

Dublin Naturalists Field Club (DNFC) Bryophyte Initiative

The DNFC has recently included on its programme a number of field events designed to introduce members to bryophyte identification and field-craft techniques. These outings have been exceptionally well-supported, particularly by younger members, and further events and workshops are planned. Our main area of field activity is in Counties Dublin (v.-c. H21), Wicklow (v.-c. H20) and Kildare (v.-c. H19). Many of the attendees on our excursions are either BSBI vice-county recorders, postgraduate students or established naturalists. Some are recently joined members of the BBS.

The Club is keen to enlist as much support

as possible from both Irish- and British-based bryologists in order to progress the study of mosses and liverworts in our area with a view over time to improving the state of knowledge of these plants in Ireland. In addition, we hope to increase the number of home-based naturalists who are interested in aspects of the conservation and community ecology of bryophytes.

The initiative is being led by Dr Declan Doogue, 12 Glasilawn Road, Dublin 11 (e dooguedeclan@eircom.net) who would be pleased to receive any correspondence.

Melinda Lyons, DNFC Events Secretary
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The Jill Smythies Award for 2009

The Linnean Society of London announced that the 2009 Jill Smythies Award for Botanical Illustration will go to Dr Halina Bednarek-Ochyra, Laboratory of Bryology, Institute of Botany of the Polish Academy of Sciences, Krakow. The Prize is given to a botanical artist for excellence in published illustrations in aid of plant identification, with the emphasis on botanical accuracy and the accurate portrayal of diagnostic characteristics.

Halina specializes in bryological artwork, and she has completed illustrations for the recently published *The Illustrated Moss Flora of Antarctica*. She is also a bryologist, with over 200 scientific works published, and

specializes in the Racomitrioideae. In addition, she is the co-author of two major floras of Antarctic hepatics (2000) and mosses (2008), and also serves as the curator of the bryological herbarium at KRAM.

The Prize, which comes with a purse and silver medal, was awarded in a ceremony in London on 21 May 2009.

Prof. Dr Ryszard Ochyra, Institute of Botany,
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Bucklandiella sudetica
(from the *Illustrated Moss Flora of Antarctica*)

Election of Officers and Elected Members of Council

Dr D.T. Holyoak, the current Vice-President, will become President on 1 January 2010, and it is necessary to elect a Vice-President who will take up office on that date and will become President on 1 January 2012.

The terms of seven Officers: the General Secretary, the Bulletin Editor, the Conservation Officer, the Librarian, the Meetings Secretary, the Membership Secretary and the Recording Secretary, expire at the end of 2009. The current holder of the post of General Secretary will not be standing for re-election. All of the present incumbents

of the other offices are eligible for re-election.

The Recorder for Hepatics relinquished office on 31 December 2008 and Council co-opted **Mr S.D.S. Bosanquet** in his place. The AGM will be asked to confirm Mr Bosanquet in this office until 31 December 2010.

Dr J. Denyer and **Mr J.J. Graham** will leave Council on 31 December and two Elected Members need to be elected for a period of 3 years. Dr Denyer is eligible for re-election but Mr Graham is not eligible until a period of 3 years has passed.

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 2009**. 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 at Sussex University on 12 September 2009.

M.A. Walton
General Secretary

Changes to the Membership List, June 2009

These changes refer to the September 2008 list.

Changes of address and amendments

Bird, Miss Alison, 52 Forster Road, Guildford, Surrey GU2 9AF

Blackmore, Steve, 6 Blyton Close, Beaconsfield, Bucks HP9 2LX

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Pitkin, Dr Peter, SNH, Silvan House, 231 Corstorphine Road, Edinburgh EH12 7AT

Spare, Mr Robin, 21 Polmear Village, Parr, Cornwall PL24 2AT,

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New members

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Beach, Dr Francis, Barton Ridge, Horsington, Nr Templecombe, Somerset BA8 0EF (O) (2009)

Baker, Mr Ambroise, 58 Foxhill Road, Reading, Berkshire RG1 5QS (S) (2009)

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Blackmore, Mr Steve, 10 Westbeech Court, Banbury, Oxfordshire OX16 9RY (O) (2009)

- Booth, Dr Vivienne*, 2 Wintringham Cottages, St Neots, Cambridgeshire PE19 6SP (O) (2009)
- Budke, Ms Jessica*, Dept of Ecology and Evol Biol, 75N Eagleville Road, U-3043, Storrs CT 06269, USA (S) (2009)
- Caporn, Dr Simon*, 6 Downesway, Alderney Edge, Cheshire (O) (2009)
- Charman, Mrs Elizabeth*, 29 Woodpecker Way, Great Cambourne, Cambridgeshire CB23 6GZ (F) (2009)
- Charman, Mr Tom*, 29 Woodpecker Way, Great Cambourne, Cambridgeshire CB23 6GZ (O) (2009)
- Clayton, Mr Graeme*, 2 The Dene, Nettleham, Lincoln LN2 2LS (O) (2009)
- Cortis, Dr Pierluigi*, Largo Gennari 4, 09131 Cagliari, Italy (O) (2009)
- Crossley, Mr John*, North Flaws, South Ronaldsay, Orkney KW17 2RW (O) (2009)
- Darell, Mr Per*, Rokesvens vag 14, Alvesta, 34234, Sweden (O) (2009)
- Dudeney, Mrs Rose*, 4 Crescent Road, Burgess Hill, West Sussex RH15 8EG (O) (2009)
- Duffell, Mr Mark*, 19 Compton Mews, Ford, Shrewsbury, Shropshire SY5 9NX (S) (2009)
- Finnie, Dr Tom*, Flat 1 Marlborough Court, 3 Marlborough Road, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3TH (F) (2009)
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- Goodall, Mr Steven*, 49 Muller Road, Clapham, London SW4 8BY (O) (2009)
- Greenhalgh, Miss Eleanor*, 14 Aion Road, Bangor, Gwynedd LL57 2YD (S) (2009)
- Hampson, Mrs Lalage*, Blakeway Cottage, Harley Bank, Shrewsbury SY5 6LT (O) (2009)
- Harrison, Mr Derek*, 54 Pitsford Drive, Loughborough, Leics LE11 4NY (O) (2009)
- Hernik, Mr Emil*, 4 Hendale Avenue, Hendon NW4 4LR (O) (2009)
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- Lamb, Mr Colin G*, 32 Clement Avenue, Balderton, Newark, Notts NG24 3NT (O) (2009)
- Langton, Mrs Jacky*, Bethany, Pluckley Road, Charing, Kent TN27 0AQ (O) (2009)
- Larrain, Mr Juan*, Departamento de Botanica, Universidad de Concepcion, Casilla 160-C, Concepcion, Codigo Postal 4030000, Chile (S) (2009)
- Lawrie, Mrs Jackie*, Backhill of Inkhorn, Auchnagatt, Ellon, Aberdeenshire AB41 8YB (O) (2009)
- Morris, Dr Rebecca*, Flat 1 Marlborough Court, 3 Marlborough Road, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3TH (O) (2009)
- Mulloy, Mr David*, 34 York Street, Nelson, Lancashire BB9 0NW (O) (2009)
- Newbery, Mrs Fay*, Gwelfro, Pennant, Llanon, Ceredigion SY23 5JQ (O) (2009)
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- Prendergast, Mr Alex*, 57 Caddow Road, Norwich, Norfolk NR5 9PQ
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- Robinson, Mr Sean*, 50 Schoolhouse Lane, Oneonta, NY13820, USA (S) (2009)
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- Sanders, Mr Andrew V*, 82A Olivers Battery Road South, Winchester, Hampshire SO22 4JD (O) (2009)
- Shanklin, Mr J D*, 11 City Road, Cambridge CB1 1DP (O) (2009)
- Showler, Dr Alan*, 12 Wedgwood Drive, Hughenden Valley, High Wycombe Bucks HP14 4PA (O) (2009)
- Sjogren, Mr Lars*, Ostra Ringgatan 2b, 441 31 Aligsas, Sweden (O) (2009)
- Southon, Miss Georgina*, 57 Alexandra Road, Reading, Berkshire RG1 5PG (S) (2009)
- Stapper, Dr Norbert J*, Verresberger Strasse 55, D-40789 Monheim am Rhein, Germany (O) (2009)
- Sult, Mr Carsten*, Amtsdirstenstr. 8, D-59368 Werne, Germany (O) (2009)
- Taylor, Mrs Vivienne*, 2 Penfold Close, Hathern, Loughborough, Leics (O) (2009)
- Walsh, Miss Aisling*, Station Road, Manulla, Castlebar, Co. Mayo, Ireland (O) (2009)
- Wallace, Mike*, The School House, Canon Pyon, Herefordshire HR4 8PF (F) (2009)
- Walton, Mrs Mari*, 19 Tudor Close, Hatfield, Hertfordshire AL10, 9EJ (S) (2009)
- Woodward, Mr Stephen*, 19 Highfield Road, Groby, Leicester LE6 0GU (O) (2009)

Reinstatement

Green, Mr Roger, Manor Cottage, Ratlinghope, Shrewsbury SY5 0SR (O) (1999)

Deceased

We also regret to report the death of *Mr J A Field*, Woodlarks, Fairby Lane, Harley, Dartford, Kent (O) (1956).

Resignation

Blackburn, Mr John, 6 Bylands Grove, Fairfield, Stockton-on-Tees, Cleveland TS19 7BG (O) (1991)

Summer 2009 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
 (e s.bosanquet@ccw.gov.uk)

Organizer – Chris Preston (e cdpr@ceh.ac.uk)

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 *Cyclocladion laetevirens*. Sam Bosanquet will help organize the first week and Chris Preston the second, with advice and guidance from Irish bryologists and botanists.

For further details of this meeting, please contact the organizers – Sam Bosanquet or Chris Preston.

Autumn 2009 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 (t 01273 877306;
 Local secretary (e d.t.streeter@sussex.ac.uk)

The paper-reading session is planned to have a conservation theme and offers of papers are still welcome. In addition, the meeting will provide the opportunity for the Society to celebrate Jean Paton’s 80th birthday.

The AGM will be held at 1600 on Saturday 12 September at the University of Sussex. The agenda, minutes and reports are included in the booklet that accompanies this issue of *Field Bryology*.

The field meeting on Sunday 13 September will visit the Royal Botanic Gardens at Wakehurst Place, and Tilgate Wood SSSI, which includes a fine example of Sussex sand rocks.

Booking forms are available on request from the Local Secretary by email or telephone (see above) Those intending to attend are asked to apply for a booking form by Friday 28 August.



Wakehurst Place. Ian Atherton

Future meetings

Spring 2010 Field Meeting

South Lincolnshire/East Nottingham 17–24 March 2010

Local secretaries – Robin Stevenson, 111 Wooton Road, King's Lynn, Norfolk PE30 4DJ

Contact details: (e crs111@talktalk.net) and Jonathan Graham

This meeting will explore some under-worked terrain in two vice-counties. We have decided to try and be reasonably 'carbon-conscious' and restrict recording to within about a 30-mile radius of Newark. Although a lowland area, there is some variation in the geology, with a ridge of Jurassic limestones separating the Triassic and Liassic lowlands of the Trent basin to the west from more acidic lower Cretaceous sands, and the recent sediments of the Fens to the east.

This meeting should be especially attractive to

relative beginners, who will not be challenged by difficult genera such as *Sphagnum*, nor by a multiplicity of tiny liverworts. There will, however, be opportunities for the experienced too, to pick up new v.-c. records and seek out new species of *Orthotrichum* invading from across the North Sea.

Potential participants, eager to book early, can obtain a list of accommodation from the local Tourist Information Centre (www.visitnewarkandsherwood.co.uk), but more detailed information will be available later from Robin (see above).

Summer 2010 Field Meeting

East Ross, Scotland 3–10 July 2010

Local secretary – Keith Rastrick, Tigh an Uillt, Corry, Muir of Ord, Rosshire IV6 7TN

Contact details: (t 01463 871959 or 07884 437302; e keith.corry1@btinternet.com)

The Meeting will cover mountain and lowland habitats within a few miles of Dingwall and Strathpeffer in East Ross. The two townships offer good accommodation and are well within striking distance of the proposed sites.

Autumn 2010 AGM and Paper-reading Session

Queen Mary University of London 10–12 September 2010

Local secretary – Jeff Duckett, School of Biological and Chemical Sciences, Fogg Building, Queen Mary University of London, Mile End Road, London E1 4NS (e j.g.duckett@qmul.ac.uk)

The 2010 AGM and Paper-reading Session will be held at Queen Mary University of London 10–12 September.

There is public transport (tube) to within 0.25 miles of the venue and car parking is also available in the College. All accommodation is single and en suite. The Sunday excursion will be to Hampstead

Heath, which at the time of writing boasts some 133 bryophytes, less than 1 hour by either car or by public transport from the College.

For those who missed it last time, there is abundant *Fissidens julianus* in the canal next to the College, and *Syntrichia virescens* in Carlton Square, a couple of streets away.