

SUSSEX BOTANICAL RECORDING SOCIETY

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Dear Member,

The Autumn Get-together is to be held on Saturday November 9th 1985 at the Village Hall, Staplefield (on B2114, Handcross to Cookfield Road, TQ277279) from 11.00 a.m. to about 3.30 p.m. The programme will be as last year, with reports and discussions of the Summer's work in the morning, and a slide session in the afternoon, for which Members are invited to bring slides (as many as possible of which will be shown). Coffee will be provided, but Members should bring their lunch. There will be tea and biscuits at the end.

Bring and Buy Stall. Members will remember that, instead of increasing the subscription for 1986, it was decided at the A.G.M. to have a stall at the Get-together. Books and plants were suggested as particularly suitable, but other items will also be welcome.

1985 Plant Records. This year's information may be brought to our Recorders at this meeting, or should be sent to them not later than that date.

Old Meadows in Sussex. I have received the following letter from Mr.Ian Deans, Director of the Sussex Trust for Nature Conservation ...

"The Trust is seeking information on old meadows on neutral soils in the Sussex Weald. Despite attempts by the Nature Conservancy Council in the late 1970's information on this important type of habitat in Sussex is still woefully inadequate. New sites are discovered from time to time, but we still have an incomplete picture of where our old meadows are and of which sites are the more interesting, or under some sort of threat. More importantly we still do not have any old meadow nature reserve in Sussex, something which the Sussex Trust is keen to see.

"Members of the SBRS may know of old meadows or, even better, have species lists for them. All such records would be very useful in filling in the gaps in our knowledge. They might even help in the setting up of an old meadow reserve."

Mr.Deans includes a list of typical plants which may be considered as "indicators", copies of which will be available at the Get-together (or I can send you the list if you apply for it). Send suggestions to me, or direct to Mr.Deans at Woodsmill, with details of the site (owner, grid reference etc.) and records with date of recording. Perhaps this topic can be discussed at the Get-together.

Membership List. A list of Members as at August 1985 is now available, and I will send one on request.

Yours sincerely,

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