

scleropodium purum, *Dicranella varia*, and *Pottia davalliana*. Molehills under a small clump of willows gave us *Fissidens incurvus* and *Physcomitrium pyriforme*^.

The weir had *Tortula muralis* and *Bryum dichotomum* on the brickwork and banks, with *Platyhypnidium riparioides*^, *Leptodictyum riparium* and *Brachythecium rivulare*^ in the running water. The

commonest moss in the water, in running and still parts, was *Cratoneuron filicinum*. Other species found in various places were *Barbula unguiculata*, *Bryum caespiticium*, *B. capillare* and, on exposed gravel of a ditch bank, immature *Pohlia* sp.

We are most grateful to Dr. Norman McCanch, the site's wildlife consultant, for his assistance in arranging this meeting and showing us around.

Society business

Future meetings of the society

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 lodge 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

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The second week of the summer field meeting is planned as a recording session to tackle under-recorded 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, 29-30th 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 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 **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** will be held at 4.00 p.m. on Saturday, 29th September 2007 at the World Museum, Liverpool.

At the time of writing, the agenda will comprise the standard business: namely, minutes of the 2006 AGM, Accounts and Treasurer's Report for 2006, other officers' reports, Report from Council, the Election of the Vice President, the other officers and the elected members (see notice on page 16 of this *Bulletin*), the place and date of the 2008 AGM, and any other business.

The agenda, minutes and reports will be published in the next *Bulletin* which will be with members at the beginning of September.

Sunday 30 September will comprise a field meeting in v.-c. 59 (South Lancashire).

Spring Meeting, Denbighshire, 3-8th April 2008

Local Secretary: Sarah Stille, The Quillet, Berwyn Street, Llandrillo, Corwen, Denbighshire LL21 0TH; email: sarah.stille@virgin.net

The 2008 Spring Meeting will be based in Llangollen, Denbighshire, from where we will explore delightfully varied habitats in the surrounding countryside. Please contact Sarah for further details about this meeting.

Summer Meeting, Shetland Islands, 12-19th July 2008

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

As lower plants are relatively under recorded in Shetland, the primary purpose of this visit will be to record bryophytes within Britain's most northerly island group. 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.

Annual General Meeting and paper-reading session 2008, Preston Montford Field Centre, 10-12th October

Local secretary: Martin Godfrey, 6 Darnford Close, Parkside, Stafford, ST16 1LR; tel: 01785 229713; e-mail: martinandrosie@aol.com

Other bryological meetings 2007

North-west Naturalists' Union Bryophyte and Lichen Section

All meetings are on Saturdays, starting at 10.30 am (except 12 May, which starts 11.00 am). Bring food and clothing adequate for a full day in rough country and bad weather. Please check with section secretary a day or so before the meeting in case of cancellation or changes. Contact: John Lowell (john.lowell@btinternet.com).

May 12. **Latterbarrow**. Meet 11 am. SD441827. Leaders: Jim Adams & Wendy Nelson.

June 9. **Mere Sands Wood**. Meet at visitor centre, SD447157. Leave the A59 in Rufford onto Holmeswood Road (B5246). After one mile turn left at the "Nature Reserve" and "Meresands Kennels" signs. The car park is at the end of the lane. Leader: Des Callaghan.

July 7. **Oakwood Sandpit**. Meet at entrance of

lane, SJ825713. Leader: Mike Walton. NB: subject to access permission - venue may change.

August 11. **Kingsterndale**. Meet at SK094717. Leader: Joan Egan.

September 8. **Tor Side**. Meet at car park, SK068983. Leaders: Alan & Norman Bamforth.

October 6. **Haslingden Grane**. Meet at Visitor Centre, SD751231. Leader: Martha Newton.

November 10. **Easden Clough**. Meet at minor road junction at SD853277. Leader: John Lowell.

December 15. **Strines Dale**. Meet at SD955063. Leaders: Alan & Norman Bamforth.

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.

The Bulletin Editor, DA Callaghan, has said that unfortunately, because of other commitments, he cannot continue in office after 2007 and it is, therefore, necessary to appoint a replacement to serve from January 2008.

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 further 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 MA 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 29th September 2007.

Council Newsletter Number 23

The president's report as given to the 2006 AGM on the work of Council since the previous AGM

The *Journal of Bryology* is our flagship publication, and its on-line production is a bold step needed to bring us in line with other scientific publications. Work on this is actively proceeding and, with small ongoing modifications, the new arrangements are working well. This important topic will be further discussed in agenda-item 10. Thanks to Jeff Bates and Howard Matcham and to the Scientific Editors for ensuring a relatively painless transfer.

Few members can have missed the exciting developments in the Society's *Field Guide*, which is now visibly taking shape on the BBS website. With respect to the number of species that will be included, a balance is being sought between including only those species that can be identified in the field, or including those species plus references to those that cannot (with any certainty) be readily identified. Whichever option is implemented will ultimately depend upon ensuring that the guide does not become unmanageably large – after all, it is meant to be a field guide.

Earlier this year Ian Atherton volunteered to help design the *Guide* and typeset it in Adobe InDesign, to incorporate photographs, text, maps and

drawings, and produce a press-ready file of the whole book – in other words, to see the project through to the completion of the finished book. Ian is Design Manager and Senior Staff Editor for the Society for General Microbiology, where he designs and produces journals of academic research. His professional skill in preparing attractively designed pages for publication can be seen at the conversazione in Room N101, after dinner tonight. Council noted that John Birks has offered to make his large collection of photographs available for the *Guide*. John has images of about 80% of British species, so his generous offer is a great boon to progress.

The report of Council from the Spring meeting, on the re-housing of the BBS library at Preston Montford, will be put to the AGM for a decision today – item 9. I won't preempt this discussion here, but merely thank both the Council, and in particular members of the Council Working Group, who put so much work into the report.

This last year has provided another successful year of BBS meetings. These are remarkably diverse, varying from the popular local meetings such

as Malcolm Watling's meeting last December at Ham Fen, to the southern Italian meeting led by Roberto Ligrone, with Jeff Duckett co-ordinating the arrangements for British participants. A quick look at the BBS website is enough to make those who didn't go, wish that they had. My other regret here is that the superb bryophyte photos here are not credited. And of course there are the regular Bryophyte Workshops which this year hosted the inaugural meeting of BRECOG, the BRyophyte ECOlogy Group, led by Jeff Bates. Again, the BBS website has a most useful summary of the action-packed day. The BBS maintains the high quality of its regular Spring and Summer meetings, guided respectively this year by Martin Godfrey at Stafford and by Mark Lawley at East Sutherland and Orkney. Mark, as Meetings Secretary, must be thanked for his part in arranging all these meetings. Also I must mention the 12 bryological Field Studies Council meetings not under the aegis of the BBS, 11 of which were led by Martha Newton. The value of these meetings to bryology in general and to the BBS in particular, should be acknowledged here.

The next 12 months promise a similar feast, of which I will highlight just the Summer field meeting in Mull, and the two Masterclasses at Preston Montford. These Masterclasses include an optional mock exam that might encourage you to proceed to the Natural History Museum's prestigious Identification Qualification (IdQ) exam.

Revisiting the BBS website, which I don't do often enough, reminded me of how excellent it is. It is more and more our front door, but perhaps we take it for granted these days – so I should like to highlight the work of Angela Newton and Jonathan Sleath, and thank them both. Like a swan moving serenely on the surface of the water, but paddling like mad underneath. The same of course could be said about the *Journal* and *Field Bryology*.

Earlier this year, Plantlife Link Scotland (PLINKS - a forum of organisations, including the BBS, working for the conservation of plants and their habitats in Scotland), published its 'Strategy for the conservation of lower plants and fungi in Scotland', copies of which will be available at the conversazione. In their letter PLINKS outlined the project and picked out targets relevant to the BBS. Essentially, the aim is to promote bryophytes (amongst other lower plants) and is precisely within the BBS remit. The total project cost is £250,742 and Scottish Natural Heritage is committed to providing £113 k (45%) so long as the project starts by March 2007. PLINKS is now working to raise the other 55% (£138 k) and the BBS and other specialist societies have been asked to commit £2,000 a year each for three years, in order to demonstrate commitment to the project and to make it easier for PLINKS to tap other sources of funds. The Bequest Committee and Council have each agreed to contribute £3,000 over the three years.

Lastly, I must record a few items that do not relate directly to Council. Firstly, the corrected 2nd edn of Tony Smith's excellent *Flora* has been published, though in paper-back format only. I should like to thank all those, but particularly Tony and Howard Matcham, who contributed to producing the work as it should have been published originally. Secondly, I was delighted by Tom Blockeel's English edition of Fey, Frahm, Fischer and Lobin's *The Liverworts, mosses and ferns of Europe*; at such a reasonable price I cannot see any BBS member without it. And finishing on a lighter note, I applaud the new moss garden as RHS Wisley. This coincides nicely with the government moss initiative of withdrawing all dichlorophen products – the stalwart of moss-killers – and recommending an Integrated Plant Management approach instead: mossy gardens.

SR Edwards

BBS Tropical Bryology Group: a belated progress report for 2004 and 2005

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Somewhat belatedly I can say that 2004 and 2005 were quiet years for the Tropical Bryology Group (TBG) as many of its members concentrated on their various non-tropical bryological or non-bryological projects, and as the group began to develop its direction and objectives for the coming years.

Newsletter and TBG membership 2004

The 19th newsletter of the TBG was produced in August 2004, and is available on the TBG section of the BBS web site (under Bryology Portal - Tropical Bryology Group). This newsletter contains a tribute to the late hepaticologist Riclef Grolle, a report of the IAB meeting in Mérida, Venezuela, information on the publication and availability of the Eustace Jones West African Hepatic Flora, information on new members, research activities of existing members, and research news from the Bryology research group at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences and at the Esterházy College, Hungary. This year saw the addition of five new members to the TBG bringing current membership up to sixty-nine in number.

During 2004 some TBG members had the chance to meet other bryologists, and familiarize themselves with the South American moss flora, at the International Association of Bryologists (IAB) congress in Mérida, Venezuela. This extremely convivial meeting offered all a chance to find out about current research activities on bryophytes and interact with the active bryology group based

in Mérida.

Newsletter and TBG membership 2005

The 20th newsletter of the TBG was produced in September 2005, and is also available on the TBG section of the BBS web site. This newsletter contains a report of the International Botanical Congress in Vienna (17-25 July 2005), information on the Hedwig-Schwägrichen types catalogue and Bryophyte Research News from the bryology group at The Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh, as well as information on new members and on the research activities of existing members. One new member to the TBG was announced for 2005 with the total number of TBG members resting at sixty-nine members.

During 2005 the Guide to Bryophytes of sub-Saharan Africa (GBA) project was made more accessible though the launch of its website (<http://www.gbaonline.org.uk/>). The Mosses and Liverworts of Uganda project (MALOU) began publishing its taxonomic treatments in Volume 26 of *Journal of Bryology* thus facilitating the publication of all works related to the project. A project of interest to Africa bryophytes, and carried out by TBG members, was launched at the BM in the Autumn of 2005. The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation *African Plants Initiative* project funds the databasing and digitalisation of types of African origin in collections all over the world. More information on the project at the BM can be found in the TBG newsletter No. 21.

Members of the BBS with an interest, or potential interest, in tropical bryophytes are encouraged to join the TBG (contact the new TBG coordinator: Joanna Wilbraham at j.wilbraham@nhm.ac.uk).

Bryophyte Ecology Group workshop, Preston Montford, 9-11th March 2007

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Following on approximately one year after BRECOG's inaugural workshop at Silwood Park, the aim of the workshop was to launch the group's flagship enterprise, the Bryophyte Habitats Survey. This is a projected 5-year survey of the habitats of common bryophytes in Britain and Ireland using a quadrat-based method of sampling. About 15 people attended either for the whole weekend or as day visitors.

The Friday evening provided an opportunity to socialise while constructing some of the simple equipment required for the field work over the weekend. Fundamental to the project is the use of rectangular quadrats to delimit samples of vegetation containing bryophytes (full size quadrats, 50 x 25 cm; half width size, 50 x 12.5 cm, for sampling shrub branch communities). Soon, coils of wire were being fashioned with varying agility into the required oblongs and adorned along the sides with strips of coloured tape to aid cover estimation. Slightly less demanding was the construction of simple clinometers for measuring the slope of the surface within each quadrat. A photocopied circular compass scale in degrees (and rather optimistically labelled 'BBS Clinometer') was cut out and glued to card, covered in sticky-back plastic to keep out damp, and the instrument's 'gnomon' made from a straightened-out (again with varying fastidiousness) paper clip let through the centre of the dial and bent over on the back to hold it

loosely in place. This winning design proved its worth repeatedly during the weekend. After this enjoyable exertion many enjoyed a nightcap in the centre's comfortable bar.

Saturday began with a presentation by the writer on the Bryophyte Habitats Survey. This is one of those things which, like riding a bike, is much easier to do than it is to describe. Nevertheless, the ensuing discussion was a useful one and several refinements were added to what had already been a reasonably well-tested method. The suggestion to include 'total bryophyte cover' on the field card was incorporated and proved particularly useful when estimating cover of the individual species present. We also added birch and rowan to the short list of tree species already selected for study of their epiphytes to suit sites (particularly in the north) lacking extensive lowland forest.

The Habitats Survey is open to all and it is something in which any BBS member with a basic knowledge of our common bryophytes can make a useful contribution. Indeed, members may find this to be a useful vehicle for improving their identification skills. In a nutshell it requires participants to record the cover of individual bryophytes in up to ten random quadrats and to make some simple accompanying measurements of environmental factors (slope, aspect, soil or water depth, a 7-point index of shade, etc.) in each of the main

bryophyte habitats recognisable in their region. They are also required to collect some soil (or bark) for later pH measurement and to make a simple assessment of the frequency and stage of fruiting in each species. The instructions are slightly more complicated for aquatic communities where pH and conductivity measurements need to be made *in situ*. The group is currently seeking support from Council to buy suitable meters for surveyors. The project focuses on a regular network of 'target' 10-km squares but keen recorders may also send in data from other squares.

Afterwards the party set off for Llanymynech Quarry, a disused limestone quarry, now a nature reserve, bisected by the border between England (v.-c. 40) and Wales (v.-c. 47). We assembled into pairs to try out the sampling methodology in a range of predominantly calcareous habitats including cliffs of varying exposure, detached blocks, grasslands, scrub, woodland banks and tree trunks. Recording cards designed for the project helped greatly in ensuring that important measurements were not omitted and everyone quickly became adept at estimating percentage cover. As Mark Hill wisely noted, the secret of effective recording of plant cover is not to get too hung up with over-zealous exactitude! At the end of the afternoon a reasonable proportion of the main bryophyte habitats in the quarry had been sampled.

Back in the laboratory at Preston Montford, after suitable refreshment, pH measurements were carried out on the collected soil samples, the majority being distinctly alkaline. Later, John O'Reilly expertly led us through the stages of a simple key for determining the texture classes of soils (e.g. sandy-loam, silty-loam, etc.) by a process involving hand kneading and rolling of moistened samples. John provided a range of contrasted soil types he had earlier collected in the Pennines. Where the substratum is soil the soil texture is a required detail

(on the field card) as it indicates the likely drainage properties for the bryophytes growing above. Most of us were unfamiliar with the 'hand texturing' approach and thoroughly enjoyed the experience, although it left us with very muddy hands and a small collection of dubious sculptures!

After supper, Michael Proctor gave a presentation on physiological traits of bryophytes that are important in underpinning the ecological behaviour of species, including cell osmotic potentials, desiccation tolerances and photosynthesis-light responses. This continued an unresolved discussion, started at the Silwood Park workshop, on how a mostly amateur group like BRECOG could gather physiological information for common species. Michael emphasised that complex techniques like infra-red gas-analysis and chlorophyll fluorometry (for determining photosynthesis by CO₂ production or light energy transfer) are only likely to be available in a university laboratory; however, simpler methods like measuring cell plasmolysis (to study desiccation damage) or use of cresol red indicator (to study photosynthetic/respiratory carbon dioxide uptake/release) could be used by a keen amateur. One or two people took away tubes and indicator to try this for themselves. In later discussion (at Sunday breakfast) the idea was mooted that it would be possible for undergraduate students to gather some of the more technical data for us during paid summer placements. A useful starting point would be to build a database of the currently available physiological information for British bryophytes.

On Sunday, a slightly reduced party visited Brown Moss nature reserve, an area of pools and acid woodland to the north of Shrewsbury (Shropshire, v.-c. 40) with water levels well up as a result of the recent heavy rainfall. Again, mostly working in pairs, participants soon fell into a comfortable working pattern and each sampled several habitats including pool margins, bog, heath, wood-

land floor, logs, tree trunks of several species and elder branches. Those studying epiphytes generally approved of the suggested means of sampling surface bark (for later pH measurement) using a Surform™ Scraper rather than a knife. This inexpensive tool takes small flakes of bark without digging in deeply and leaving unsightly wounds in the trunk. The bark flakes can be air dried in a paper 'moss' packet and are suitable for steeping in distilled water for pH assessment without any other treatment.

By the end of this very enjoyable meeting no participant was unaware of the great challenge offered by this very adventurous project. At the same time most spoke enthusiastically about wishing to contribute data from their own regions. We now need to capitalise on this enthusiasm and drum up all the support we can get within the Society. Instruc-

tions for participating in the Habitats Survey, soil analysis methods and a suitable recording card are all downloadable from the BBS website. We plan to add further information including a 'Frequently Asked Questions' section in due course. Would-be participants are welcome to contact me directly for advice or help.

I am most grateful to Martin Godfrey for acting as local organiser for the meeting and for safely transporting us in the Centre's minibus. Sue Townsend, of the Field Studies Council, is also to be warmly thanked for making us very comfortable at Preston Montford and helping to make the meeting a success. We are already thinking about the next weekend workshop, in spring 2008, which we would like to hold in either the Lake District or the Malham area of the Pennines.

Changes to the membership list, April 2007

These changes refer to the September 2006 list.

Changes of address and amendments

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We regret to report the death of our Honorary Member Dr Lewis E Anderson (Cryptogamic Herbarium, Department of Biology, Duke University, Durham, NC 27708-0338, USA, (1952) (1998)), and of Mr George Bloom (15 Tatham Road, Abingdon, Oxon, OX14 1QB, UK, (O), (1974)); obituaries will be published in the *Journal of Bryology*.

Resignations

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Any more subscriptions, please?

If any members have still to pay their 2007 subscriptions, please could they do so as soon as possible? At the time of writing (13 April) there were still around 60 payments outstanding. Although this is hardly a hanging offence, it does make extra work for the Membership Secretary, the Treasurer and the *Field Bryology* Editor, not to mention the

staff at Maney & Co. Payments should be sent to me at the address given below; I will also be happy to answer any relevant queries.

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