

EDITORIAL

In a recent letter our Hon. Treasurer was "thinking aloud: what *are* the average member's B-G interests? Family, books, songs, house and church?" I could not answer that question, nor do I believe that there is such a person as an average member - though the musing above was in relation to our Hon. Secretary's idea of a 'Walkabout' (with cars!) of sites connected with some of SBG's novels, ending up at Lew Trenchard with a folksong session with the Wren Trust. A great idea! Similar events could be arranged in other parts of the country - the East and the South have yet to hold 'Gatherings', but would they attract enough members to make them viable? By the time you receive this there may be a more definite proposal for this year.

Reverting to the original question of interests - it is hoped that while most members will have some particular enthusiasm (and will be prepared to share that in material for the newsletter or contribution to an annual event), all will benefit from the presentation of other aspects of SBG's life and connected items, and some will be stimulated to set out on research and fact finding in areas they have not previously delved into. The possibilities are almost endless.

In this issue we devote the centre section to Keith Lister's Yorkshire piece and welcome Sophie Dupré's excerpt from her catalogue, under the title 'The Susannah Warren Correspondence'. The items are still for sale if anyone has a long enough purse - and she is not making anything on them!

The British Library is now taking an interest in our newsletter and claiming the right to receive all back issues! Have we a lawyer in the house? - or anyone out there prepared to take on the role of Editor?! Computer literacy might be an advantage for the late 1990s.

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