

EDITORIAL

Dear Members

I hope you have been able to make the best of our strange summer weather and perhaps get away for a while to re-charge the batteries. If you can spare an extra day or so to attend the October 'meet' at East Mersea it would be nice to see you there to enjoy the programme and the fellowship.

In this newsletter I have given an update on what is happening on the Internet so far as SBG is concerned. I hope you may take up the invitation just to see what is going on, not only in our Society but also in other Societies affiliated to the Alliance of Literary Societies of which we are members.

Thanks for a variety of contributions to this newsletter including an article entitled "Buying a wife" by Shirley Frise. Please keep them coming. Member Martin Graebe continues to develop our knowledge of SBG's music and Harold Kirk-Smith has now had his recent Biography of SBG issued in paperback. Not to be left out, I take this opportunity to inform you that my own biographical version of SBG's life is progressing quite well. I am, of course particularly interested in any matters relating to SBG's and Grace's time here in Yorkshire.

In recent weeks there has been several requests for back numbers of the newsletter, including whole sets which is a healthy sign. However, now that most 'spares' have been exhausted there is a need to assess demand before embarking on an expensive and time-consuming exercise to re-produce and dispatch them. If you require any complete/part sets or individual copies, please let me have your

request by 1st November 1998 so they can be added to the list of those who have already ordered. At this stage it looks as though the cost of re-production will be around £2 per copy.

Should you have any items for the AGM on 17 October please send them to our Hon. Secretary Roger Bristow as soon as possible.

As I speak preparations are going ahead for our forthcoming visit to East Mersea where it will be nice meeting old and new members. A full report will be available for next issue in February.

In the meantime, Sylvia and myself send you our early seasonal greetings for Christmas and the New Year.

Keith