

Editorial

Hardly a month passes by without fresh evidence that there is far more interest in SBG around the country than readily meets the eye. A letter has just come to light from a Surrey author who has researched the Hindhead Murder of 1786 - the background to SBG's novel *The Broom-Squire*. Investigation produced numerous testimonies to the "truth" of that book.

John Herring is another example of his fiction containing frequent passages in the narrative which are to say the least educational, and not merely descriptive supports for the storyline. This issue features a delightful glimpse of Sunday at Low Trenchard in SBG's time, provided by Irene Widdicombe, the daughter of his halfbrother Arthur. In her 94th year (you would not have guessed it:) she made the journey from Middlesex to be at the Summer Gathering. A further treat from the same pen, or rather typewriter, is in store for Newsletter No. 7. A report of the gathering appears on page 11, and page 2 shows the cover of the order of service held on that occasion. Also this issue contains a chart and brief description of SBG's biographical writings, and a couple of interesting letters.

I have arranged a visit shortly to I-lurstpierpoint College, where SBG taught for 8 years before he was ordained. Besides seeing his 2 murals which are still extant, I hope to unearth a considerable amount of material which he wrote for the school magazine. It may be possible to share this later with members through an occasional "supplement". We might also reproduce his pamphlets on Sheepstor, no longer available at the church, and Shaugh Prior. Finally a warm welcome to the 16 new members Who have joined since the list was published in January and of course to the Society's Committee.

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