

British Bryological Society

President: E.C.Wallace

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1. Future meetings of the Society

(a) Summer meeting 1973 Ravenglass, Cumberland, 1-8 September

Local Secretary: Dr A.D.Horrill
The Nature Conservancy
Merlewood Research Station
GRANGE-OVER-SANDS
Lancs

Accommodation: Headquarters hotel:

Pennington Arms Hotel
RAVENGLASS
Cumberland (£2.20 per night or £2.00 per night
for 7 nights, B&B)

George IV Inn
ESKDALE
Cumberland (£2.00 per night, B&B)

Bower House Inn
ESKDALE
Cumberland (from £2.70 per night, B&B)

Mrs S.Turnbull
Brook House
Boot
ESKDALE
Cumberland (£1.65 B&B and dinner, or £17.50
for 7 nights)

Most of the above charges are liable to an extra
10% V.A.T.

Bookings: Please make your bookings direct, but when these are
confirmed contact the local secretary in order to be
sent a detailed programme.

(b) Autumn paper-reading meeting and A.G.M. 1973: Keele, Stafford-
shire, 20-21 October 1973

Local Secretary not yet appointed, so members wishing to obtain
any advance information should contact the Meetings Secretary,
Dr G.C.S.Clarke, Department of Botany, British Museum (Nat.Hist.),
Cromwell Road, LONDON S.W.7.

(c) Easter field meeting 1974: location not yet decided

(d) Summer field meeting 1974: location not yet decided

It should be noted that it is planned to hold one of the two
meetings in 1974 on the Continent, possibly in southern France or
in Scandinavia.

2. Other field meetings

Scottish Field Studies Association: Autumn bryophyte course at Kindrogan, 12-19 September 1973

A course on the mosses and liverworts of the Kindrogan area. This is intended for all who are interested, and although some previous experience with bryophytes would be an advantage, it is by no means essential.

Our member, Mr Brian S. Brookes, who is Warden at Kindrogan, can supply the programme of courses at the Centre for 1973, but individual adults and small groups are welcome at any time either as participants on advertised courses or independently.

Address enquiries to:

Kindrogan Field Centre, Enochdhu, BLAIRGOWRIE, Perthshire

3. Request for records of selected species

The mapping secretary, Dr A.J.E. Smith (School of Plant Biology, University College of North Wales, BANGOR, Caerns) would be grateful for records of the following species:

Antitrichia curtispindula

Ptilium crista-castrensis

Campylopus polytrichoides

Campylopus introflexus

Information on frequency and whether or not in fruit for C. introflexus would be much appreciated.

4. Recording in Wales

The Working Group for Biological Recording in Wales, formed following a Biological Recording Conference held in the National Museum of Wales in May 1971, is sponsoring field meetings to encourage more vigorous efforts in recording the flora and fauna of the less well-covered areas of Wales. So far two weekends have been held, in Radnorshire and Denbighshire, in which were recorded vascular plants, fungi, lichens and bryophytes, as well as vertebrates and invertebrates. A future meeting in June 1973 in Montgomeryshire is planned. It is hoped that these meetings will be supported by Natural History Societies, Naturalists' Trusts and national societies. Members of the British Bryological Society are invited to attend these meetings, and it is emphasised that enthusiastic amateurs are welcome.

The Departments of Botany and Zoology at the National Museum of Wales are compiling an index of biological recorders in Wales. It is hoped to include not only the official recorders of the various specialist societies but also anyone actively engaged or interested in recording who would be willing to help the recorders, assist visiting botanists, suggest localities for field meetings, etc.

Anyone able and willing to have their name included in this index, or who requires further information about field meetings, is requested to contact the Keeper of Botany, National Museum of Wales, CARDIFF CF1 3NP.

5. B.B.S. Distribution Maps Scheme

B.B.S. members are urged to continue to participate in the Society's mapping scheme. Whilst it is true that many of the rarer (and so, to some, more interesting) species have now been covered, many of the commoner species still await comprehensive recording. In addition, many of the 10 km grid squares are also very under studied (see for example the situation map in Trans.B.B.S., vol.6, part 2, p.331).

Anyone wishing to help should contact the Mapping Secretary, Dr A.J.E.Smith (at the address given in item 3).

6. European Mapping Scheme

B.B.S. members visiting the Continent (or who have localised collections or records made in former years) may wish to contribute to the mapping of bryophytes in Europe. Enquiries about this scheme (and copies of base maps for recording) should be sent to the Biological Records Centre, The Nature Conservancy, ABBOTS RIPTON, Hunts.

7. B.B.S. Referees

(a) Due to a slip in the last Bulletin, Mrs Appleyard's name was given for genera 98 and 99 (Orthotrichum and Ulotia). The referee for these genera is Dr S.W.Greene, British Antarctic Survey Botanical Section, University of Birmingham, Research Gardens Wint-
erbourne, P.O.Box 363, BIRMINGHAM B15 2TT.

(b) Dr D.F.Chamberlain (Dept of Botany, Royal Botanic Gardens, EDINBURGH 3) has undertaken to referee the genera numbered 35-51 and 53 in the Moss Census Catalogue (formerly covered by the late Mr F.A.Sowter).

(c) Any members requiring complete separatelists of referees, should write to the Secretary.

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