

### Linnean Society award for Howard Matcham

We congratulate Howard Matcham as the well deserved recipient of the Linnean Society's H H Bloomer Award. Established in 1963 from a legacy by the late Harry Howard Bloomer FLS, this award is made to an amateur naturalist who has made an important contribution to biological knowledge.

This award recognises Howard's considerable contribution to the fields of bryology, mycology and phycology. Howard is only the second bryologist to receive this award after Tom Blockeel in 2002. Further details of Howard's achievements can be found in the *The Linnean* Vol. 32 (2). October 2016, pages 40-41.



### British Bryological Society on social media



There are now even more ways to keep updated with BBS news and activities. The BBS website is an established first port of call for the latest meeting announcements and news but also holds a wealth of rich bryological content and resources:

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

More recently the BBS has embraced Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/britishmoss>. The BBS page currently has 1225 'likes' at time of writing and has proved a rather nice way for BBSers to share field meeting photos and such like, as well as snippets of bryo-news. Since a persuasive overview of social media was presented at our autumn paper-reading meeting, BBS is now on Twitter! If you are a twitter user be sure to follow us on [@BBSbryology](https://twitter.com/BBSbryology).

For those who resist the urge to sign up to social networks you can still catch up on the latest tweets via the BBS website, which now has a live feed window to both Twitter and Facebook on the homepage.

## Changes to the Membership List, October 2016

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## Future Meetings and Courses

Details of the BBS meeting programme for 2017 are given below. Many areas also have BBS Local group meetings and details of these can be found on the BBS website. Check the BBS website for the latest news on meetings and please contact the relevant local Secretary if you wish to attend any of these meetings.

### **BRECOG weekend meeting, New Forest, 17–19 March 2017**

Local Secretary: Jeff Bates (email: [jwb.bryol@gmail.com](mailto:jwb.bryol@gmail.com))

More detail on the meeting will be available in the New Year. Please contact Jeff Bates for details or to express interest in attending.

### **Spring Meeting 2017, Jersey, 6–11 April 2017**

Local secretary: Anne Haden (email: [hadenanne@gmail.com](mailto:hadenanne@gmail.com))

The base will be the Somerville Hotel: <https://www.somervillejersey.com>. It is a 4 star hotel, situated in St. Aubin which is a village on the coast. There are several other Hotels and Guest Houses near by (catering for a range of budgets) and plenty of places to eat out. Please contact the local secretary if you have any questions.

### **Summer meeting Week 1, West Perthshire and Stirlingshire, 15–22 July 2017**

Local secretary: Julie Smith (email: [jesscot09@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jesscot09@hotmail.co.uk))

The purpose of the meeting will be to record in under-recorded areas of West Perthshire and Stirlingshire, to update historical records, and take the opportunity to enjoy bryologically interesting sites in the area. West Perthshire (VC87) and Stirlingshire (VC86) encompass the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park which includes areas of ancient semi-natural oak woodland and wooded ravines; Flanders Moss Special Area for Conservation (SAC); and mountain summits including Ben Ledi, Ben Venue and Ben Lomond. We intend to update records for sites within these areas including for example the slopes of Ben Ledi where we may hope to refine *Oncophorus virens*, *Oedipodium griffithianum* and the rare *Seligeria brevifolia*. On the limestone at the head of Kirkton Glen there is an old record for *Timmia norvegica* and more recent records for *Splachnum vasculosum* and *Tomentypnum nitens*. There are also several interesting historical records which would be interesting to refine on Ben Venue including *Andreaea megistospora* and *Eremonotus myriocarpus*. It would also be our aim to compile a more comprehensive list of these areas in general so the meeting would be particularly suitable for “beginners” and “improvers”! We will also visit Flanders Moss, one of the most intact raised bogs in Europe. We expect to be able to organise a tour with the reserve ranger here. There is the possibility that a small group may be able to record loch margins at RSPB Endrick Water for *Physcomitrium sphaericum*, dependent on water levels.

We have booked reasonably-priced, basic but comfortable accommodation for a maximum of 10 at Loch Voil Hostel <http://www.hostel-scotland.co.uk/hostels/Loch-Voil-Hostel> where we have booked out the small hostel for our sole use. It is located on a remote working farm overlooking Loch Voil. There is a shared room with three comfortable bunk beds; a shared room with two doubles and one single; and a private room with a double bed. There are two shower rooms with shared use. Catering



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◁ Hartfield House, HQ for the Applecross summer meeting.

options include the local pub across the loch (which may be reached by ‘wading a crossing point of the loch by the hostel’ or using the boat available for hire); the Mhor 84 restaurant on the A85 (25 mins drive); or self-catering in the kitchen dining area of the hostel. Should there be additional requirement for accommodation there is potential for individuals to book cabins (very basic but quirky with no electric but with wood burning stove) on the farm but it is likely these will book up early next year. Otherwise there are several B&Bs and hostel accommodation available in Strathyre and Callander. It would be helpful to have expressions of interest by the end of December.

### Summer meeting Week 2, Applecross, 22 – 29 July 2017

Local secretary: David Long (email: [d.long@rbge.ac.uk](mailto:d.long@rbge.ac.uk))

The Applecross Peninsula is roughly triangular in shape and lies on the coast of Wester Ross opposite the islands of Raasay and Skye. One of its greatest charms is its relative isolation from the rest of the Highlands, due to the need to cross one of the highest passes in Scotland, the Bealach na Ba (Pass of the Cattle) which rises to over 2000 feet in a series of very steep hairpin bends – the Cattle) – a truly breathtaking journey from Kishorn, from the pass revealing a magnificent panorama of the peninsula and views to the Inner Hebrides. Until a new coast road was opened in 1975 from Torridon, the pass was the only way in to Applecross, which still retains its aura of secrecy and isolation.

Only partly surveyed in detail for bryophytes (and not visited previously by the BBS), the peninsula has coastal woodlands including Atlantic Hazel with species such as *Antitrichia curtispendula* and many oceanic bryophytes. There are several ravines, only two of which have been surveyed in detail (for their hydro-electric potential) and have gems such as *Jubula hutchinsiae* and *Radula aquilegia*. Along the northern road we plan to visit a woodland by Upper Loch Torridon where *Daltonia splachnoides* is known. Perhaps the icing on the cake will be the Pass of the Cattle (close to the road) and the dramatic Coire na Poite (involving a longer walk) where we can expect to see many of the larger oceanic-montane liverworts such as *Anastrophyllum donnianum*, *Bazzania pearsonii*, *Mastigophora woodsii*, *Scapania nimbosa* and *S. ornithopodioides*.

Reasonably-priced accommodation for 18 with mostly shared rooms has been booked in the annexe of the recently refurbished Hartfield House ([www.hartfieldhouse.org.uk](http://www.hartfieldhouse.org.uk)). Catering options include the local Applecross Inn (30 mins walk), the excellent Potting Shed Restaurant (10 mins walk) or eating in with either self-catering or pre-ordered meals.

### BBS Autumn meeting 2017, British Antarctic Survey, Cambridge, 6–8 Oct 2017

Local secretary: Chris Preston & Jonathan Shanklin (email: [cdpr@ceh.ac.uk](mailto:cdpr@ceh.ac.uk))

This meeting marks the centenary of the birth of Dr Harold Whitehouse, who died in 2000. Some of the talks will reflect his bryological interests, but these will not be the exclusive focus of the meeting.