

Music & Drama Group

Our new member Dr Ron Wawman sends members information about the activities of the Music and Drama Group who entertained us so well at the Red Spider Event.

If members have any suggestions or wish to help, please contact Ron direct.

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To: The Editor Newsletter Sabine Baring-Gould Appreciation Society

Dear Keith

Following the hugely successful Wren Trust Production in Lewdown of a brilliant dramatic adaptation by Tim Laycock of "Red Spider", members will want to know about further developments.

In response to popular demand February saw a rerun of the play at Bratton Clovelly where of course the action takes place and incidentally where several members of our Company live some in houses mentioned in the novel. We again played to full houses and everyone had a great time.

Perhaps more exciting we have harnessed the local enthusiasm for this project by forming an amateur dramatic and music group based on the villages of Lewdown and Bratton Clovelly and called "Red Spider Company". Members will be pleased to learn that an important aim of the Company is the celebration and promotion of the works of Sabine Baring-Gould. The annual subscription for adult membership is £6, with a rate of £10 for families. There is also a tier of membership known as "Friends of Red Spider Company" who we hope will support us through donations and who will be kept informed of all our activities including our social events which they are welcome to attend.

One of the things we hope to do is to commission further dramatic adaptations of Sabine's novels and produce them locally. We have avidly read several of the Devon based books to find out which would best lend themselves to the sort of production we could put on. We could well be working on a short story suitable for Xmas 99 followed by a full length production along the lines of "Red Spider" in 2000. Watch this space.

This year however we are looking to commission a short series of sketches with linking

narrative featuring episodes from the life and work of the great man. No doubt we will be turning to members of the Appreciation Society, particularly those who live locally for help in the necessary research. The guidance and support of the Society over the next few years will be much appreciated.

We realise we are being ambitious but we will be working closely with wren and will do our best.

Yours sincerely

Ron Wawman

Secretary Red Spider Company.

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