

## 72 years a member

Among the 'Changes to the Membership List' recorded in the June issue of *Field Bryology* (No. 104) was the death of Mr A.D. Banwell. We should not let this pass without note. David Banwell was the longest-standing member of the BBS, having joined in 1939 and had belonged continuously ever since. David was active in the BBS throughout the 1940s and 1950s, and was involved in the BBS meetings that revived the Society in the post-war years. He contributed to the specimen exchanges regularly through these lean years, and published a number of papers in the *Transactions of the British Bryological Society* – these were mostly short notes, but also include a full paper on the genus *Riella* on which he was at one time an authority. So salute David Banwell – his longevity as a member is unlikely to be equalled, at least for some time.

## Free to a good home...

BBS Member Malcolm McFarlane has a second-hand set of *Index Muscorum* (5 vols) and is willing to send them free to anyone who would like them for the cost of postage – please be aware that they are quite heavy. Alternatively, collection could be arranged. If you are interested, please contact Malcolm (e malcolm@mcfarlane1.plus.com; t 01825 890125).

## New home for herbarium

It has been brought to the Editor's attention that Rod Stern's bryophyte herbarium of almost 7,000 packets has recently been given to the Natural History Museum, London.

## BBS on the BBC

*BBC Radio 4* broadcast a short series of 15-minute programmes in October 2011 about natural history societies in Britain. The programme on 13 October was about the BBS, with Sam Bosanquet and Mark Lawley interviewed by Brett Westwood from the BBC's Natural History Unit at Bristol.

The series set out to explore important distinguishing aspects of each of the societies chosen for coverage. The programme about the BBS emphasized its recently published *Field Guide*, how popular it has proved to be with the buying public and how important it is proving to be for popularizing bryology in this country and abroad.

Congratulations to Mark and Sam on promoting the Society, bryophytes in general and the *Field Guide* to such a wide audience. If you missed it first time, the programme, and others in the series, is currently available on the BBC's 'Listen now' feature at [www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b01612rw](http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b01612rw)

The screenshot shows the BBC website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'BBC' logo and links for News, Sport, Weather, iPlayer, TV, Radio, and More. Below that, it says 'ON RADIO 4 NOW' and 'The News Quiz'. The main content area features a large blue header with the title 'Bitten by the Bug'. Underneath, there's a small photo of a man and text describing a series of programmes about UK's natural history societies. It includes links for 'PROGRAMMES: on BBC iPlayer (5)', 'PREVIOUS PROGRAMMES: by year (5)', and 'AVAILABLE NOW ON BBC IPLAYER'. There are also sections for 'Mosses' and 'COMING UP'.

## Flora of Bedfordshire

The new *Flora of Bedfordshire* provides an up-to-date account of the distribution of flowering plants and bryophytes. It is the latest in a line of comprehensive Bedfordshire Floras from 1798 onwards.

The account of the flowering plants is by Chris Boon, whilst Alan Outen, who has been recording the mosses and liverworts of the county for 40 years, has written the account of the bryophytes.

This represents the first full account of the bryophytes of the county for 60 years. Tetrad distribution maps are included for most species and there are many colour photographs.

The book includes an introductory chapter on the geology and soils as well as a history of botanical recording in Bedfordshire.

The publication date is December 2011 and there is a **pre-publication offer of £35 per copy** (p&p free in the UK). Cheques should be made payable to the *Bedfordshire Natural History Society* and sent to: David Withers, 9 Lammas Way, Ampthill, Beds MK45 2TR, UK.

Further details can be obtained from Alan Outen ([alanouten@virginmedia.com](mailto:alanouten@virginmedia.com)), or visit the website at [www.bnhs.co.uk/focuson/flora/html/index.htm](http://www.bnhs.co.uk/focuson/flora/html/index.htm)

## Changes to the Membership List, September 2011

*These changes refer to the September 2009 list.*

### Changes of address and amendments

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