

EDITORIAL

Dear Members

There has been a host of activities since the last newsletter representing a lot of hard work both by members of SBGAS and other interest groups.

By the time you received the last newsletter, several energetic members of SBGAS had already participated in the very successful 3rd Annual Michaelmas Walk. This was followed by a musical evening/barbecue in the Dower House with entertainment by the Wren Trust and members of Red Spider Company.

Our main event was the Mehalah weekend Meet/AGM on 17/ 18 October arranged by Roger Bristow and Jim Sunnocks in conjunction with Marianne Jones and her team of cheerful volunteers who worked extremely hard to make the weekend such an outstanding success. Thanks to all concerned, including our host Jennie Pyle. Please see graphic reports from members Ray Scott, David Shacklock, Sybil Tope and AGM minutes by Roger Bristow.

In November the Wren Trust organised an S.B-G Celebration Day that opened with a concert at Lew Trenchard Manor, when President Merriol was presented with a microfiche of songs collected by her Great Grandfather. A Folk Service followed at St Peter's Church led by Rev Geoffrey Ball and the evening concluded with a sing-song at The Royal Exchange.

On the last two Saturdays in January, the Red Spider Company organised a Ceilidh at Bratton Clovelly & Lewdown. The event featured six dramatic sketches of Sabine collecting West Country Folk Songs and enjoyed a full house at both venues.

Looking to the future Roger Bristow has already prepared a very interesting outline programme for 13/14 November 1999 (details within)

Millennium Celebrations are also planned here in Horbury on Sunday 11 June 2000. Members of St.Peter's Church are to reproduce the 1865 Whitsuntide Parade from Horbury Brig featuring Sabine's Onward Christian Soldiers. Watch this space...

K Lister.

The bee and the wasp both build combs, both fly over the same flowers and enjoy the same summer, but one gathers honey and the other emptiness -

S.B-Gould