re-furbished personal transport may have gone to other serious bidders but fortunately local support was quick off the mark and a bold decision by President Mario! enabled Sue Murray to make a successful bid for the item on behalf of the Baring-Gould Corporation. Grateful thanks to all concerned.

This issue features another article by Martin Graebe, who once again shares with us his considerable knowledge of Sabine's musical interests this time with an article on Sabine's co-collector Frederick Bussell. David Shacklock has also been busy promoting Sabine's work in an important literary publication and Sybil Tope reviews Margery of Quether. Christine Wrigglesworth also updates us on the development of computer links between junior schools Devon & Yorkshire.

From the one and only (positive) response to my comments in the last editorial concerning the future of hymn Onward Christian Soldiers I reluctantly accept that most members are satisfied to leave the future of the hymn to posterity.

The time has now come for me to say farewell as Editor and pass you over into the talented hands of Becky Smith whom I introduced in the previous issue. Before doing so I must pay tribute to my predecessor David Shacklock who carried the standard for an amazing eight years and really made it so very easy for me to follow. Thanks David. Also to our officials Sybil Tope, Roger Bristow, Martin Graebe, Ray Scott and others who kept me up to date with relevant information and articles of their own. Thanks also to those who submitted occasional articles and interesting tit-bits without which no editor can survive - please keep them coming, and of course to all who support SBGAS and really make the production of the Newsletter so worthwhile.

My final thanks goes to Sylvia for keeping me plied with coffee while sitting at my computer and we both look forward to renewing old friendships and making new ones at next month's AGM

Farewell.

Keith Lister.

From your next Editor:

Might I just add a note to say that this issue of the Newsletter is a joint effort between Keith and me. I look forward to the challenge of following Keith's impressive productions, and shall of course be importuning the Membership for material to fill future pages. Please post all contributions, to the address on the facing page, by 24th January 2000. My e-mail address is for enquiries, suggestions, etc. Actual copy should arrive by snail, please - or the Royal Mail if you prefer.

Becky Smith