

THE BRITISH LICHEN SOCIETY

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When sending specimens for a referee's opinion please do not
forget to enclose return postage.

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MEMBERSHIP. The membership (subscriptions paid) is 47 full members,
11 junior members, and 4 family members. 1 Honorary member
(Professor Henry des Abbayes).

READING CIRCLE; It is proposed to form a reading circle to receive
The Bryologist and the Revue Bryologique et Lichenologique. Will
members who wish to join please send their names to the Secretary.
Members participating are asked to contribute 2s. 0d. per annum to
cover the cost of the journals.

LICHEN STUDY GROUP. The Lichen Study Group which has been
organised by Mr. F.A. Sowter for the past few years now becomes a
part of the Lichen Society. All interested in lichens owe a debt
of gratitude to Mr. Sowter for his pioneer effort in starting the
group. The loan of specimens of special interest, sets of specimens
of single genera, or of small groups of closely related species
within a genus will be welcomed for inclusion in the circulating
parcels and should be sent to Mr. F.H. Brightman, 2 Red Oak Close,
Orpington, Kent, who has kindly undertaken to take charge of the
group. Postage for the return of specimens after circulation
should be included with the specimens. Members who wish to
participate in the Study Group, whether contributors or not, should
send their names to Mr. Brightman.

HERBARIUM. Good progress has been made in forming a collection of lichens, specimens from which will be available for loan. The Curator, Dr. D. Swinscow, would welcome the gift of more specimens. He will produce a list of species in the collection in the autumn.

NEW COUNTY RECORDS. These should be sent to the Recorder accompanied by a voucher specimen for the B.L.S. Herbarium.

MEETINGS 1959. The first Annual Meeting and excursions will be held at Chagford, Devon, from 7 to 12 April 1959. It has also been suggested that a meeting be held at Flatford Mill in the autumn of 1959.

ANALYTICAL KEYS TO BRITISH MACROLICHENS BY EILIF DAHL. A limited number of these can be made available to members, price 2s. 3d., including postage. Obtainable from Dr. D.C. Smett, University Department of Botany, South Parks Road, Oxford. Cambridge University Botany Department is now duplicating further sets of these keys, and will supply them, when ready, for a small charge.

PEMBROKESHIRE LICHENS. Several of our members attended the meeting of the British Bryological Society at Haverfordwest from 3-9 April, when a number of interesting additions were made to an already long list of new county records, including Usnea sublurida, Parmelia mougeotii, Lecanora sambuci, L.fugiens, Diploschistes actinostomus, and Thelotrema lepadinum. Roccella fucoides was seen growing on an old oak near Fishguard. There does not seem to be any previous record of this as a corticolous species. The exposures and boulders of igneous intrusive rocks at Treffgarne and Mynydd Prescelly proved most productive and would be well worth further investigation. A full report on the lichens met with will be made in due course.

May 1958

A.E. Wade,
Secretary.

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RULES

1. Name

The name of the Society shall be The British Lichen Society.

2. Objects

- (a) To promote and advance all branches of the study of lichens especially in relation to those of the British Isles.
- (b) To publish the results of these investigations and other relevant work in the Society's publications to the extent that the Council of the Society and the Editor deem to be suitable, such publications to be available for sale to the public.
- (c) To facilitate the exchange of information among lichenologists by organising field meetings, conferences, lectures and exhibitions and by other means.
- (d) To promote in every way possible the conservation of the British Lichen Flora.
- (e) To aid in the maintenance of adequate representative collections of British Lichens in the national and other public herbaria.
- (f) To maintain a library of books and lichenological journals; these to be made available to non-members at the discretion of the Librarian who shall be responsible to the Council.

3. Membership

The Society shall have honorary members, ordinary members (including family members) and junior members. Honorary members shall be distinguished lichenologists and persons who have rendered valuable service to the Society. They shall be nominated by the Council and elected on a majority vote of those present and voting at a general meeting of the Society. They shall enjoy the same benefits as ordinary members but shall pay no subscription.

Ordinary members shall be persons who have signed the Form of Membership and paid the subscription. Membership shall continue subject to payment of the subscription and the provisions of Rule 4. When more than one member of a family are ordinary or honorary members of the Society, one (unless an honorary member) shall pay the full subscription and the others may pay such reduced subscription as the Society may decide in accordance with Rule 5. With the approval of the Council, societies and institutions may become members on the same terms as ordinary members with the right to send one representative (who shall be entitled to vote) to any meeting of the Society. Junior members shall be entitled to membership (or removed from it) in the same way as ordinary members but shall pay such smaller subscription as the Society may determine in accordance with Rule 5. They shall enjoy the benefits of ordinary members. Junior membership shall be open to persons under the age of 21 years and to those persons under the age of 25 years who are receiving full-time education.

4. Removal from membership

Any member whose conduct, in the opinion of the Council, is prejudicial to the interests of the Society may be removed from membership by a two-thirds majority vote of those present at a meeting of the Council, on the agenda of which the words "Removal of a member" shall have appeared; provided no member may be so removed unless due notice has been sent to the member of the intention of the Council to proceed under this rule and of the nature of the charges made and an opportunity has been afforded of answering such charges to the satisfaction of the Council. A member so removed shall forfeit any claim upon the Society.

5. Subscriptions

The rate of the ordinary, family and junior subscriptions shall be determined, as and when necessary, at a general meeting of the Society by a majority vote of those present and voting. Subscriptions shall be payable in advance on 1st January each year. The Council have power to suspend any member who is more than one year in arrears in payment of the subscription. A person who has signed the Form of Membership and paid his subscription as an ordinary or junior member shall be entitled to receive the Society's publications issued during the calendar year in which his subscription is paid.

6. Officers

The officers of the Society shall be the president, the vice-president, the secretary, the treasurer, the editor, the librarian and such referees, recorders and curators as the Council shall decide.

7. Election of Officers

The president shall be nominated by the Council and elected for a term of two years, dating from the following first of January by a majority vote of those present and voting at an Annual General Meeting of the Society. The vice-president who will normally succeed the president in office, shall be nominated by the Council and elected for a term not exceeding two years, dating from the following first of January, by a majority vote of those present and voting at an Annual General Meeting of the Society. All other officers shall be nominated by the Council and submit themselves for election annually at the Annual General Meeting of the Society.

8. Council

The Council shall consist of the officers of the Society and of six members each elected at a general meeting of the Society for a term of two years dating from the following first of January. The members thus elected shall not be eligible for re-election until one year after their term of office. The retiring president shall remain a member of the Council for one year following his retirement. The Council shall have the power to co-opt.

9. Duties of Council and Officers

The Council, through its Officers, shall administer the affairs and the funds of the Society. The President, or in his absence, the Vice-President, shall preside at all meetings of the Society and the Council. In the absence of both, a chairman shall be elected by a majority vote of those present. In case of equality of votes on any matter, the President (or chairman of the meeting) shall have a casting vote. The Treasurer or his appointed deputy shall keep an account of all receipts and expenditure, a statement of which, certified by the auditor, shall be presented by him at the Annual General Meeting. The Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, Librarian and Curators shall submit reports to the Council at its annual meeting.

10. Meetings

The Society shall hold an Annual General Meeting and such others as the Council shall decide. The Council shall hold an annual meeting and such others as it may decide. The Secretary (or in his absence a person appointed by the chairman of any meeting) shall publish to all members of the Society the formal decisions taken at every general meeting of the Society. Minutes shall be taken of all formal indoor meetings of the Society and its Council. Notice of a general meeting of the Society shall be sent to members at least four weeks before the date of the meeting. The procedure and order of business at meetings shall be decided by the chairman.

A special general meeting of the Society shall be convened on the requisition of the Council or of twenty members. The requisition shall be addressed to the secretary and shall specify the purpose for which the meeting is called. A convening notice stating this purpose shall be sent to every member at least seven days before the meeting is to take place.

11. Change of rules

Changes in these rules may be made only at annual or special general meetings of the Society and must be approved by not less than two-thirds of the members present at the meeting. Proposals to change the rules must be detailed in the notice convening the meeting sent to every member.

No alterations, variations or additions shall be made to the rules which will make the objects of the Society not exclusively charitable or the funds and assets of the Society applicable otherwise than for exclusively charitable purposes.