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BBS Library Sales

Having managed the BBS library sales for 35 years, Ken Adams would like to pass the role to someone else so that he can devote more time to other aspects of the Librarian's work.

The sales stock – see inside back cover of *Field Bryology* No. 97 – currently occupies a large, double, built-in wardrobe. In addition to selling BBS publications the work involves, every few years, identifying stockists of items such as forceps, lenses, plastic micrometer eyepiece scales, etc.

Ken has offered to continue to supply the mini-blades if nobody else fancies the job of dismantling disposable razors!

This is an important service to members that will suit a member who would like to contribute to the Society, but has difficulty in travelling to meetings.

If you are that person, please contact Mike Walton on mike.a.walton@googlemail.com or telephone 01606 832613.

Bryophyte Ecology online

Those of you who are familiar with Janice Glime's online 'ebook' *Bryophyte Ecology* will be interested to learn that a new volume of this continually evolving resource is now available at www.bryoecol.mtu.edu/#. The new volume covers interactions of bryophytes with other organisms, in particular protozoa and invertebrates. Work is progressing on vertebrate, bacterial, fungal, algal, and plant interactions.

Janice – Past-president of IAB, and co-ordinator of Bryonet – is happy to receive any suggestions or corrections you may have for these volumes. Contact Janice at jmglime@mtu.edu

Bryophytes of warmer – and cooler – climes

The Editor's attention has been drawn to two new web resources.

Gallery of the bryophytes of Mexico

<http://briofitasdemexico.blogspot.com/2009/08/presentation.html>

Dr Efrain de Luna is pleased to announce the launch of an online gallery of the bryophytes of Mexico. This is a collaborative effort to co-ordinate and promote online availability of photographs of bryophytes of the region. The gallery consists of pictures within albums arranged hierarchically according to classification. For further information, visit the website or contact Dr de Luna, Dept de Biodiversidad y Sistemática, Instituto de Ecología, AC, Xalapa, Mexico.

Bryophytes of south-east Alaska

www.sitkanature.org/wiki/Bryophytes

A reasonably comprehensive list of bryophytes for south-east Alaska has been compiled by Matt Goff.

The bulk of the list is due to Ian Worley from his PhD dissertation completed in 1972 at University of British Columbia. In addition, Richard Andrus provided a list of *Sphagnum* species for the region.

Matt, who is not a specialist, would appreciate any suggestions or corrections. He can be contacted via www.sitkanature.org

Joyce Watson (1920–2009)

It is with great sadness that the Society notes the recent death of Joyce Watson, widow of Eric Vernon Watson, on 11 September 2009, aged 89.

Joyce (née Edwards) was born on 25 June 1920. Eric and Joyce met at Liverpool University in 1938/9 when he was a demonstrator and Joyce was a first-year student. They married in

August 1945 (by which time Eric was a lecturer at Harper Adams Agricultural College, Newport, Shropshire), and subsequently they had four daughters – Rosemary, Alison, Erica and Jill. Eric died in 1999, aged 85.

Joyce was still living in the family home in Goring, Berkshire, but died in hospital.

Changes to the Membership List, September 2009

These changes refer to the September 2008 list.

Changes of address and amendments

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Resignation

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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

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This meeting will explore some of the under-worked terrain in South Lincolnshire (v.-c. 53) and Nottinghamshire (v.-c. 56). We have decided to try and be reasonably 'carbon conscious' and restrict recording to within (roughly) 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 too 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 vice-county records and help fill in gaps.

We have decided on Newark as our centre of operations. There is, unfortunately, no field centre or college in the area able to offer us both cheap accommodation and lab facilities; however, there is a wide range of accommodation available in the town itself, and in the surrounding area. We also hope to be able to book some rooms in Newark for

evening microscope work – though that will depend on the costs involved.

Newark, just off the A1, has good road and rail connections to most other parts of the country. It is quite compact, and has a good range of eating places, as well as a castle, churches and a river frontage, which might be bryologically productive.

The North Muskham Travel Lodge just off the A1, some 4 km north of Newark itself, probably offers the cheapest accommodation in the area. Rooms can be as cheap as £19.00 a night, if booked sufficiently far in advance; they do not, however, include breakfast or other meals. Most of the larger hotels in Newark are in the £50–60 a night bracket for a single room, but prices drop appropriately for B&Bs, and in the surrounding villages. Those on a restricted budget would be well advised to book early. A list of accommodation can be obtained from the local Tourist Information Centre – www.visitnewarkandsherwood.co.uk – as well as from www.bedandbreakfast-directory.co; www.britinfo.net/index_Newark.htm; www.4Hotels.co.uk; and www.information-britain.co.uk/hotel_towns.cfm?town=Newark&county=12

Summer 2010 Pre-Field Meeting

Morayshire, Scotland 26 June–3 July 2010

Local secretary – Liz Kungu, Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh, 20A Inverleith Row, Edinburgh EH3 5LR

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Prior to the main event there will be an additional week on the eastern edge of the Cairngorms National Park focusing mainly on recording under-recorded hectads in Morayshire, including some parts of western Aberdeenshire. The base for the week will be in Glenlivet near Tomnavoulin, where a self-catering cottage is available. This area is sufficiently close to the high Cairngorms that there could be opportunities to visit other areas of interest, including nearby limestone sites.

Summer 2010 Main Field Meeting East Ross, Scotland 3–10 July 2010

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

Local secretary (t 01463 871959 or 07884 437302; e keith.corry1@btinternet.com)

Since the first notice of this meeting, the number of prospective sites has risen to 15, covering mountain and lowland habitats. It's good practice to have a few sites in hand in case of bad weather, and it allows people to 'pick and mix' if they wish to visit sites other than those on the main list.

Although almost all the sites are within a few miles of Dingwall, it is now the intention to spend the final day of the meeting visiting the Ythan Dunes in Aberdeenshire. This means that the day before will be spent travelling east to the coast, but on the way we will visit three sites of interest at Findhorn Gorge – Dulsie Bridge, Randolph's Leap and Logie Steading. At Logie Steading there is a visitor centre, gardens and access to the river.

There may also be an opportunity to visit a system of remote north-facing corries in the Achnasheen area. However, the number of people able to visit this exciting site will be limited as access is dependent on us having a 4x4 vehicle(s) to negotiate the 6-mile trek into the high mountains along a rough mountain track.

Both Dingwall and nearby Strathpeffer offer good accommodation and are within striking distance of the proposed sites. For information, telephone 0845 225 5121 or go to the *VisitScotland* website (www.visitscotland.com). Alternatively, contact the Strathpeffer tourist information centre (01997 421415). Information about accommodation in Dingwall can be obtained on 01349 866040.

Autumn 2010 AGM and Paper-reading Session London (*venue t.b.a.*) 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
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The 2010 AGM and Paper-reading Session will be held in central London, 10–12 September. Full details of the venue will be published in the next issue of *Field Bryology*.

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 central London.

▷ Hampstead Heath. *Jeff Duckett*

