

BRITISH BRYOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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Annual Business Meeting and Field Excursion, Llandrindod Wells,
Radnorshire. April 6th - 13th 1965.

Headquarters for the Meeting - Mostyn Hotel.

(As many members as possible are requested to book at
headquarters, to ensure use of room for our meetings)

Leader and Local Secretary: Dr. A. J. E. Smith

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday, April 10th
at 8.30 pm.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting.
2. Matters arising.
3. Reports from Secretary, Treasurer, Editor and other officers.
4. To elect a Vice-President, Honorary Secretary, Treasurer,
Editor and other officers.
5. To elect two additional members of the Council.*
6. To select place and dates of the Annual General Meeting in
1966.
7. Other meetings in 1965 and 1966.
8. Any other business.

* Mrs. J.W. Fitzgerald and Dr. N.M. Pritchard retire
at end of 1965.

Accommodation at Llandrindod Wells

Mostyn Hotel. 11½ gns per week (8 single, 2 double and 7 twin
bedded rooms). Licensed.

Will members booking accommodation there please
mention the BBS.

Old County Club Hotel. 12 gns per week (22 rooms). Unlicensed.

Metropole Hotel. 16 gns per week (123 rooms). Licensed.

Members proposing to attend this meeting should inform the
Local Secretary, Dr. A.J.E. Smith, Department of Botany, Memorial
Buildings, University College of North Wales, Bangor, Caerns. by
March 13th 1965, and state if they would be prepared to use their
own cars. For members wishing to travel to Llandrindod Wells by
public transport the railway line between Shrewsbury and
Llandrindod Wells was recently reopened from closure.

Localities to be visited on excursions include the Elan Valley,
Water-break-its-Neck and the Aberedw Rocks in Radnorshire and the
Black Mountain in Carmarthenshire.

BBS mapping scheme

Bryophyte record cards are available from the Mapping
Secretary, Dr. A.J.E. Smith at 2/9 per dozen and members interested
in participating in the mapping scheme should contact Dr. Smith
from whom further information may be obtained.

Request for material

Dr. A.J.E. Smith, Department of Botany, Memorial Buildings, University College of North Wales, Bangor, Caerns. wishes to obtain for cytological examination fruiting material of any mosses (other than Mnium hornum) and would be grateful for fresh specimens with fully developed capsules which are still translucent and a bright green colour. Postage will be refunded.

AUTUMN MEETING - ADVANCE NOTICE

Grasmere, 11th - 18th September, 1965.

- Rothay Hotel (Headquarters) Prop. A.M. Dand. Licensed.
Tel. Grasmere 206. Terms 14-14½ gns. 5 single rooms,
the rest double. Riding and pony-trekking available.
- Red Lion Hotel Prop. J. Fawthrop. Licensed. Tel. Grasmere 244.
Terms £18.11.0. to £19.5.0. Private bathrooms (2).
4/5 single and 3/4 double rooms available.
- Dale Lodge Hotel Prop. Mrs. Napier. Unlicensed. Tel. Grasmere 300.
Terms 15-17 gns. Ashley Courtney recommended. Evening
meal 7.0 p.m.
- Prince of Wales Hotel Prop. H. Ingham. Licensed. Tel. Grasmere 344.
Terms £16.2.6. Coach parties booked for 11th - 18th Sept.
but may have limited vacancies.
- Moss Grove Hotel (Guest House) Prop. P.N. Meats. Unlicensed.
Tel. Grasmere 251. Terms £14.3.6. Evening Meal 7.0 p.m.
- Golden Rill Hotel Licensed. Tel. Grasmere 276. Home cooking.
Closed for winter. Judging by appearance terms would be
15-17 gns.
- Oak Bank (Guest House) Unlicensed. Tel. Grasmere 217. Closed for
winter. Terms probably the same as Moss Grove.
- Rothay Bank (Guest House) Unlicensed. Vegetarian, very popular
and recommended. Terms probably as Moss Grove. Closed
for winter.
- Beck Steps (Guest House) Unlicensed. Tel. Grasmere 348.
Closed for winter. Terms probably as Moss Grove.
- Glenthorne (Guest House) Unlicensed. Closed for winter.
Terms probably as Moss Grove.

Youth Hostel in Grasmere: Mrs. Watson, Bed and Breakfast.

All mentioned are close together within easy walking distance, and the majority have good parking accommodation and also garage accommodation. All places are accustomed to providing packed lunches. Booking should be as soon as possible, as most places get booked up very early, some already have September bookings. Any later than Easter would probably be useless.

The Secretary is indebted to Mr. & Mrs. Fitzgerald who have visited Grasmere, and supplied the above information.

There is still time to send parcels of bryophytes for the Annual Exchange, and they may be sent either to Dr. D.H. Dalby, Department of Botany, Imperial College, London, S.W.7. or to the Secretary as soon as possible. Desiderata lists, or any enquiry to the Secretary.

The Annotated lists of British Mosses & Hepatics can be used for marking desiderata.

Notes on preparation of material as N.C.R. vouchers,
or for Distribution.

1. Use clean white paper (NOT newspaper) to make the packet. Avoid using gummed envelopes.
2. Packet size should not be less than $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x 3" even if the species is minute; smaller packets tend to get lost in the folds of larger ones. When the species is very small it can be packeted within the larger packet.
3. Species name, habitat and locality details, and collector's name should be clearly written on the outside flap of the packet. Place names, especially Gaelic and Welsh ones, should be printed. The value of the specimen and the record is increased by having full habitat details.
4. Voucher specimens are preserved in the BBS Herbarium and contributors should, if possible, send a specimen for this purpose.

The attention of new members is drawn to the "Directory of Bryological Research and Research Workers", obtainable from Botany Dept., The University, Birmingham, 15; price 6d. (It was prepared by Dr. S.W. Greeve, who is away in U.S.A.)

The Secretary is leading a Field Day for bryophytes for the London Natural History Society on Saturday, 27th March, 1965 from Woldingham to Oxted in Surrey. Any BBS member will be welcome - meet at Woldingham Station 10.47 am. (10.9 am. from Victoria).

E.C. Wallace

Hon. Secretary.

1st December, 1964.