At last! The UKSG administration team is finally back to full strength as a result of the recent appointment of Karen Sadler to the part-time post of Administrator. Karen joins us from a catering company where she gained a great deal of experience in organising events, dealing with people and meeting deadlines so, with the Annual Conference in mind, she was the obvious choice! Karen has an Open University degree in Social Sciences and has been involved with a variety of community organisations. She is continuing in her role as Secretary to the Chalgrove Live Music Festival Committee.

Ally Souster is the Accounts Administrator, who first joined the UKSG in 1993 to help with ‘just about everything’, as she puts it, and, after a break, rejoined in 1998 in her present role.

I took on the role of Business Manager in May this year, having initially joined the UKSG as Administrator in January 1999. The new address for the UKSG is my base. Details have been sent out to all members but please ensure that everyone in your organisation who needs to know (especially your accounts department!) has this information:

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2001 Conference and Exhibition

Back in the mists of July the Committee once again put their heads together to come up with an exciting programme for next year’s Annual Conference at Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh from 2 to 4 April. Full details will be mailed out to members by the end of the year and will be updated on the website.

The Marketing Subcommittee are currently flexing their muscles to oversee the introduction of a new logo for the UKSG, as well as working on enhancements to the website.

The Education Subcommittee have also been hard at it. This is a busy period for UKSG seminars – four in the space of a month – so, if you haven’t booked this time around, the reports in this and the next issue of Serials may fire you with enthusiasm and encourage you attend in future.

UKSG membership

Membership currently stands at 598, of which 214 are overseas members. The membership breaks down by category as follows:

- Agents and booksellers 25
- Electronic aggregators/facilitators 22
- Individuals and consultants 17
- Libraries:
  - academic 246
  - commercial (manufacturing) 40
  - commercial (service) 20
New members:
Field Fisher Waterhouse
Hindawi Publishing Corporation, Egypt

We’ll be on Stand 418, Level 1 at Online 2000, Olympia 5-7 December so please come and visit us.

A quick personal adieu to John Merriman under whose expert guidance my real ale knowledge has come on in leaps and bounds. No doubt John will still be strutting his stuff at many annual conferences to come. It was a pleasure, John.