

SUSSEX BOTANICAL RECORDING SOCIETY

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18, West View Court,
Steyne Road,
Seaford,
East Sussex BN25 1EU.

Dear Member,

Over 50 members attended our tenth A.G.M. Mrs. Briggs took the Chair. She opened the meeting by giving us the bad news that Mr. Oliver Buckle had just died. She spoke of his great knowledge of the Botany of this area, and of the help he has always given our Society of which he was an Honorary Member.

For the sake of those who could not be present, here is a short account of the A.G.M. The financial statement showed that subscriptions were barely covering administrative expenses, so it was decided to raise the subscription in 1990 to £3 (£4.50. for two at one address). This is the first rise in our ten years of existence. Reports of our activities were given, and Mr. Rich told us how well the BSBI monitoring scheme had been supported. He asked us to concentrate on the other 90% of 10 km. squares ready for a complete updating of the national atlas in the not too distant future. (I have a supply of record forms if you want any). It was decided that this year's Get-together should be on November 4th and there should be a Bring and Buy.

Mrs. Briggs reported on the progress in preparing to print a supplement to the Sussex Plant Atlas, and said what a great help the Booth Museum has been in this, as well as in preparation for publishing a Sussex Atlas of Mosses Liverworts and Lichens (which Mr. Matcham has been surveying for) in 1990. She, therefore, proposed that the Booth Museum should be invited to become an Honorary Member of the Society. This was agreed. The Committee announced that they were co-opting Mr. Matcham because of his work on the bryophytes.

Reporting on Red Data Book Species. Enclosed is a note from Mrs. Briggs and a list of species for which records are required.

Illustrations for the new printed supplement to the Atlas. Transparencies are wanted for these. Enclosed is a list of species, together with instructions for sending them in.

Botanical Sites mentioned in MS note in possession of ACD. A copy of this has come into Mrs. Briggs hands. Its date appears to be around 1867. She thinks it may be of interest to some of our Members, and a copy is being sent out with this letter. If you know what ASPD stands for, or anything further about it she will be pleased to hear from you.

Sending Records to our Recorders. I am again asked to stress that the work of our Recorders is greatly eased if records are sent in in species order as in the atlas (not alphabetically).

West Sussex Records. Mrs. Briggs has moved, and her new address is: 5, Arun Prospect, Pulborough, West Sussex RH20 1AL.

Yours sincerely,

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

President's message

I would like to ask all recorders for help in keeping the records of our rarest Sussex plants updated, particularly those with 3 or less records published in the Sussex Plant Atlas and any Red Data Book species which occur in Sussex. Yearly reports are especially helpful so if you see any of the rare plants, or visit the site and fail to find them a brief report from you is immensely valuable and will be received with thanks by Preda Purr and myself. If possible report date, site reference, name of recorder, number of plants/flowering plants and, if appropriate, a word or two on the general state of the habitat.

Red Data Book species

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| Lonicera xylosteum | Pupleurum baldense |
| (Crepis foetida) | Campanula rapunculus |
| Filago pyramidalis | (Genista pilosa) |
| Damasonium alisma | Seseli libanotis |
| Ophrys sphegodes | (Chenopodium vulvaria) |
| Himantoglossum hircinum | (Mentha pulegium) |
| Leerzia oryzoides | (Centaurium scilloides) |
| Phyteuma spicatum | Valerianella rimosa |
| Althaea hirsuta | Pulicaria vulgaris |
| Lythrum hyssopifolia | Filago lutescens |
| Petrorhagia nanteuillii | Trifolium stellatum |
| Lobelia urens | Teucrium chamaedrys |
| Lactuca saligna | |

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Enclosure in News Letter no.29. March 1989.

Gentiana pneumonanthe
Stellaria palustris
Lycopodiella inundata
Dryopteris aemula
Trifolium stellatum
Papaver hybridum
Sorbus torminalis
Seseli libanotis
Monotropa hypopitys
Kickxia spuria
Ruscus aculeatus
Epipactis purpurata
Spiranthes spiralis
Moenchia erecta
Silene noctiflora
Petrorhagia manteuillii
Filago vulgaris

Geum x intermedia
Drosera intermedia
Euphorbia coralloides
Frankenia laevis
Sium latifolium
Prunella laciniata
Verbascum lychnitis
Utricularia australis
Lonicera xylosteum
Lobelia urens
Inula crithmoides
Senecio integrifolius
Leersia oryzoides
Phyteuma spicatum
Phyteuma orbiculare
Carex pseudocyperus
Lythrum hyssopifolia

For use in the forthcoming supplement to the Sussex Plant Atlas.

If you have transparencies of any of these plants suitable for printing please send them to:

Mrs. Mary Briggs M.B.E.
9 Arun Prospect
Pulborough
West Sussex RH20 1AL

to arrive on April 5th or during the following week.

Please mark each slide clearly with your name, and enclose your address, and the slides will be returned to you.