

... And it's hello from us!

As the new editors of *Field Bryology* we would like to say a big thank you to Ian Atherton for all his help in handing over the baton. We would welcome your comments on *FB*; please contact

us at Fieldbryology@gmail.com.

Silvia Pressel & Jo Wilbraham
Joint Editors of *Field Bryology*

Annual General Meeting 2013

The Annual General Meeting will be held at 4.00 p.m. on Saturday, 7th September 2013 at the Natural History Museum, London.

The agenda will comprise the standard business: namely, Minutes of the 2012 AGM, the Annual Report of the Trustees for 2012, Accounts and Treasurer's report for 2012, the President's report from Council, the election

of Officers and Elected Members (see separate notice), the place and date of the 2014 AGM, and any other business.

The full agenda, minutes and reports are in the booklet enclosed with this issue of *Field Bryology* (vol. 109).

R.H. Carter, General Secretary, February 2013

Election of Officers and Elected Members of Council

Mr G.P. Rothero, the current Vice President, will become President on 1 January 2014 and it is necessary to elect a Vice President who will take up office on that date and will become President on 1st January 2016.

The terms of the following Officers expire at the end of 2013: General Secretary, Conservation Officer, Librarian, Meetings Secretary, Membership Secretary, Recorder for Mosses, and Recording Secretary. The current holder of the post of Recording Secretary has served for 10 years, the normal limit of tenure; the Conservation Officer does not wish to stand for a further term. The Editor of *Field Bryology* relinquished office on 31 December 2012 and Council co-opted Dr S. Pressel and Ms J. Wilbraham as joint Editors in his place. The AGM will be asked to confirm

Dr Pressel and Ms Wilbraham in this office until 31 December 2014. The present incumbents of the other offices are eligible for re-election.

There are two vacancies for Elected Members, each to serve for a period of 3 years. Members are invited to submit nominations for Vice President, Officers and Elected Members of Council, sending them to the General Secretary of the BBS, Dr R.H. Carter, 6 Church View, Wootton, Northampton, NN4 7LJ, (Carter. RH@gmail.com) to arrive no later than 7th August 2013. A nomination must not be made without the consent of the person whom it is wished to nominate. Elections will be held at the AGM in London on 7th September 2013.

R.H. Carter, General Secretary, February 2013

Changes to the Membership List, March 2013

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Council Newsletter no. 29: as given to the 2012 AGM at the National Botanic Gardens, Dublin, Ireland 8 September 2012 – *A full report of the 2012 AGM will be given in FB 110*

It is satisfying to report that the BBS has had a very productive year over the range of its activities despite the difficult financial climate in which all societies and institutions currently operate.

As a former Editor, I am extremely pleased that the Journal of Bryology continues to thrive as a cornerstone of the Society. In 2011 it took on a fresh look as Maney Publishing rolled out a unifying house style to their growing portfolio of periodicals. Liz Kungu, now well ensconced as Managing Editor, oversaw the publication of 328

pages in the four parts of volume 33, very close to the agreed limit. The articles comprised a review, 27 original research papers, 20 bryological notes and 5 book reviews. Liz draws special attention to the New National and Regional Records column, first introduced in 1999 as an efficient way to publish new international records. It appeared in all four parts of volume 33 and contained a remarkable 84 contributions. Taxonomic papers continue to form the largest group of papers published and some 16 species and two genera

were described new to science in the Journal's pages. A significant paper on distribution patterns in British and Irish liverworts and hornworts in Part 1 is of special interest to BBS members as it summarises part of the data sent in for the Society's mapping scheme. Liz welcomed two new Scientific Editors, Richard Beckett (South Africa) and Nick Hodgetts, and thanked Brian O'Shea who sadly retired as proof reader in 2011 owing to illness. We are grateful to Philip Stanley for returning to this role following a long previous stint.

The three issues of *Field Bryology* (volumes 103-105) numbered 244 pages, as in 2010, but were published in 2011 by Latimer Trend & Co. Ltd of Plymouth rather than Charlesworth, as formerly. The opportunity, provided by Latimer's competitive prices, was also taken to move from saddle-stitch binding (stapling) to perfect binding. This has helped overcome the gaping that had accompanied earlier expansion of the magazine. Our Editor, Ian Atherton, has continued to maintain the highest standards in its production. It is rightly popular, there is something of interest for everyone and it is all packaged in a most attractive way with numerous close-up photographs of bryophytes and portraits of bryologists on the job. Volume 104 carries an amusing report on the filming of a Border Bryologists meeting by the BBC as well as a new occasional column, 'Field Notes', intended to give identification tips on newly discovered species in the Britain Isles. The regular column, 'Beginners corner', is full of useful information for those starting out in bryology.

The BBS publication *Mosses and liverworts of Britain and Ireland*, a field guide, edited by Ian Atherton, Sam Bosanquet and Mark Lawley, had sold so well in 2010 that a second reprint of 1500 copies was ordered in 2011 and the book

continued to sell well through the year and to contribute significantly to the Society's cash flow. It has continued to do so in 2012.

The BBS Website also continued to function smoothly throughout 2011. The Website Editor, Jonathan Sleath, reports that there were no major changes but new material steadily accumulated through the year. There are now PDF files of all papers from *Field Bryology* going back to 2008. Numbers of visitors to the site are steady at about 67 per day of whom just over half come from outside the UK showing that it provides a useful resource to the international bryological community. The use of the site to pay membership subscriptions or to buy the *Field Guide* via Paypal has made cash transfers simpler for both UK and overseas bryologists. I know from personal experience that Jonathan is very responsive to requests for amendments, which is especially valuable if there are last minute changes to the details for field meetings.

The Recorders for Liverworts and Mosses both reported a significant increase in activity in 2011 compared with 2010. For liverworts, Sam Bosanquet noted 192 additions and amendments to the Census Catalogue. For mosses the equivalent number noted by Tom Blockeel was 502. The largest number of new records was from Ireland, particularly reflecting the activities of the recently formed Dublin group, but also resulting from targeted visits by BBS members to poorly recorded regions for the new edition of the atlas. The numbers of contributors were 58 for liverworts and 76 for mosses. No new liverworts were added, but two mosses were new for the the Irish list, *Dialytrichia mucronata* and *Entosthodon pulchellus*, and two were added to the British list, *Leptodontium proliferum* and *Syntrichia montana* var. *calva*.

Our Recording Secretary, Mark Hill, processed 204,000 records destined for the BBS

database maintained at the Biological Records Centre (BRC) from which he recently retired. This included the last batch of old records on cards, some filled in by the late Francis Rose and Ted Wallace back in 1978, and further sizeable datasets from a number of currently active BBS members. In preparation for the new distribution Atlas, datasets from selected non-BBS sources were also processed by Mark and a significant event in 2011 was the merging of the Threatened Bryophyte Database, maintained by Nick Hodgetts, with the general BBS database at BRC. Many of these BBS records are now becoming freely available via the NBN Gateway website through the efforts of Mark, Chris Preston and his colleagues at BRC and we thank them all, but especially Mark, for his leadership on recording matters and single-minded devotion to duty. New Regional Recorders started work in 2011 for Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire and Co. Offaly.

Nick Hodgetts, our Conservation Officer, reported several important developments in bryophyte conservation in Britain and Ireland. A revised Red List of the bryophytes of Britain was published in volume 103 of *Field Bryology*. The fifth Quinquennial Review of the Wildlife and Countryside Act was completed and the British Government accepted our Conservation & Recording Committee's recommendation that *Bryum mamillatum* and *B. neodamense* be removed from Schedule 8 following David Holyoak's taxonomic work on the genus. In 2011 the Irish Red List entered the proof stage and, as we now know, it has been published this year to very wide acclaim. In Wales, the Countryside Council for Wales and Plantlife Cymru have prepared a separate Welsh Bryophyte Red List. There is particular concern about the threat posed to ravines by hydroelectric schemes and an assemblage of oceanic bryophytes, plants

largely restricted to these ravines, has been added to the Welsh Section 42 list. In Scotland, Scottish Natural Heritage, also concerned about these schemes, commissioned a report entitled *Bryological assessment for hydroelectric schemes in the West Highlands*. Nick notes that, in England, bryophyte conservation projects totalling nearly £41,500 were funded by Natural England during 2011. At Kew Gardens a start has been made on a ten-year project to extend cryo-preservation to the entire British bryophyte flora, work in which an input from the BBS will be essential.

Our Librarian, Ken Adams, reported a further decline in sales to only 31 orders in 2011 with forceps and x20 lenses proving to be the most popular items. Ken notes that Sean Edward's *English Names of British Bryophytes* has been reprinted as a revised 4th edition and is now in stock. Several new titles were added to the library book collection by purchase or exchange. The cataloguing of the large BBS Library reprint collection was completed ahead of time by Mark Duffell. A decision on the fate of this collection will soon have to be taken as it is completely filling or overflowing its allotted space at Preston Montford Field Centre. We thank Ken for overseeing the cataloguing and for continuing to receive and send out orders.

Membership Secretary is an important Council post that changed hands at the end of 2011 when Martin Godfrey handed over to Peter Martin. Membership continued to grow in 2011 when we recruited 75 new members but lost only 12. At the end of the year membership stood at 805 of whom 244 live overseas. However, against this positive picture Martin notes in his final report to Council that non-payment of subscriptions has become the bane of the Membership Secretary's life: at the end of 2011 some 177 members were in arrears. This will obviously pose something of

a challenge to our new Membership Secretary and it will be interesting to see whether the subscription increase from 2013 affects the situation or causes a significant reduction of our membership.

I imagine that pleading with people to organise meetings for the Society is a pretty thankless task. Therefore we must sincerely thank Mark Lawley who also retired at the end of 2011 having long served as our Meetings Secretary. He very successfully persuaded numerous people into running a varied programme of visits to interesting and often delightful places. Mark has been succeeded as Meetings Secretary by Jo Denyer. Although this report from Council mainly concerns 2011, it has been the custom of Presidents to comment on the current season's meetings. I believe these were mainly organised under Mark's watch and they continued the recent trend of visits to places with few recent records to fill gaps for the new Atlas. Personally, I have used the last two years' meetings for BRECOG recording and thoroughly enjoyed the Spring Meeting in North Cumbria, led by Diane Dobson, though the snow at the end caused me to put my quadrat away early. My first ever visit to Ulster during week one of the Summer Meeting, led by Jo Denyer, was something of a revelation, and the second week in the rain sodden landscapes of Co. Mayo, led by Mark Hill, was also very memorable. We also have Jo to thank as local organiser for this weekend in Dublin, incidentally, the first time in recent years (and possibly, ever) that an AGM has been held outside the UK. We also thank our Irish colleagues and the National Botanic Gardens for having us, and our speakers for providing an entertaining and instructive day.

No survey of Council members' activities would be complete without recognising the enormous quantity of hard work undertaken

behind the scenes by our Treasurer, David Chamberlain, and our General Secretary, Rachel Carter. I would particularly like to thank Rachel for expertly easing me into the driving seat for the very short stretch that a President steers along the endless journey that the BBS charts.

We have a number of challenges in the year ahead. An immediate one is to get onto a slightly sounder financial footing which we hope the subscription increase will help to address. We also have to find a new Editor for *Field Bryology*. To everyone's chagrin Ian Atherton has given notice to quit soon for personal reasons and will be a very hard act to follow. It is imperative that we maintain the high standard of *Field Bryology* as it is one of our most important windows on the world and, as such, another cornerstone of the Society. I can tell you that Council is actively pursuing a new arrangement for editing *Field Bryology* but I am unable to give further details at this stage. With recording for the new Atlas in its final stages we might now give thought to some new recording activities to incorporate in our field meetings. Things to look forward to in the year ahead include the appearance online of all back numbers of *Journal of Bryology* and its predecessor the *Transactions of the British Bryological Society*. Also, projected for publication in March 2013 is a new book in the *New Naturalist* series, *Vegetation*, written by our honorary member Michael Proctor, which contains extensive mention and photographs of British and Irish bryophytes. Later in 2013 (July 15-19) we will be involved in hosting the meeting of the International Association of Bryologists. Lastly, in the longer term, we can eagerly anticipate publication of the new bryophyte distribution atlas.

Jeff Bates *President*

Future Meetings and Courses

For the latest news on future meetings please check the BBS website pages

<http://www.britishbryologicalsociety.org.uk/>

Summer 2013 Meeting Week 1: Kinlochewe 22–29 June 2013

Local secretary – Oliver Moore (e o.moore10@imperial.ac.uk)

The aim of this week is to survey some outlying tetrads on the Letterewe estate in the NW Highlands and to visit quiet corners of local NNRs in order to boost records. Dormitory accommodation with self-catering facilities and lab space has kindly been offered by SNH at Anancaun Field Centre in return for contributing records. There are other options available in Kinlochewe for those wishing to arrange their own accommodation. Please email your interest to the Local Secretary stating if you wish to stay at the field station.

Summer 2013 Meeting Week 2: Raasay, Hebrides 29 June–6 July 2013

Local secretary – Nick Hodgetts (e nick1901@hotmail.co.uk)

Raasay is a medium-sized island off the east coast of Skye. It is rich in bryophytes but surprisingly little is known about it in detail. If enough people turn up, we will be recording the island systematically on a tetrad basis. There will also be a boat trip to the neighbouring island of Rona. Headquarters and main accommodation will be at The Old Manse, although there is also a campsite and bed and breakfast options.

Autumn 2013 AGM and Paper-reading Session: Natural History Museum, London 7–8th September 2013.

Local Secretaries – Jeff Duckett, Silvia Pressel & Jo Wilbraham (e j.wilbraham@nhm.ac.uk)

The meeting will comprise of a paper reading session followed by the AGM on the Saturday and a Sunday field excursion within easy reach of central London. Further detail to follow on the website.

Spring 2014 Field Meeting: Rolvenden 17th April–22nd April 2014

Local Secretary – Tom Ottley (tel. 01825 890544; e tom.ottley@virgin.net)

This meeting will straddle the border between East Sussex and East Kent, an area which appears to be rather under-recorded, notwithstanding the long history of distinguished botanists who have graced vice counties 14 and 15.

Although East Sussex, in particular, has a good bryophyte flora on sandstone, this has been well-

documented and we won't officially be going to any of the classic sites there. However there will be an opportunity to go to Fairlight Glen since we will be so close to it and where there are still fine colonies of *Dumortiera hirsuta* and *Tortula freibergii* to be seen. A thorn-proof group will be recruited to refine *Calypstrochaeta apiculata* in nearby Covehurst Wood.

Most of the effort will be directed at finding more common species than these. We will go to Rye Harbour to look at stabilised shingle and lake margins as well as making a visit to Camber Castle. We will study woodland, churchyards, chalk downland, coastal habitats and even pavements. One moss that has plenty of old records in this area is *Atrichum angustifolium*; it would be really good if we could refine it and we'll be going to some of its old haunts to try.

The event centre will be in Rolvenden, but the details are still being finalised. A list of accommodation will be made available on the website and there should be a good choice, although these dates do encompass the Easter Weekend so early booking is going to be advisable.

Summer 2014 Meeting – Week 1: Mavrovo National Park, Macedonia 5–12 July 2014

Local Secretaries – Beáta Papp (Hungarian Natural History Museum), Marko Sabovljevic (University of Belgrade) and Joanne Denyer (e joanne@denyerecology.com)

This is a trip to the mountainous Mavrovo National Park in Macedonia (<http://npmavrovo.org.mk>), a country that is very under-recorded for bryophytes. Please contact Joanne if you wish to express an interest in this trip.

Additional Spring Meeting 2015 - Freiburg, SW Germany April 2015

Local Secretary – Michael Lueth (e mail@milueth.de)

Michael Lueth has offered to arrange a field trip to the Freiburg region for the BBS. This area has a rich bryoflora with mediterranean and subalpine grassland and forest. Please contact Michael if you wish to express an interest in this trip.

2013 IAB Congress: Natural History Museum, London 15–19 July 2013

Although not a BBS meeting, BBS members would be welcome to attend. Further details can be found here at <http://iab-conference.blogspot.co.uk/>

There will be a post-conference field trip to North Wales from 20-26 July.

Organisers – Jeff Duckett, Silvia Pressel & Jo Wilbraham (e j.wilbraham@nhm.ac.uk)