SUSSEX BOTANICAL RECORDING SOCIETY

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18, West View Court, Steyne Road, Seaford BN25 1EU. (Seaford 891843)

Dear Member,

This year's Get-together will be held on Saturday, November 15th, at the Staplefield Village Hall, from 10.15 to about 3.30. It will take the same form as last year, with informal reports and discussion in the morning, and Members' slides in the afternoon. As last year, Mrs.Matcham has offered to provide hot soup and potatoes, coffee will be available, but Members should bring any other lunch they require. Tea and biscuits will be served at the end.(Hall on B2114 at TQ277279)

It was agreed at the A.G.M. that we should have stalls as last year. Suggested items are books, plants and drawings (but you are not limited to those). Please mark your donations with price. Please bring slides.

E.C. (Ted) Wallace

The Society lost one of its best-known members when Ted Wallace died after a short illness on July 23rd.

Ted was an exceptionally competent botanist and bryologist, and was well-known throughout Britain, as well as in many other countries. He was a leading light in the B.S.B.I., where he had previously been Recorder for a number of years, and was currently a Vice-President. For many years he was Secretary of the British Bryological Society, and later became President. He was also Chairman of the Surrey Flora Committee.

He led his first botanical meeting at the age of 15 in 1924. This was in Surrey, and for the next 60 years he spent a very large amount of his time in Surrey and Sussex. His knowledge of these counties was unrivalled, and he was responsible for many records of uncommon species. He did many cards for sites.

He will be remembered as a wonderful companion in the field where he was a keen observer right up to his death. For example at this year's A.G.M. he discovered an uncommon moss on the roof of the Staplefield Village Hall.

Above all he was a wonderfully patient guide and teacher. Nothing was too much trouble for him, and he was undoubtedly an inspiration to many budding botanists (and bryologists too) whether young or old.

He served on the committee of the Surrey Flora Society throughout its existence, and was a regular attender at S.B.R.S. meetings, his last one being at Arundel on June 4th.

Gill Barter

We have also lost Gill Barter, she has taken up a position with the N.C.C. in Wales. She has done a lot for us since the Society was formed and we shall greatly miss her. However we wish her every happiness and success in her new job.

Countryside Conference, TOWARDS 2000

I have received a notice of the above which is to be held at the University on Saturday November 8th. (0955 - 1715 hours) run jointly by the University and the Sussex Trust for Nature Conservation. Tickets(£5 including Ploughman's Lunch, and £3 without Lunch) may be obtained from the Administration Officer, Woods Mill, Henfield, Sussex, BN5 9SD, before October 18th. (stamped addressed envelope, please). The purpose of the Conference is "to bring together those interested in Sussex and the S.E. .... and to look at future policy trends and to stimulate greater co-operation among those interested."

Yours sincerely,

K.W.Amoore (Hon.Sec./ Treas.)