

a few patches of the liverworts *Calypogeia sphagnicola*, *C. fissa*, *Cephalozia connivens*, and *Lophozia* sp. (possibly *ventricosa*) (no perianths) which lay hidden at the bases of 'bad-hair-day' tussocks of *Molinia*. We mused over Jeff's feeling that the upper end of the main bog seems drier now than he remembers it 15 years ago.

In addition to the mires, our aim was to seek out mosses and liverworts of the heath, streamlines and woodland. The heath had us pausing over a small patch of *Polytrichum strictum* (*alpestre*), *Dicranum bonjeanii* and *Pleurozium schreberi*. The dominant moss though was *Dicranum scoparium*, which did a good job in cheering up the bleak winter heath with its bright-green silky tufts of combed leaves standing out brilliantly against the matt chocolate-brown of the peat.

The steeply banked streamline was running well after all the recent rain, and we were in the right kind of habitat for refinding *Hookeria lucsens*, apparently seen on the 1991 visit. Indeed we set ourselves the challenge of finding it before lunch but the banks didn't seem wet enough to my mind

and we failed in our quest.

The mixed birch woodland supports rather few epiphytes, but amongst them were *Microlejeunea ulicina* and large colonies of *Platygyrium repens* both on willow, *Bryum subelegans* on elder, and a good patch of *Ulota phyllantha* on oak. We were surprised to find some tufts of *Cryphaea heteromalla* also on an oak, but surmised that the young branches of this small oak were possibly not as acidic as the bark on older oaks. *Leucobryum glaucum* occurred in a modest expanse in one strip of birch woodland and in smaller cushions in other places. Whilst reconnoitring the site I came across a small patch of *Plagiothecium undulatum* and a few tufts of *Climacium dendroides* in a small area of seasonally wet pine/birch woodland.

In summary, a diverse and interesting reserve with hours of fun to be had on a crisp winter's day when your fingers are twitching for a bit of mossing.

I am indebted to Keith Tomey, the Countryside Ranger for permission to record at Snelsmore Common.

Society business

Future meetings of the society

Spring field meeting 2007, Northamptonshire, 12-18 April

Joint local secretaries: Rachel Carter, 6 Church View, Wootton, Northampton NN4 7LJ; tel: 01604 761 894; Joan James, 3 Finedon Hall, Mackworth Drive, Finedon, Wellingborough NN9 5NL; tel: 01933 681044; joint e-mail address: BBSspring2007@googlemail.com.

The headquarters for the meeting will be Moulton

College, which is located just to the north of Northampton. We have reserved 30 en-suite single bedrooms. B&B costs £24 per night. Please e-mail or phone as soon as possible, if you would like to attend the meeting. Evening meals (£5) and packed lunches (£5) are available.

The college website (www.moulton.ac.uk) provides maps and information about accessibility by road and rail. If you do not have Internet access and would like information about the location of,

and transport to the college, or about alternative accommodation, please contact Joan.

At the time of going to press the following programme is still provisional. When the details are confirmed the full programme will be circulated to everyone who has registered with the local secretaries. If you have not got a copy and would like one, please let us know.

There will be an introduction to Northamptonshire and the sites to be visited on the evening of Thursday 12th April; this will take place in a room at Moulton College.

The focus on Friday will be quarries, including ironstone workings at Twywell Hills and Dales, and also Whiston and Irchester, where *Pterygoneurum ovatum* has been found comparatively recently.

A favourite Wildlife Trust reserve, High Wood and Meadow, will be the starting venue the next day, moving on to other sites in the south-west of the county; these may include Mantles Heath, Everdon Stubbs, Ramsden Corner Plantation and Woodford Halse Local Nature Reserve.

On Sunday we will go north to Ring Haw, where the Wildlife Trust has a project to re-create limestone grassland; there is “a picturesque mosaic of limestone quarries, grassland, woodland and wetland”. Old Sulehay Forest and Bedford Purlicus NNR – one of the richest bryophyte sites in Northamptonshire – are nearby.

Monday will be spent in the Nene Valley, which runs the length of the county. Much of it has been exploited for gravel extraction, and we will visit several of the resulting gravel pits, and maybe other riverside sites.

Since a significant factor in the choice of North-

amptonshire for a BBS meeting is that it is an apparently under-recorded county, on the final day we will spread out to cover little-known areas, including Ravensthorpe and Hollowell reservoirs, the Grand Union Canal, and the Brampton Valley way, a disused railway line between Northampton and Market Harborough which is now a path and cycle route. On Wednesday morning, as people head homewards, we can look at some churchyards – another good way of filling the gaps!

Summer field meeting 2007, first week: Mull, 14-21 July

Local secretary: Mark Lawley, 12A Castleview Terrace, Ludlow, SY8 2NG; e-mail: m.lawley@virgin.net.

The first week of the summer field meeting will be held on the island of Mull (v.-c. 103), off the west coast of Scotland. The BBS has not hitherto met on Mull, and although several bryologists recorded on the island in the mid-20th century, little work has been done since 1970.

We will edge in or near Salen, on the eastern side of the island, as it lies at the hub of the island's tortuous network of roads, and also offers a range of accommodation and services.

Please inform the local secretary as soon as convenient if you wish to attend this meeting, as numbers will affect our programme of excursions.

Summer field meeting 2007, second week: Lewis, Outer Hebrides, 21-28 July

Local secretary: Liz Kungu, Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh, 20A Inverleith Row, Edinburgh EH3 5LR; e-mail: e.kungu@rbge.ork.uk

The second week of the summer field meeting is planned as a recording session to tackle under-re-

corded 10-km squares on Lewis as a contribution to the update of the *Atlas*. There are 14 squares with less than 50 species recorded, four unrecorded squares, and another five with 50-100 records.

There has not previously been a BBS meeting on Lewis/Harris and much of this area seems to have been very poorly recorded. A few of the squares are remote and will provide a real challenge but there are a number of squares that can be accessed relatively easily, so there will be a range for all. We will be based in Stornoway, as this is the main centre of population and closest to most of the under-recorded squares.

Please inform the local secretary as soon as convenient if you wish to attend this meeting, so we can gauge if there is enough support to allow this part of the meeting to take place.

Annual General Meeting and paper-reading session 2007, Liverpool, 29-30 September

Local secretary: John Edmondson, World Museum Liverpool, William Brown Street, Liverpool, L3 8EN; tel: 0151 478 4370; e-mail: john.edmondson@liverpoolmuseums.org.uk.

The 2007 AGM will be held in Liverpool on Saturday 29 September, and is to be hosted by the

National Museums Liverpool. It will be followed by a field meeting in v.-c. 59 (South Lancashire) on Sunday 30 September.

The theme of the paper-reading session will be 'Bryology and bryologists, past present and future' and will be predominantly historical. To cater for future bryologists, an identification workshop will be available on Saturday morning at which beginners will be particularly welcome.

The local secretary would be grateful to receive offers of papers.

Summer meeting 2008, Shetland Islands.

Local secretary: Paul Harvey, SBRC, Shetland Amenity Trust, Garthspool, Lerwick, Shetland ZE1 0NY; e-mail: sbrc@zetnet.co.uk; tel: 01595 694688.

A visit to Britain's most northerly island group will take place from 12th–19th July 2008 inclusive. As lower plants are relatively under recorded in Shetland, the primary purpose of this visit will be to record bryophytes. The field trip will include visits to all of Shetland's main islands and the full range of habitats that this unique island group hosts. If you wish to register an interest in this field trip then please contact the local secretary.

Election of Officers and Elected Members of Council

Dr JD Sleath, the current Vice President, will become President on 1 January 2008 and it is necessary to elect a Vice President who will take up office on that date and who will become President on 1 January 2010.

The terms of seven Officers, the General Secretary,

the Conservation Officer, the Librarian, the Meetings Secretary, the Membership Secretary, the Recorder for Hepatics, and the Recording Secretary, expire at the end of 2007. The current holders of the posts of Conservation Officer and Membership Secretary have said that they do not wish to be re-elected. All of the present incumbents of the

other offices are eligible for re-election.

Dr H Stieperaere, an Elected Member of Council, will retire at the end of 2007 and is not eligible for re-election in this capacity until three years have elapsed. Mr JJ Graham has been co-opted by the Executive for a term of three years from 1 January 2007 under the terms agreed by the AGM in 2006. Several other Vacancies for Elected Members remain unfilled for various reasons.

The AGM will be asked to confirm Jonathan Graham as an Elected Member until 31 December 2009 but nominations are also sought for a fur-

ther one to serve until 31 December 2008, one more to serve until 31 December 2009 and two to serve until 31 December 2010.

Members are invited to submit nominations for Vice President, Officers and Elected Members, sending them to the General Secretary of the BBS, Mr M.A. Walton, Ivy House, Wheelock Street, Middlewich, Cheshire, CW10 9AB, to arrive no later than 31 August 2007. A nomination must not be made without the consent of the person whom it is wished to nominate. If elections are needed, they will be held at the AGM in Liverpool on 29 September 2007.

Changes to the membership list, January 2007

These changes refer to the September 2006 list.

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We regret to report the death of **Dr R. A. Finch** (68 Holbrook Road, Cambridge, CB1 7ST, UK), who has been a member since 1960; an obituary will be published in the *Journal of Bryology*.

We also regret to report the deaths of **Dr P. D. Coker** (Dryas Associates, 23 Darwin Close, Farnborough, Orpington, Kent BR6 7EP, UK; joined 1959), **Mr J. A. Pagett** ('Attenhale', 15 Long Meadow, Randlay, Telford, Shropshire, TF3 2LP, UK; joined 1988) and **Dr F. J. (John) Taylor** (Ainola, 51 Goat Island Road, Leigh, R.D.5, Warkworth 1241, New Zealand; joined 1946). Whilst primarily an algologist, Dr Taylor maintained an interest in bryology throughout his life. He emigrated to New Zealand to take up a position on the staff of the Botany Dept of the University of Auckland, based at their Marine Station at Leigh. The Editor would be pleased to receive any memories of these three members that members may have for publication in the next issue of *Field Bryology*.

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have to be organised as “one-offs”. Instructions for payment are available on the BBS website, and can also be obtained from me at the address below.

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