

BRITISH LICHEN SOCIETY

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LYNDHURST FIELD MEETING - Preliminary Report

22 members attended the Meeting held at Lyndhurst, Hants. from Friday evening, 30 September until Sunday afternoon, 2 October. Mr Peter James and Dr. T.D.V. Swinscow acted as leaders. Matley Heath and Wood were visited on the morning of the first day and Denny Bog and neighbouring woods in the afternoon, followed by a trip to Beaulieu for tea. Sunday morning was spent in Whitley Wood.

The Meeting was very successful both socially and lichenologically, a success helped not a little by a respite from the prevailing wet weather. Among the many interesting lichens seen several were previously unrecorded for v.-c.ll. Unfortunately a marked and apparently recent deterioration of the foliose lichens, especially of *Parmelia caperata*, was very noticeable, and is probably due in part to atmospheric pollution from the Fawley oil refinery.

LICHENS OF THE LONDON AREA. The Botanical Section of the London Natural History Society has added lichens to the other groups for which London area records are collected. Our Treasurer, Mr J.H.G. Peterken (73 Forest Drive East, Leytonstone, London, E.11) is acting as recorder and would welcome assistance in collecting and observing.

RECENT LITERATURE ON BRITISH LICHENS.

K.L. Alvin. Lichens of Hatfield Forest [Essex]. The Essex Naturalist, 30, Pt.3, 166-169, 1959. 41 taxa are listed and comparisons made between the present lichen flora and the lists published in 1890 and 1924.

K.L. Alvin. Observations on the lichen ecology of South Haven Peninsula, Studland, Dorset. Journ.Ecol. 48, 331-339, 1960.

U.K. Duncan. A Survey of the Bryophytes and Lichens of "The Burn" Kincardine. Trans. & Proc.Bot.Soc.Edin. 39, 62-84, 1960.

R.B. Knox. Notes on the Scottish Flora, Flora of Jura II: List of Lichens. Trans. & Proc.Bot.Soc.Edin. 39, 114-115, 1960.

C.A. Sinker. The Vegetation of the Malham Tarn Area. Proc.Leeds Phil. & Lit.Soc. 8, 139-175, 1960. List of lichens pp.174-175.

D.C. Smith. Studies in the Physiology of Lichens. 1,2,3. Annals of Botany, 24, 52-62, 172-197, 1960. The species used in this study is *Peltigera polydactyla*.

A.E. Wade. The Lichens of Dale, Pembrokeshire. Nature in Wales, 6, 49-55, 1960.

A.E. Wade. Glamorgan Botanical Notes. Trans.Cardiff Nat.Soc. 87, 27, 1960. 12 lichen taxa new to Glamorgan.