

SUSSEX BOTANICAL RECORDING SOCIETY

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Dear Member,

At least 52 Members attended the Annual General Meeting at Staplefield on March 16th. Mr. R. Stern was elected Chairman, giving up his position as Field Convener for West Sussex. Mr. A. Knapp was elected to that vacancy. All other Officers and Committee were re-elected en bloc.

The Treasurer's report showed that subscription income had slightly exceeded expenditure, so with the approx. £150 profit from the Bring and Buy last November there was no need to raise the subscription for 1987, which will remain at £2. However it was proposed and agreed that a similar effort should be made at the Get-together next November, "as there are many things for which money would be useful". This will be on November 15th., details in the next News Letter.

Sussex Plant Atlas

Mr. Donovan has used his computer to prepare a complete list of all additions to the Atlas received by our Recorders to the end of 1985. For a copy apply direct to Mr. P. Donovan, Oakfield, Buxted, Uckfield, Sussex, TN22 4JZ, sending three 17 pence stamps for each copy required. This supercedes the two supplements already supplied.

For Oaten Memorial Walk, Sunday May 25th. details in last News Letter. If you are intending to come and have not already done so, send your name to Mr. A. Hoare before May 19th. (to assist in catering for the tea.)

Genus Rosa

The Author of the B.S.B.I. Rosa reference book for beginners, Rev. A. L. Primavesi, is willing to accept rose specimens for naming. Send a small fruiting spray and a 20cm. length of stem displaying typical spines. Attach reference numbers and keep records as the specimens will not be returned. (Fresh specimens in polythene bags in padded mail bags or small cardboard boxes). The specimens should be collected before the fruit is ripe, and before the sepals fall off. Send with S.A.E. to Rev. A. L. Primavesi, Ratcliffe College, Syston, Leicester, LE7 8SG.

Rosa stylosa Our Recorders are asking for a special effort from mid August to early October 1986 to record Rosa stylosa in Sussex. Send records to Mrs. Briggs or Mrs. Eurt with grid reference, locality, note on the habitat, date, your name, and name of referee if one has been consulted.

Churchyard Survey

Some Sussex churchyards have been satisfactorily recorded, and these may well include most of the known floriferous ones, but there are still many unrecorded in the County. If you would like to help, please write to Mrs. P. Donovan for a list of those near you.

Arable weeds/

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The N.C.C. are requesting 1986 field records of the following arable weeds. If you know any sites for these please write to Mrs. Briggs for recording cards and introductory notes (giving locality to avoid duplication)

Adonis annua	Anthemis arvensis	Euphorbia exigua
Euphorbia platyphylla	Fumaria micrantha	Galeopsis angustifolia
Kicksia elatine	Kicksia spuria	Legousia hybrida
Lithospermum arvensis	Misopates orontium	Myosurus minimus
Papava argemone	Papava hybridum	Petroselinum segetum
Ranunculus arvensis	Ranunculus parviflorus	Scandix pecten-veneris
Silene noctiflora	Stachys arvensis	

Red Data Book Species

The N.C.C. is seeking information about the present status in Sussex of Red Data Book species, and a few other rare species. If you wish to help please write for lists to Lady Rosemary Fitzgerald, Nature Conservancy Council, S.E. England Regional Office, Zealands, Church Street, Wye, Kent, TN25 5BW

A useful Publication

Guide to the Identification of some difficult Groups.
Order from N.C.C. Dept. A. B. Interpretive Branch, Attingham Park, Shrewsbury. SY4 4TW

Yours sincerely

H. W. Moore

(Hon. Sec./Treas.)

(P.S. Please excuse the quality of this letter, our usual Printer is on holiday and I have had to do it myself. K.W. A.)

L hybrida Ch. P. I. Lane
P. segetum Selsey
Scandix — Lavan (Arundham)
Stachys a. Selsey + 1 pip
Papava hybridum } Hayes Down
Euphorbia exigua }
(Euphorbia platyphylla)