

Asterosiphon: a rare alga found in muddy places

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News and Society Business

Second edition of the Field Guide

The Publications Committee is looking into the production of a second edition of *Mosses and liverworts of Britain and Ireland: a field guide*, originally published by the BBS in 2010. This will be a 'light touch' revision updating the nomenclature and maps, correcting any errors and including a greater range of drawings. As part of this exercise, we are compiling a list of corrections from the first edition. This exercise

was completed by Alan Hale some time ago, but unfortunately the comments that he compiled are no longer accessible. We would therefore be grateful if you could send details of any corrections to: FGEditor@britishbryologicalsociety.org.uk

All contributors to the Field Guide will also be contacted independently for their input.

Future Meetings

Spring meeting 2022: Hungary, Tuesday April 5 – Wednesday April 13 2022 (dates preliminary)

We will travel to different locations in the country by bus from Budapest and Eger, where we will stay for some nights each. Excursions will include calcareous grasslands and limestone rocks in the vicinity of the capital and in the Bükk Mts (North-east Hungary) (expected highlights: *Asterella saccata*, *Mannia fragrans*, *M. triandra*, *Oxymitra incrassata*, *Riccia ciliifera*, *Bryum [Ptychostomum] funkii*, *Crossidium squamiferum*), volcanic grasslands and siliceous boulder scree at Börzsöny and Visegrád Mts (*Brachythecium geheebii*, *Crossidium squamiferum*, *Grimmia plagiopodia*,

Lescuraea saviana, *Syntrichia caninervis* var. *gypsophila*), saline grassland (*Entosthodon hungaricus*) and loess cliffs (*Hilpertia velenovskyi*) in the lowlands and forests in the colline Cserhát Mts (*Anacamptodon splachnoides*, *Zygodon [Codonoblepharon] forsteri*).

This plan may, of course, be affected by changes which could be imposed by the Covid 19 situation at the time, supposing that travel to Hungary is then possible. Further information about the meeting will be provided closer to the time. The meeting will be organized by Peter Erzberger, Berlin, and Beáta Papp, Budapest.

To express an interest in the meeting and for further information, please email erzberger.peter@gmail.com.

Summer meeting 2022: Jura, Saturday 18 June – Saturday 25 June 2022

The Isle of Jura in the Southern Hebrides is one of the most spectacularly remote and unexplored of our western Scottish islands, and approximately half of its tetrads lack a single record. In addition to investigating previously unrecorded areas of moorland, bog, mountains, lochans and coastline, there will also be the opportunity to re-examine the habitats of its known specialities including sea-caves and *Cyclodictyon laetevirens*; ravines and *Dumortiera hirsuta* and the Hepatic Mat constituent *Adelanthus lindenbergianus* up on the Paps. It is hoped that a boat trip to take recorders to the northernmost tip of the island may also be an option. To further explore the many ravines, cliffs, raised beaches and localised machair characteristic of the West coast, those adventurous recorders who are physically fit might be interested in a second week (prior to the core week), camping and bothying. I am happy to provide any information/guidance required for this. The Cicerone publication *Walking on Jura, Islay and Colonsay* is an excellent resource to start with.

The village hall in Craighouse has been hired for the week's evening work as it provides a more central location close to most of the holiday cottages, shop and hotel. (A small charge will be made for the use of the hall – the exact amount depending on the numbers of people attending). Craighouse also has a campsite and a direct foot-passenger RIB service to Tayvallich on the mainland, in addition to a bus service to Feolin for the car-ferry to Islay and Kennacraig. Booking accommodation is the responsibility of those attending. However, to those of you who are happy to share please indicate this when you register your interest, and I will put you in touch with each other and provide contact details for suggested local cottages.

To register your interest and/or for further information please contact Fiona Cameron at Fionacam68@gmail.com

Autumn meeting 2022: Teesside University, 10–11 September 2022

Saturday 10 September: Paper reading session and AGM.

Sunday 11 September: Field trip to South Gare. This site is located at the extreme north-east tip of vc 62 (North-east Yorkshire) and has a range of artificial and semi-natural habitats, including dunes, dune slacks, grasslands, saltmarshes, ponds, reed beds, slag 'pavements', slag 'outcrops', etc. Bryological highlights include, for example, extensive lawns of *Distichium inclinatum* (but rarely found with capsules), *Drepanocladus polygamus* on marshy grounds, a 1998 record of *Aloina brevirostris* and the first and only vice-county record of *Tortella flavovirens*. However, the site has not been fully explored bryologically and may well reward us with interesting findings.

There is a vascular plant flora of South Gare that provides interesting background information about the history of the sites and its habitats (Barlow, 2021: https://bsbi.org/wp-content/uploads/dlm_uploads/2021/04/Flora-of-South-Gare-2021.pdf).

The Teesside area is also the perfect gateway to explore the North Yorkshire coast, the North York Moors, and the only English site for *Mielichhoferia elongata*. To register your interest and/or for further information please contact Ambrose Baker: ambrose.baker@gmail.com

Call for talks for the 2022 paper reading session

Are you working on an interesting bryological project and would like to share your findings with the Society? The paper reading session on Saturday 10 September 2022 could be the perfect time to do this. If you would like to give a talk then please contact Ambrose: ambrose.baker@gmail.com.

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