

BRITISH BRYOLOGICAL SOCIETY

President - J. H. G. Peterken F L S.

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Annual General Meeting and Field Excursion - 1968

Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire, April 3 - 10, 1968

Headquarters: The Swan Hotel, T.H., A.A., R.A.C. Edde Cross Street.  
Inclusive Terms £2.7.6 per day (min. 3 days)  
(10 single & 10 double rooms including the annexe)  
Council and informal meetings will be held here.

Rosswyn Hotel, A.A., R.A.C. D.B. & B. £2.1.0.  
(4 single & 6 double rooms)  
The A.G.M. will be held here, 8.30 p.m., Sat. April 6th.

Royal Hotel, T.H., A.A. & R.A.C. Palace Pound. D.B. & B. from £2.12.6 per day.  
(2 single and 20 double rooms)

Brookfields Guest House, A.A. Overross, Ledbury Road.  
D B & B £1.17.6 per day (3 single & 4 double rooms)

Priory Guest House, A.A., R.A.C. New Street.  
D.B. & B. £1.9.6. per day (1 single & 3 double rooms)

The nearest Youth Hostel is at Welsh Bicknor 7 miles south of Ross (SO 5917).  
A comprehensive list of accommodation can be obtained from the Wydean Tourist Board, Gloucester Road, Ross-on-Wye (Price 6d.).  
(Hotel prices quoted above are for 1967.)

Excursions will probably include the areas around:

- Woolhope (SO 63 etc.) v.c. 36
- The Forest of Dean (SO 60 & 61) v.c. 34
- The Red Daren (SO 2930) and Olchon Valley on the edge of the Black Mountains, v.c. 36
- The Great Doward (limestone) (SO 51) v.c. 36
- Woodlands south of Ross-on-Wye (SO 62 etc.) vc. 36
- East of Mitcheldean (SO 61 etc.) vc 34
- Valleys of the Rivers Wye & Monnow
- O.S. 1" maps nos. 142, 143 & 155.

Further details will be sent to members who inform the Local Secretary (Mrs J. A. Paton, 31, Dobbs Lane, Truro, Cornwall) of their intention to be present at the meeting. Will these members also indicate which days they will be attending the meeting; where they will be staying, and whether they will have a car which they are prepared to use for the excursions.

Annual General Meeting, Saturday April 6th, 1968

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting.
3. Matters arising.
4. To receive reports from Secretary, Treasurer, Editor and other officers.
5. To elect two additional members of the Council (Dr J. H. Dickson and Mr B. Goater retire at the end of 1968).
6. To select place and dates of the Annual General Meeting in 1969.
7. Other meetings in 1969.
8. Any other business.

Nominations for Council should be received by the Secretary by March 1st, 1968.

Summer Meeting in Scotland - August 17 - 31, 1968

The first week will be at Broadford, Isle of Skye, organised by Mr H. J. B. Birks. The second week at Dingwall, East Ross, organised by Miss U. K. Duncan.

Headquarters at Broadford: Dunollie Hotel. Dinner, B. & B. £2.2.0.  
Tel. Broadford 253.

Marine Hotel. Dinner B. & B. £2.8.0.

Mrs J. Macdonald, Blairmore House. 18/6 B.&B. 4 bedrooms.

Mrs. Macmillan, Berabhaigh. 18/6 B.&B. 3 bedrooms.

Mrs. Sutherland, Sea View. 18/6 B & B. 6 bedrooms.

Headquarters at Dingwall, Ross-shire: Royal Hotel. Weekly terms £14.14.0,  
Dinner, B. & B. Informal Meeting 8.45 p.m. August 24th, 1968.

Licensed Hotels:

1. National Hotel, High Street, Dingwall	Dingwall 2166
2. Royal Hotel, High Street, Dingwall	Dingwall 2130
3. Caledonian Hotel, High Street, Dingwall	Dingwall 3186

Boarding Houses (Dingwall area)

1. D. Maclean, Wyvis Hotel, High Street, Dingwall	Dingwall 2128
2. Mrs Shearer, Lochalsh House, Mill Street, Dingwall	Dingwall 3374
3. Mrs MacKibbin, Westwood, Craig Road, Dingwall	Dingwall 2108
4. Mrs Davidson, Lisliard, Craig Road, Dingwall	Dingwall 3174
5. Mrs Leslie, Temperance Hotel, Tulloch Street, Dingwall	Dingwall 3244
6. Mrs Ross, Kincarron, Mill Street, Dingwall	Dingwall 3182

Members wishing to attend either or both weeks and desiring further information should write to Mr H. J. B. Birks, Botany School, Downing Street, Cambridge, or to Miss U. K. Duncan, Parkhill, Arbroath, Angus.

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The Autumn Paper Reading Meeting will be held at the Botany Dept., University College, Cathays Park, Cardiff, on October 26th & 27th 1968.  
Local Secretary: Dr K Benson-Evans, M.Sc., F.L.S.

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The NORDISK BRYOLOGISK FORENING (Nordic Bryological Society) was founded in 1966 and now has about 80 members mainly from Nordic countries i.e. Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden. Meetings are planned to take place in August each year and include excursions, reports and discussions.

The first meeting was held in Sweden in the province of Vastmanland - see Svensk Botanisk Tidskrift 61 (1967) page 311. This past summer the second meeting took place in the maritime part of Norway south of Bergen in the province of Hordaland. For the present, until a publication can be produced, the membership fee is 10 Swedish Crowns per year. Anyone interested in bryology is invited to attend the annual general meetings and to become a member of the society. Correspondence may be addressed to the secretary:

Elsa Nyholm, Riksmuseum, Stockholm 50, Sweden.

There will be a meeting in Jutland, Denmark, June 11 - 16, to which British bryologists will be welcome.

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Hepaticae of North America, Frye & Clark (1937-47), 5 parts. Mrs J. A. Paton (31, Dobbs Lane, Truro, Cornwall) is most anxious to own a copy of this work (now out of print) and would be glad to hear from anyone who knows where a copy can be obtained.

Distribution Maps of Bryophytes in Britain. Reprinted from the Transactions. Standing orders 4d. each plus postage; individual maps 6d. each plus postage. Obtainable from Dr A. J. E. Smith, School of Plant Biology, U.C. North Wales, Memorial Buildings, Bangor, Caernarvonshire.

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British Bryological Society Slide Collection of Bryophytes

A collection of transparencies of mosses and hepatics has been started by the Society. These are available on loan from the librarian.

There are at present some 100 slides available and a list of them may be obtained from the librarian price 6d. Slides may be borrowed under the following conditions:

1. The loan period is 14 days. This may be extended on application provided that no other request for the same slides has been received in the meantime.
2. A fee of 5/- is to be paid on the occasion of each borrowing of slides and the borrower is to pay postage on the slides both ways.
3. In the event of damage or loss to slides a charge of 2/- will be made for each slide so damaged or lost. The borrower will be responsible for the safe packing of the slides on return to the library.

The sub-committee for the slide collection comprises Dr H. L. K. Whitehouse and Mr H. J. B. Birks. Offers of transparencies should be made to Mr H. J. B. Birks Botany School, Downing Street, Cambridge.

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The Flora of Berkshire

H. J. M. Bowen, M.A., D.Phil., 20, Winchester Road, Oxford.

Announcing the publication on May 1st 1968 of a new Flora of Berkshire. Size 7 1/4 x 4 7/8 inches. Approximately 400 pages and 57 pages of maps. Bound in cloth. Full-coloured dust jacket. Price 45/- (or 35/- if ordered before March 1st 1968). The last Flora of Berkshire was published in 1897 and has long since been out of print. The present work lists not only the seed plants, but also the Ferns, Bryophytes (edited by Dr E. W. Jones), Fungi (edited by Dr F. B. Hora) and Lichens, which occur in the county, with localities for the uncommon species. There are chapters on Geology and Soils, Fresh Water Habitats, Climate, Prehistoric Botany, Ecology and Land Use, and Geographical relationships, together with indices of localities and Genera. Finally there are 57 pages of maps showing the distribution of 570 species on a 5 km. x 5 km. grid scale, with an indication of their abundance.

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JOINT FIELD MEETING - B.B.S. and Kent Field Club. Sunday March 3rd, 1968. Meet at General Wolfe's Statue, Westerham, Kent, 11.0 a.m. Green Line Coach Services Nos. 705, 706 serve Westerham. Conducted by Mrs A. G. Side and Mr E. C. Wallace.

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B.B.S. Transactions Volume 4 Part 1.

A reprint is now available, price £3, plus postage and packing 1/-. Orders may be sent to the Librarian.

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Requests by members.

Dr J. G. Hughes, The Dept. of Biological Sciences, University of Aston in Birmingham, Gosta Green, Birmingham, wishes to obtain living sexually fertile plants of Tetraphis pellucida  
Miss M. E. Newton, B.Sc., Botany Dept., Research Gardens, Winterbourne, Birmingham 15, wishes to obtain living fertile material of Mnium undulatum.

Any members able to supply the above, please report.

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## B.B.S. ALBUM OF PHOTOGRAPHS

As many members will know the late Arnold Thompson formed a collection of photographs of bryologists, mostly those who were or are members of the Society. The present Secretary has added to the album and it is brought to some meetings. There are many present active members not represented, so the Secretary appeals for good photos of living members to be sent for inclusion.

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### Mexican Bryophytes.

Our member Dr R. Düll, 7501 Leopoldshafen, Odenwaldstr. 3, Germany, is making up sets of 50 different mosses from Mexico, collected in 1966. These are for sale at DM. 50 per set. He is also interested in the exchange of Mexican mosses for material from other parts of the tropics. Those interested please write to Dr Düll for further information.

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### READING CIRCLE

Subscribers to the Reading Circle are reminded that the journals should not remain in their possession longer than one week. In the past there have been long delays caused by certain members keeping them far too long. This is unfair to other subscribers, and in future offenders will be struck off the list.

Members are reminded that the Reading Circle offers facilities for seeing the Bryologist and Revue Bryologique et Lichenologique. The annual subscription, 2/- for each journal, should reach the Reading Circle Secretary before 31st December to ensure the subscriber's name being included in the following year's list. No service outside the British Isles.

Enquiries to Mr B. Goater, 22 Reddings Avenue, Bushey, Herts.

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It is hoped that the Foot and Mouth Disease will not prevent the Field Meeting at Ross being held. The situation will not be clear for some time - until early March perhaps. Members who propose to attend should watch the situation and enquire of the Excursion Secretary if in doubt.

E. C. Wallace,  
Hon. Secretary.

January 20th, 1968.