

## Harley Books purchased by Apollo Books

In Spring 2008, Apollo Books purchased Harley Books, a publisher noted for a number of important bryology volumes. Apollo Books previously specialized in books on entomology, but with the take over of Harley they now have six bryological titles:

- Hill *et al.* *Atlas of the Bryophytes of Britain and Ireland*, Volumes 1–3
- Paton *The Liverwort Flora of the British Isles*
- Frey *et al.* *The Liverworts, Mosses and Ferns of Europe*
- *Nationalnyckel till Sveriges Flora och Fauna (The National Encyclopedia to Sweden's Flora and Fauna): Bryophyta: Buxbaumia to Leucobryum* (2006)

With regard to the latter, Apollo Books intend to publish a further 3 or 4 volumes in this series, and the next volume, covering *Acaulon* to *Orthodontium*, is scheduled for publication later this year.

For further information about Apollo Books and the titles they publish, please visit their website at [www.apollobooks.com](http://www.apollobooks.com)

## Website news

There have been a few small changes to the website so far this year. The *Field Bryology* page has been expanded and now includes a link to the contents page of the current issue, together with a couple of PDF files of some of the articles to whet the appetite. With *FB* being such an impressive advertisement for the BBS, I am hoping to strengthen the links between it and the web-

## George Stabler's botanical collections

Electronic files containing accounts of about 80 bygone bryologists are currently online at the BBS website ([www.britishbryologicalsociety.org.uk](http://www.britishbryologicalsociety.org.uk)), together with an article listing brief details of members of the Moss Exchange Club (1896–1923). A great advantage of airing this material online – even though some of it remains very incomplete – is that from time to time complete strangers email me out of the blue (or ether) with information that supplements or corrects that which I have provided. This happened with my draft for George Stabler (1839–1910) of Levens, Westmorland, and led to considerably more detail being added to the article.

Staff and volunteers at Kendal Museum have recently been cataloguing Stabler's plants and papers held there. These materials date from about 1870, and include two beautifully

presented volumes of his herbarium *Westmorland Mosses*, along with a signed and bound copy of nine papers *On the Hepaticae and Musci of Westmorland* published in *The Naturalist* between October 1888 and November 1898.

In addition, letters to Stabler from Henry Boswell, James McAndrew, William Henry Pearson and Richard Spruce are held at Cumbria Record Office, Kendal, where they are filed with the papers of Superintendent Robert Walker of Kendal Police (ref: WDX 950).

Bryologists who wish to enquire about Stabler's material at Kendal Museum should in the first instance contact The Natural History Curator, Kendal Museum, Station Road, Kendal, Cumbria LA9 6BT.

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site. I am now adding local meeting reports to the site as PDFs. This is quicker for me, and it preserves the layout and illustrations.

There is a new bryology history page which incorporates much of Mark Lawley's work on the history of bryology in this country. There are many short biographical pieces on individual bryologists, together with more general papers. I have had a number of positive comments about this new resource, and would welcome further additions to it.

A further excursion into the realm of multimedia bryology can also be found in a recording of Gordon Rothero's interview on BBC Radio 4's *Today*. Fortunately, he was spared the aggressive interviewing style that is the hallmark of the programme. Those intrigued to learn more can click on the link on the home page.

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## New bryology group for Wessex

The Wessex Bryology Group has been set up to record sites in Wiltshire, Dorset and parts of Somerset. A key aim of the group is to encourage those who are new to the subject to become more experienced and confident at identifying bryophytes. There is no formal membership or constitution and each person goes out at his/her own risk. Beginners are always very welcome; the only equipment needed is a hand lens (×10 or ×20) and some paper packets for collecting specimens. Many of the sites we plan to visit include wet and muddy areas so boots are advisable. We will usually eat a packed lunch on site. All meetings will start at 10.30 am and finish between 3 and 4 pm.

For further information, contact **Andrew Branson** (t 01747 838223; e andrew@britishwildlife.com) or **Sharon Pilkington** (t 01225 775945; e sharon.pilkington1@btinternet.com).

Meetings planned for the 2008–2009 season include:

### 6 December – East Knoyle, South Wiltshire

*Leader – Andrew Branson*

A meeting primarily to introduce beginners to a range of common woodland and grassland species. Park at lay-by opposite windmill on Wise Lane between East Knoyle and The Green (ST872310).

### 15 February – Asham Wood, Somerset

*Leader – Sharon Pilkington*

An extensive area of ancient ash-maple woodland with a stream and the possibility of visiting an adjacent disused limestone quarry. Park by the factory buildings (do not park in the factory car park itself) at the junction of the Old Wells Road and the minor road to Leigh upon Mendip (Leigh Road) at ST701467.

### 15 March – Fyfield Down NNR, North Wiltshire

*Leader – Sharon Pilkington*

A chance to survey the famous sarsen stones. Park at car park near Preshute (west of Marlborough) at SU159700.

### 26 April – Silk Hill, Salisbury Plain, South Wiltshire

*Leader – Sharon Pilkington*

Chalk grassland and disturbed open ground. Meet at Milston at the tank crossing at SU164460. We will then drive on in convoy to the site.

## Changes to the Membership List, September 2008

*These changes refer to the March 2008 list.*

### Changes of address and amendments

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## Spring 09 Field Meeting

### Ayrshire/North Kirkcudbrightshire 1–7 April 2009

**Local secretary** – Liz Kungu, Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh, 20A Inverleith Row, Edinburgh EH3 5LR  
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This meeting will be based at Auchincruive, part of the Scottish Agricultural College just outside Ayr. There will be student-type accommodation available at the College, but there are plenty of hotels, B&Bs and guest houses in Ayr. There will be oppor-

tunities to look at some of the upland sites as well as recording the under-recorded areas in Ayrshire. There will also be an introduction to BRECOG recording for those who are interested. Further details will appear in a future issue of *Field Bryology*.

## Summer 09 Field Meeting

### Co. Cork, Ireland 27 June–4 July 2009

### Co. Kerry, Ireland 4–11 July 2009

**Organizers** – Sam Bosanquet, Cnwc y Llwyn, Brechfa, Carmarthen, Carmarthenshire SA32 7QR  
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Despite the richness of its hyperoceanic flora, much of south-western Ireland remains bryologically unexplored. Visitors flock to the few well-recorded hotspots, leaving large gaps between them. This meeting is aimed at recording these gaps, on the assumption that ‘mundane’ areas in such a rich region will provide plenty of interest. We tried a similar approach in 2007 when visiting what an Irish colleague described as ‘the dull bit of Co. Clare’ and found significant range extensions for several species. The first week will be centred on Clonakilty, Co. Cork, and we will record a main site each morning, then split into individual carloads to explore churches, forestry or bogland in the afternoon.

The second week, based in Tralee, Co. Kerry, will include 3 days looking at the oceanic rarities in the mountains, recording their upper altitudinal limits. These days will be interspersed with days spent in under-worked lowland areas. This is a meeting that aims to cover new ground, and records of *Frullania dilatata* and *Funaria hygrometrica* will count as much as those of *Lejeunea flava* and *Cyclodictyon laetevirens*. Sam Bosanquet will help organize the first week and Chris Preston the second, with advice and guidance from Irish bryologists and botanists.

To register your interest in attending this meeting, please contact the organizers, Sam Bosanquet or Chris Preston.

## Autumn 09 AGM and Paper-reading Session

### University of Sussex 11–13 September 2009

**Local secretary** – David Streeter, John Maynard Smith Building, University of Sussex, Brighton BN1 9QG  
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The meeting will include a visit to the Francis Rose Reserve at The Royal Botanic Gardens Kew, Wakehurst Place. Full details of this meeting will be published in future issues of *Field Bryology*.