

RESEARCH AIDS 2 - Discussion lists and ways to ask questions

1) Three general discussion lists, whose content, and value to scholarly research, varies considerably in quality. Newcomers should be aware that unmoderated discussion lists are open and highly democratic, but include a high proportion of messages from people who do not necessarily know what they are talking about, and there is no way of checking their credentials.

- a. The discussion group 'Tradsong' is operated for TSF by **Johnny Adams**. This is a good place to send queries that you want the numerous experts in the TSF to help with. You can also share information with other TSF members and with a wider constituency. Go to: <http://launch.groups.yahoo.com/group/Tradsong/>
- b. Forum for Ballad Scholars: BALLAD-L@LISTSERV.INDIANA.EDU
- c. www.mudcat.org : discussion list allied to the *Digital Tradition* database.

2) Steve Gardham writes an occasional page in the English Folk Dance & Song Society's magazine, *English Dance and Song*, entitled **Songs Under The Microscope**, which is designed for people trying to identify songs from titles or fragments. Contact: Steve Gardham, 35 Sixth Avenue, North Hull Estate, Hull HU6 9PW, England.

3) To ask a question of the Traditional Song Forum members on the members private e-mail list, contact the TSF Secretary, Martin Graebe (martin.graebe@btinternet.com)