

# **LITTLE COMMON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

## **MONTHLY NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2011**

### **Happy New Year!**

To all our members as we settle back to think about our forthcoming gardening year which should provide a challenge after the bitterly cold winter suffered so far, and with some forecasts predicting even colder weather to come in the next couple of months.

### **In Sympathy**

We are very sad to report that over the Christmas period Beryl Brand, lost her husband, Harry, who had been suffering increasing ill health over the last few years. Beryl has been actively involved with the Society for over 38 years, and Harry played a very active part in the early days, and although not present at meetings or events in the latter years remained loyal and supported her in her role as President of the Society. Our thoughts are with her and her family at this time.

### **Annual Subscription**

Your membership subscription is now due. Thanks to all those members who have supported our Coffee Mornings and fund-raising efforts over the last year, which has helped us to retain the fee at £3.00 per annum [plus (until March 2011 when there will be an increase) £2.00 Community Centre renewal, unless you pay this through another club]. To comply with Health & Safety Regulations you must show your membership card and sign in at all monthly meetings. If you cannot produce your card a £1.00 entry fee will be charged, with funds raised going towards the costs of speakers.

### **Visiting Speaker**

A warm welcome to our speaker this month, Michael Blencowe, whose role within Sussex Butterfly Conservation is Vice-Chairman and Conservation Officer for East Sussex. His talk is entitled "From a Lepidopterist's Notebook: The Butterflies and Moths of Sussex. I am sure we will all have a very enjoyable evening on 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **Snowdrops in Sussex**

Nick & Jane Baker, the owners of Pembury House in Clayton, are once again opening their garden in February – 36 members went with the Society in 2010, and despite bleak conditions enjoyed the day. Although we are not organising an official outing in 2011 details of the venue can be obtained from our Secretary, Pat, if you wish to go along. Opening dates are 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> February between 11.00 am. – 4.00pm.

### **Annual General Meeting**

Please remember next month is the AGM and, with several of the current committee not standing for re-election, we do need members to step forward to help with the running of the Society and to bring fresh ideas to the table. Any current committee member will be happy to tell you more about what is involved.

### **Rotas 2011**

Please help by offering to give a hand with tidying away the chairs and tables at the hall at the end of each monthly meeting and/or helping in the kitchen with teas and coffees during the interval at meetings (speak to Joan Moss)