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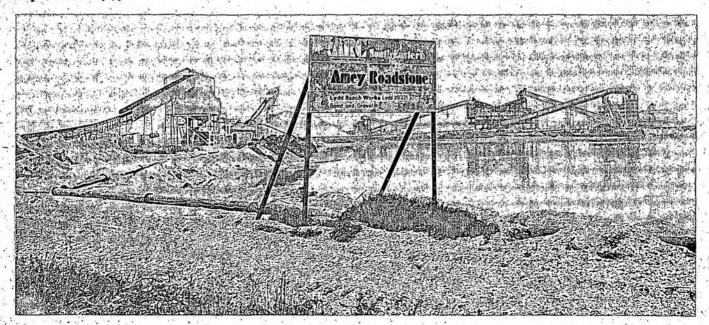
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President: F. H. Brightman, B.Sc.

Dungeness faces devastation

Way beyond the lonely reed-filled dykes of Kent's Romney Marsh lies Denge Beach, popularly called Dungeness - a name which in reality is that of the headland reaching out into the English Channel. The whole area consists of shingle ridges, forming the largest foreland of its kind in Europe. The scientific interest of Denge Beach is unique, it being most highly regarded in many differing disciplines (2, 5). Physiographers look upon it as one of the world's major coastal depositional features, whilst ornithologists list it as one of their most important localities for migration, together with notable breeding and wintering bird populations. Several moths and other insects have their only British localities in the vicinity, whilst the vegetation includes not only "particularly interesting species, but is of unique value for the study of colonisation of new natural habitats by pioneer plants in very adverse conditions of soil and exposure to wind and salt spray" (2). There are important marsh and aquatic communities at the Open Pits, the only completely natural bodies of freshwater, with undisturbed hydroseres to Sphagnum bog and fen carr, known in south-east England. The British Lichen Society has listed the area as an International Lichen Site because of its importance for small crustaceous species which colonise the bare pebbles, the tracts of rich Cladonia turf which play a major role in the vegetation cycle, and for the fruticose epiphytes on the blackthorn Prunus spinosa scrub. One arctic-continental lichen, Cladonia mitis, occurs in England only on Denge Beach. Although the area appeared in the first national list of proposed nature reserves compiled in 1915 (2), incredibly, it has never been so declared, but has instead been gnawed away by various interests, so that today only

Denge Beach today. Lichen-rich shingle ridges are rapidly being replaced by water-filled gravel-pits. The picture shows the ARC Pit opposite Boulderwall, the elevators of the gravel processing plant dominating the horizon. Photograph: J. R. Laundon, September 1979.



fragments of its former glory remain.

The pressures on Denge Beach are of several kinds:

- 1. Electricity generation by nuclear reactors. The area between Dungeness and Pen Bars is owned by the Central Electricity Generating Board. The first power-station, Dungeness A, was begun in 1960 and came on stream in 1965. The second, Dungeness B, was started in 1965 and remains unfinished. A third station, Dungeness C, is also planned. The reactors were built on an isolated site of considerable botanical importance (2), and shingle was churned up over a wide area during the initial construction. Subsequently the site has caused little disturbance to Denge Beach, and the CEGB authorities there have been a model of co-operation over conservation matters throughout. Today the lichen vegetation appears to be quite unaffected by any pollution from Dungeness A, thus indicating that nuclear generation of electricity is much preferable to oil or coal-fired methods as far as the lichen flora is concerned.
- 2. Gravel extraction. Extensive workings are scattered over the landward side of Denge Beach. The largest of these is operated by the Amey Roadstone Corporation Ltd., a subsidiary of Consolidated Gold Fields Ltd. (formerly The Consolidated Gold Fields of South Africa Ltd.)(1). The removal of the gravel results in the formation of ugly pits which rapidly fill with water.
- 3. Military usage. The whole of Holmstone Beach renown for its open scrub of holly <u>Ilex</u> on the west side has been requisitioned by the army since the last century and access is still restricted. Although the Ministry of Defence is very sympathetic to conservation interests, there is much disturbance to the vegetation on the Lydd Ranges.
- 4. Ribbon-development along the strand. The coastline from New Romney to Dungeness has been built over, chiefly with bungalows. Fortunately this growth has been contained, especially by the activities of the Dungeness Preservation Fund Committee (1931 37) and by the measures of the Town and Country Planning Act (from 1947).
- 5. Water reserves. The north side of Denge Beach is owned by the Folkestone & District Water Company. The area is colonised by open grass-heath and there is now little disturbance.

Conservation interests to defend the area against the above pressures are chiefly represented by two bodies: the Nature Conservancy Council and the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds. The Conservancy planned in 1954 to establish a National Nature Reserve over all the most important part of the beach (2), but negotiations were woefully protracted. In 1958 the Central Electricity Generating Board issued a Compulsory Purchase Order for the land for its first power-station, which the Conservancy opposed at a public inquiry in December of that year (2). The CEGB won the case, whereupon, on 24 November 1959, the proposed Dungeness National Nature Reserve was abandoned, although the undeveloped area remained a Site of Special Scientific Interest (3). For practical purposes, therefore, the conservation of the area rested in the hands of the RSPB.

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds has owned land at Denge Beach since 1931 (2), and it gradually increased its holdings to administer a large area, 1,234 acres (499 hectares) centred on the Open Pits, by 1956 (3). More recently measures to promote ornithological diversity were sought by the digging of a large gravel-pit within the reserve, thus greatly increasing the area of open fresh water. This extraction, on land undisturbed except for some signs of old military activity, was carried out by the Amey Roadstone Corporation, and the RSPB has stated that the "income from the gravel royalties would be a useful addition to RSPB funds" (4). In fact, in the year ended 31 March 1974 alone, it

received £56,304 in mineral royalties (6). Digging began in 1970 and was completed in 1977, the resulting lake ironically being called the Burrowes Pit (4), named after Mr R. B. Burrowes who devoted most of his life and savings to the conservation of Denge Beach in its undisturbed state. The RSPB has, of course, created important wholly artificial habitats within some of its other reserves - the Scrape at . Minsmere is an outstanding example - but the destruction by open-cast mining of a large and vital part of the shingle nature reserve must be viewed as an act of . most questionable value to the ecology of the area. Amongst the worst of the apparent effects of the Burrowes Pit is the probable lowering of the water-table on the beach and Open Pits. This seems to be the most likely cause of the death of the Prunus scrub, formerly so rich in Usnea spp. and other epiphytes, with the loss of all its remarkable flora:

housell for the botter is a first 15 monetone of a solution of the black is elected. Gravel extraction at Denge Beach has now reached alarming proportions. The west side by Scotney Court has been excavated, and further development is actively being sought within the Ministry of Defence Ranges. Large pits have been created by Mixooncrete Aggregates Ltd. by Dengemarsh Farm. At present Amey Roadstone is excavating the whole area immediately to the north of the Open Pits on the "area of greatest ecological and physiographical interest" (2). The RSPB has sought planning permission to substantially enlarge its own pit and thus reduce still further the undisturbed part of its reserve, as well as risking more damage to the remaining vegetation by an additional lowering of the water-table. If any of Denge Beach is to be saved for the future the Nature Conservancy Council must consider negotiating at once with the remaining owners (especially the RSPB), for. the establishment of a national nature reserve. In 1959 the Conservancy abandoned such plans because "repercussions of the power station on the remaining area shows conclusively that the future scientific interest will be too much reduced to qualify it for National Nature Reserve status" (3). The Council now admits that this view was mistaken, and remarks that the "construction of a nuclear power station has detracted little from this value either physiographically or biologically" (5, Vol. 1: 52). Thus the Conservancy should now feel able to consider adopting a more active role in order to try to half further deterioration. Otherwise Denge Beach will soon be nothing more than an extensive series of gravelpits, and its international scientific value lost for all time.

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Nominations for Vice-president, Officers and Council Members

Nominations for Vice-president for 1980 - 81, Office s for 1980 and Council Members for 1980 - 81 should be sent to the Secretary before 22 December 1979 on the form at the end of this Bulletin. No person may be nominated without their consent. Any number of nominations may be entered, but not more than one per position. Miss Burnet, Mr Coppins and Mr James retire and are not eligible for re-election as Council Members.

The membership should give particular consideration to the nomination for Vice-president. In previous years the Council have been responsible for this nomination, but now the Rules have been changed so that all members can put forward someone for this position. The Vice-president holds office for two years and then normally (subject to nomination by Council and election at an Annual General Meeting) succeeds to the position of President. Therefore the Vice-president is potentially the head of the Society.

Mapping meeting 4 January 1980

A meeting of persons interested in mapping to discuss problems and policy will be held on Friday 4 January 1980 from 10.30 until 12.00 in the Education Section's Laboratory (off Whale Hall, ground floor), British Museum (Natural History), Cromwell Road, London SW7 5BD. Items for discussion should be sent to the Mapping Recorder, Dr M. R. D. Seaward, Postgraduate School in Environmental Science, The University, Bradford, West Yorkshire BD7 1DP, before the middle of December 1979 for inclusion on the agenda. Non-members are welcome.

Annual General, Lecture and Exhibition Meeting 5 January 1980

The Annual General Meeting will be held at 10.30 on Saturday 5 January 1980 in the Demonstration Room in the new East Wing (ground floor) at the British Museum (Natural History), Cromwell Road, London SW7 5BD. The nearest LT Underground station is South Kensington, and Cromwell Place or the subway connects with the museum. It is hoped that all members will endeavour to attend.

Agenda

- 1. Apologies for absence.
- 2. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting.
- 3. Matters arising.
- 4. Reports of the Officers.
- 5. Proposal by Council: the annual subscription shall be £10 from 1 January 1981; the junior associate and family subscriptions shall be unchanged.
- 6. Place, dates and leaders of annual general, spring, summer and autumn meetings 1981.
- 7. Election of Auditor.
- 8. Election of three Members of Council.
- 9. Election of Officers.
- 10. Election of Vice-president.
- 11. Election of President (Council's nomination; Dr F. Rose)
- 12. Any other business.

J. R. LAUNDON Honorary Secretary

Following the Annual General Meeting there will be a slide show from 11.30 until 12.00 and an exhibition meeting from 12.00 until 12.30. Members are kindly requested to make a special effort to contribute exhibits of lichenological interest. Demonstrations should include a title and name of exhibitor.

The lecture meeting will continue in the afternoon in the same room. The meeting is entitled LICHEN CONSERVATION. Non-members are welcome. Please display the enclosed poster. The full programme is as follows:

10.30 Annual General Meeting.

11.30 Slides of 1979 field meetings (arranged by Dr O.L.Gilbert).

12.00 Exhibition Meeting. 12.30 Lunch. Members are kindly requested to make their own arrangements. The restaurants Barino (1 Harrington Road) and Daquise (20 Thurloe Street) are recommended.

14.00 Introduction to the lectures on LICHEN CONSERVATION (Chairman: F. H. Brightman).

14.05 Lecture. J. R. LAUNDON (British Museum (Natural History)): Churchyard

14.30 Lecture, F. ROSE (University of London): Lichens of parklands and pasturewoodlands and their conservation.

15,00 Tea interval (tea gratis).

15,30 Lecture. D. JACKSON HILL (University of Bristol): Lichen dyes, conservation and a practical policy:

16.00 Lecture. P. W. JAMES (British Museum (Natural History)): Oceanic habitats.

16.30 Summary and discussion.

Day excursion to the New Forest March 1980

A day excursion in the New Forest, Hampshire, will be held on Saturday 22 Merch 1980 under the leadership of Dr Fo Rose, in conjunction with the Southempton Natural History Society. Meet at Brockenhurst Station at 11.10. Train leaves Waterloo, London, at 9.35 for Southampton, arriving at 10.42; change at Southampton for 10.47 Bournemouth train which arrives at Brockenhurst at 11.09. Mark Ash (SU 2407) and Red Shoot (SU 1808) Woods will be studied. Gum boots and packed lunch are essential and OS map 195 desirable. Please note that collecting will be restricted to the common lichens only. There are return trains from Brockenhurst at 23 & 39 minutes past each hour. Please check train times before departure.

Disting of Live Living Day excursion to Kent May 1980

The eighteenth annual "wall-tour" with the Kent Field Club (the first was in 1963) led by Mr. F. H. Brightman and Mr. J. R. Laundon will be held on Sunday 4 May 1980. All groups of plants will be studied on walls and other, saxicolous habitats, such as churchyards, on the east side of the Isle of Thanet, Kent. Meet at Broadstairs Station (grid TR 391680) at 11.00. Bring packed lunch. Train leaves Victoria, London, at 9.10 to divide at Faversham, arriving at Broadstairs at 10.58. There are return trains at 43 & 18 past the hour. Please check train times before departure.

Field meeting in France, July 1980

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See Bulletin 44: 3 (1979) for preliminary details. The full information for this meeting is still incomplete, but those intending to take part must inform Dr F. Rose, 36 St Mary's Road, Liss, Hampshire GU33 7AH, by 31 December 1979 as this will be the closing date for registration; the form at the end of Bulletin 44 may be used for this purpose. The provisional programme is as follows: Part one: lodging station biologique Avon-Fontainebleau. Arrival 3 July.
4 July: Trois Pignons (sandstones, heaths).
5 July: Gros Fouteau (forest reserve).

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6 July: Vallee du Lunain (limestones).
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Part two: lodging in Le Mans (7 July) then in Alencon (Orne). Departure 14 July.

7 July: Le Mans (arrival, reception, briefing).

8 July: Sille le Guillaume (forest, sandstone cliffs), Vilaines la Juhel (open canopy woodland). LINE 181 Charles and

Ecouves Forest (heath, forest, rocks). 9 July:

Saint-Leonard des Bois (Sarthe) (woods, stony slopes), Champfremont 10 July: (Mayenne) (open vegetation).

Fresnaye sur Sarthe (limestone), Perseigne Forest (Sarthe) (woodland). 11 July:

Mortain (rocks, open-canopy woodland). 12 July:

13 July: Andaines (forest).

Lichen courses 1980

DEVON. Slapton Ley Field Centre, Slapton, Kingsbridge, TQ7 20P. 20 - 27. August 1980. Practical lichens. D. L. Hawksworth, assisted by F. S. Dobson. DYFED. Orielton Field Centre, Pembroke, SA71 5EZ. 23 - 30 July 1980. Lichens. F. S. Dobson.

NORTH YORKSHIRE. Malham Tarn Field Centre, Settle, BD24 9PU. 18 - 22 July 1980. Lichen weekend. M. R. D. Seaward.

SOMERSET. Leonard Wills Field Centre, Nettlecombe Court, Williton, Taunton,
TA4 4HT. 19 - 21 September 1980. Hawksworth on lichens. D. L. Hawksworth.
SURREY, Juniper Hall Field Centre, Dorking, RH5 6DA. 6 - 8 June 1980. Lichens
near London, F. S. Dobson.

TAYSIDE Kindrogan Field Centre, Enochdhu, Blairgowrie 20 - 27 August 1980. Lichens - identification and ecology F. H. Brightman & Pauline B. Topham.

The wardens at the field centres will supply further details; members should ask for information regarding any bursaries and grants which may be available.

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The "Checklist of British lichen-forming, lichenicolous and allied fungi" by D. L. Hawksworth, P. W. James and B. J. Coppins is now at the printers for publication in The Lichenclogist in February 1980. The manuscript list includes 1,700 species in 291 genera, with in addition 12 subspecies, 41 varieties and 12 forms. The species comprise 1470 lichenized fungi (i.e. lichens), 184 lichenicolous fungi (i.e. fungi growing on lichens) and 46 allied fungi. The publication will also include 54 new combinations, as well as other new names in press. Small amendments are expected to be made in proof which will doubtless affect these totals in their final form. It is expected that the checklist will run to about 70 pages and interleaved reprints will also be available.

Lichenologists published

Part 2 of volume 11 of <u>The Lichenologist</u> was published on 20 June 1979 and part 3 of volume 11 on 31 October 1979. Any paid-up ordinary member for 1979 who did not receive both copies should inform the Assistant Treasurer, Mr P. W. Lambley, British Lichen Society, c/o Castle Museum, Norwich, NR1 3JU.

Wanted to purchase

The Lichenologist 8 part 2 (1976). A reasonable sum will be paid for this part in good condition by Mr J. J. Heath, Keeper of Natural History, Colchester and Essex Museum, The Castle, Colchester, Essex. CO1 1TJ.

Subscriptions

The 1980 subscription is due on 1 January and members should pay promptly in order to receive an uninterrupted supply of the Society's publications. The subscription is £7.00 for ordinary members, £1.00 for junior associate members and £0.25 for family members. The U.S. dollar rate is £15.00 for ordinary members. Reading circle subscriptions are £1.00 per year. Subscriptions should be sent to the Assistant Treasurer, Mr P. W. Lambley, British Lichen Society, c/o Castle Museum, Norwich, NR1 3JU, United Kingdom, except for members living in North America, who should send theirs to the Regional Treasurer (North America), Dr J. W. Sheard, Department of Biology, University of Saskatchewan, Saskaton, Saskatchewan 27N OWO, Canada. Members may pay by Giro if they wish; the Society's number is 24 161 4007. Please note that acknowledgements are not sent unless requested because of postage costs.

Lichen atlas in preparation

The preparation of a lichen atlas of the British Isles, compiled by M. R. D. Seaward, C. J. B. Hitch and P. W. James, is now in an advanced stage with some 190 maps fully prepared for the printers. Publication is expected in 1980. All members are gratefully thanked for their help in the mapping work which has made an atlas possible, and it is emphasised that the scheme is, of course, continuing, and all records should still be sent to the Mapping Recorder, Dr M. R. D. Seaward, Postgraduate School in Environmental Science, The University, Bradford, West Yorkshire BD7 1DP. The map showing numbers of species recorded for each tenkilometre grid square which recently appeared in The Lichenologist 11 (3): 324 (1979) shows that numerous squares are still greatly underworked, and further records are therefore urgently needed.

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Inflation hits Bulletin

At the meeting of the Society's Council on 21 September 1979 it was decided that the price of the Bulletin should be increased from £0.25 to £0.50 post free forthwith, and that all available back numbers should also be sold at this price following an announcement in the Bulletin. The publication has remained at £0.25 since it was first put on sale in 1972, but with rampant inflation it is no longer possible for the Society to continue to sell it for this low price. Most persons receive the Bulletin free by virtue of their membership subscription, and, of course, this arrangement will continue. Binding the Bulletin

A title-page and index for <u>Bulletin</u> 36 - 45 are issued with this number for those who wish to keep their copies in a binding. This comprises two sheets of stiff card and a plastic slide binding spine three-quarters of an inch wide, obtainable from stationers and then cut to A4 size. Alternatively the Bulletin may be permanently bound by book-binders.

Oliver Gilbert nominated as new Bulletin Editor

The Council of the Society have nominated Dr O. L. Gilbert, Department of Landscape Architecture, The University, Sheffield, S10 2TN, for the position of Bulletin Editor from January 1980. News and items of lichenological interest would be gratefully appreciated by Dr Gilbert. The column "literature on lichens" will continue to be compiled by Mr. J. R. Laundon, Department of Botany, British Museum (Natural History), Cromwell Road, London SW7 5BD, who would appreciate reprints of papers for consideration for inclusion.

Lichen books showroom

The Richmond Publishing Company have recently opened a showroom at their offices in Orchard Road, Richmond, Surrey. All the titles stocked by their botanical bookselling department are on display, including the largest selection of in-print lichenological titles in the United Kingdom. The showroom is open 'from 9.30 - 17.00 Mondays to Fridays without appointment, and on Saturdays by prior arrangement (phone: 01-876 1091).

Lichen records for Warwickshire wanted

A "Fungus Flora of Warwickshire", including a section on lichens, is planned for publication during 1980. To ensure that the lichen section is as complete as possible, anyone who has made records of lichens in Warwickshire (V.C. 38), and who has not previously been contacted, is requested to send copies of their records to Dr D. C. Lindsay, RM Box 1380, London WCIV 6XX. At present, 55 genera and 140 species have been recorded recently from the vice-county and any additions will be gratefully received.

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Trees damaged by collectors on Costa Rica meeting

The International Lichenological Newsletter 12 (1): 1 - 3 (1979) reports that the tropical field symposium of the International Association for Lichenology held in Costa Rica from 27 December 1978 - 6 January 1979 ended in a particularly distressing manner. Angry homeowners in Monteverde demanded "recompensory payment for alleged trespass and tree damage caused by our activities." The newsletter publishes photographs showing tree boles with large chunks of bark removed, and remarks that in future "individuals should resist temptations to collect large samples from a limited number of similar trees. During group activities, a minimum number of duplicates should be collected and the group as a whole should be prepared to police itself ... collecting exsictat quantities while participating in a large excursion should not be done." The article also remarks that collecting "may lead to tree injury if a cut is made to beneath the cork cambrium" and that if a tree near habitations is aesthetically damaged. "effort should be made to repair the injury." Although the article does not mention the outcome of the allegations, it is understood that significant, compensation was paid by means of a financial levy on the participants.

New members

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The following joined the Society between April and November 1979:

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Mr M. J. Wigginton, 140 Bankside, BANBURY, Oxfordshire.

Change of title at the Revue

arthur to see that From 1 January 1980 the Revue Bryologique et Lichenologique changes its title to Cryptogamie Bryologie et Lichenologie. The publishers hope that the change will enable the "numerous editorial problems" connected with the old change will enable the "numerous editorial problems" connected with the old Revue to be overcome. The journal is available from 12 rue de Buffon, 75005 Paris, for 160F/190F outside France, per year. Members of the British Lichen Society can take it by joining the Reading Circle, which is administered by Dr D. H. Brown, Department of Botany, The University, Woodland Road, Bristol, BS8 1UG. The subscription is £1 a year, which also covers The Bryologist. and could be in the control of the anamon control for

Botanical research fund

The Botanical Research Fund is a small private trust fund which exists to aid individual research workers in botany. Grants, usually not in excess of £100, are awarded for specific items of expenditure connected with their work and are generally made to those who are not in receipt of any official funding to support their research. Applications, accompanied by the name of an appropriate referee, should be sent to the Secretary, Dr K. L. Alvin, 2 Little Gaynes Lane, Upminster, Essex RM14 2JP, from whom further information may also be obtained. K. L. ALVIN

Extracts - 4.

For previous parts of this series see <u>Bulletin 24</u>: 9 (1969); 30: 7 (1972)

"ERRATUM Journal No. 27 1972 p. 38 4th line, should read O4CEPRTUWZ/
O5ABCDCKQR/11DETJ/12AB/12BC" Beds. Nat. 28: 57 (1975).

"The hotel was a famous 16th century coaching Inn, and once inside you will feel the character of this historic building around you. All rooms are without bath." Grand Metropolitan Hotels brochure Birds for All Seasons (1976).

"A marked variability in quantitative characters was found, inside each specimen and from specimen to specimen. Even the variance was often heterogeneous." Bull. Soc. phycol. Fr. 20: 12 (1975) reporting on the total conclusions of four authors' work on one species of alga.

"The 'Schwendenerian hypothesis,' ... No lichemist, however, has as yet given it any support; nor, judging from present appearances, is at all likely to do so ... Professor Schwendener ... in 1869 ... (concludes) ... This master is a fungus of the order Ascomycetes, a parasite which is accustomed to live upon the work of others; its slaves are green algae, which it has sought out, or indeed caught hold of, and forced into its service ... Schwendener still endeavours to maintain ... this sensational "Romance of Lichenology," or the unnatural union between a captive Algal damsel and a tyrant Fungal master." CROMBIE, J. M. 1874. On the lichen-gonidia question. Pop. Sci. Rev. 13: 260 - 277.

"I am grateful to Mr Ray Desmond for opening up these archives to me at a time when his mind was elsewhere - in India. "LEMAY, J. A. L. & ROUSSEAU, G. S. 1978. The Renaissance Man in the Eighteenth Century (p. 102). University of California, Los Angeles.

"On 31 August Mr P. W. Cribb observed on Hounslow Heath several painted ladies at rest; this was at 7.00, but by afternoon all had disappeared, no doubt part of a big migration." Lond. Nat. 57: 90 (1978).

"The first field-meeting of the Woolhope Club, which should have taken place on May 17th, was altogether prevented by the rain, which began early in the morning and continued, more or less, throughout the day. Only a few of the members mustered, and they speedily decided to stop at home, and reserve themselves for the next occasion." Trans. Woolhope Nat. Fld Club 1877: 1 (1878?).

Lichens per gallon

In these days of fuel shortages and high energy costs, the fuel consumption of cars used for lichen field work can be of special importance. The Department of Energy now issues an Official List of Results of Fuel Consumption Tests on Passenger Cars in which comparative information about the fuel economy of most models available in Britain is presented. The list for October 1979 shows that at 56 miles per hour the three most economical cars are, firstly, the Suzuki SC100 at 56.5 miles per gallon (5.0 litres per 100 km at 90 km per hour), secondly the Triumph Spitfire 1500 with overdrive at 52.9 miles per gallon and thirdly the Renault 17TS at 52.3 miles per gallon. The three most uneconomical cars are all Rolls-Royce models with 15 - 18.1 miles to the gallon. Copies of the Fuel Consumption List are obtainable free from the Department of Energy, Information Division, Thames House South, Millbank, London SW1P 4QT. It is expected that up-dated editions will be issued at six-monthly intervals.

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