

British Lichen Society Field Meetings & Workshops Programme 2016 / 17

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note: All members of whatever level of experience are welcomed on all BLS Field Meetings. No member should feel inhibited from attending by the fact that some meetings may be associated with BLS Council meetings or the AGM. Workshops, on the other hand, may be aimed at members who have some level of experience. If so this fact will be specified in the meeting notice.

BLS AUTUMN MEETING 2016 – North York Moors

Monday 26th to Friday 30th September 2016

local organisers – Peter O'Neill and Mark Seaward

The North York Moors offers a range of wooded valleys, moorland and coast. Churchyards aside the area is in general lichenologically under-recorded. This meeting gives us an opportunity to improve this situation.

Meeting Base

The meeting will be residential at Cober Hill, Cloughton, Scarborough, North Yorkshire YO13 0AR
tel: 01723 870310 email: enquiries@coberhill.co.uk

See www.coberhill.co.uk to have a look at the accommodation and facilities.

Accommodation and costs

Accommodation for 20 people in single and twin en-suite rooms has been reserved and a deposit paid by the BLS. These bed spaces were being held for us until **mid-March 2016** (6 months before the meeting date). Subject to availability rooms will be able to be booked after this date.

Full board accommodation (incl. dinner, breakfast and packed lunch) for the four nights is £256 per person (inc. VAT at 20%). The group package is for the 4 nights and there is no reduction for a shorter stay.

The earliest check-in time for rooms is 14.30. Dinner is at 19.00.

Booking

After the end of March 2016 members wishing to join the meeting should contact Cober Hill to book directly with them. Say you are with The British Lichen Society to obtain group rate of £256.

Bookings through the BLS needed to be made and the deposit of £60 paid before 21st March 2016. The deposit once paid by BLS to Cober Hill will be non-refundable. Cancellation of places less than 16 weeks before the meeting will incur extra charges, therefore the balance (£196) needs to be paid by the end of May.

Balances, cheques payable to 'The British Lichen Society', should be sent to the Field Meetings Secretary, Steve Price, Woodlands, Combs Road, Combs, High Peak SK23 9UP.

Please advise of any dietary needs and also if you do not need dinner on the evening of arrival. Note there can be no reduction in the cost if you do not take dinner that night.

Microscope work

A meeting room has been reserved for the duration of the meeting for microscope work and presentations. The BLS microscopes will be available for communal use. If possible please bring your own consumables (microslides / cover slips / razor blades / chemicals).

Timetable

Meet for dinner on Monday 26th at 19.00. We vacate the accommodation first thing on the Friday 30th.

Further details of the programme will be sent out to attendees nearer the time of the meeting.

BLS AGM 2017 Field Outing – London **Sunday 22nd January 2017**

A one day field outing, somewhere in the London area, will follow the AGM which is due to be held at the Natural History Museum, London.

Further details to follow.

BLS Workshop - Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew ***Lichen Imaging***

Friday 17th (evening) to Sunday 19th February 2017

organiser: Paul Cannon

A weekend workshop on the photographing and imaging of lichens will be held at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. Topics to be covered will include macro photography, for both field-work and lab-work, and image stacking and manipulation techniques. Some assistance with microscope applications will also be provided.

The minimum equipment needed is a digital camera - SLR or compact. A camera with close focusing and manual focusing is preferred, but the event will help you to get the most out of any type of camera (even a smartphone). Do not buy a camera specially for the meeting (or at least consult the organiser for advice beforehand). It's better to work with a camera that you are familiar with, even if you don't know what all of the buttons do.

The number of places on the workshop will be limited. Cost £30 per person. Attendees should book their place with the Field Meetings Secretary, Steve Price, email: fieldmeetings@britishlichensociety.org.uk or by post to Woodlands, Combs Road, Combs, High Peak SK23 9UP and on booking send him £30 per person, cheques payable to 'The British Lichen Society' (not 'BLS' please).

Further details to follow.

BLS SPRING FIELD MEETING / WORKSHOP - Malham Tarn Field Centre ***Lichens of limestone habitats***

Tuesday 18th to Tuesday 25th April 2017

organisers / tutors: Brian Coppins and Allan Pentecost

This meeting will study the superb limestone habitats around Malham and will have extra laboratory / tutorial sessions built in to the timetable.

The field outings will each day focus on a particular lichen habitat / group of lichens and there will be adequate time back at base for microscope work and discussion.

This meeting will also be an opportunity for attendees to bring along and share their own limestone lichen puzzles and problems.

Meeting Base

Field Studies Council, Malham Tarn Field Centre, Settle, N Yorks, BD24 9PU (tel 01729 830331)

see <http://www.field-studies-council.org/centres/malhamtarn.aspx>

Accommodation and costs

20 bed spaces have been reserved, more spaces may be available if this need is known early.

The cost for the week, including the use of the laboratory work room is £249. This is for full board accommodation (breakfast, packed lunch and evening meal).

The price quoted is based on shared accommodation in a mix of twin, triple or bunk bedded rooms.

A limited number of sole occupancy rooms may be available for the sole occupancy supplement of £30 per person. Some rooms are en-suite but not all. Improvements to the accommodation are underway and should be mostly completed by the time of the meeting.

Non-resident attendees can have an evening meal and daily refreshments (tea/coffee/cake) and this is £70 for the week.

Booking

Attendees should book their rooms with the Field Meetings Secretary, Steve Price, email: fieldmeetings@britishlichensociety.org.uk or by post to Woodlands, Combs Road, Combs, High Peak SK23 9UP and send him a £35 deposit per person, cheques payable to 'The British Lichen Society' (not 'BLS' please).

Microscope Work

A laboratory / meeting room has been booked for our sole use throughout the week.

Bring your own microscopes if you can. The Centre has some stereo and compound microscopes which we are welcome to use but only a few. The BLS stereo and compound microscope will also be available for communal use. If possible please bring your own consumables (microslides / cover slips / razor blades / chemicals).

Timetable

The meeting will run from the evening of Tuesday 18th April when we will gather after dinner for an introductory meeting. We vacate the accommodation first thing on the Tuesday 25th.

Further details of the programme will be sent out to attendees nearer the time of the meeting.

Relevant maps

OS Landranger 1:50,000 - No. 98 - Wensleydale & Upper Wharfedale
OS Explorer Leisure 1:25,000 - OL2 - Yorkshire Dales - Southern & Western
(OS Explorer Leisure 1:25,000 - OL30 - Yorkshire Dales - Northern & Central)
British Geological Survey 1:50,000 - Sheet 60 - Settle

BLS SUMMER MEETING 2017 – Öland, Sweden

Monday 12th to Sunday 18th June 2017

Organisers – Lars Borg and Ulf Arup

The Great Alvar on the island of Öland in south-east Sweden supports extensive areas of superb calcareous soil-crust and limestone pavement communities. The siliceous boulders are also notable. At 26,000 ha this is one of the largest areas of alvar in the world. Other ecosystems to visit include rich deciduous forests and grazed woodland, for example the big oak forest Ottenbylund in the south of Öland (which, incidentally, is the biggest bird watching station in Sweden), hazel forests, boreal pine and fir forests.

We also plan to visit boreal needle forests on the mainland including a lichen pine forest with a lot of *Cladonia* species such as *Cladonia stellaris*.

During the meeting Ulf Arup will give a presentation to the group on his ongoing research on *Lecanora*.

On the Alvar of Öland there may develop a typical soil crust society with *Cladonia symphylicarpa*, *Collema tenax*, *Fulgensia fulgens*, *F. bracteata*, *Psora decipiens*, *Squamarina lentigera*, *Toninia sedifolia* and usually *Verrucaria nigrescens* on the small pebbles. Other typical soil lichens include *Cladonia macroceras*, *Flavocetraria nivalis*, *F. cucullata*, *Romjularia lurida*, and *Thamnolia vermicularis*. More rare species are *Leptogium schraderi* and *Vulpicida tubulosus*. On limestone pavement *Aspicila calcarea*, *A. contorta*, *Placynthium nigrum*, *Protoblastenia rupestris*, *Caloplaca glomerata*, *C. dichroa*, *Collema cristatum*, *C. fuscovirens*, *C. polycarpon* and *Squamarina cartilaginea* thrives. *Clauzadea immersa* usually occurs around deep crevices. Rare species include *Acarospora cervina*, *Squamarina gypsacea*, *Psora vallesiaca*, *Protoblastenia cyclospora*, *Aspicilia coronata* and *Caloplaca dolomiticola*.

Meeting Base

The meeting will be residential at Allégården at Kastlösa. Allégården is located between Öland Bridge and Ottenby, about 25 km south of Öland bridge , 50 m from Route 136 , next to Kastlösa church.

address:

Allégården Kastlösa
Kastlösa bygata 2
386 61 Mörbylånga
Sweden

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Mobil: +46 (0) 72-302 21 75

E-mail: info@kastlosa.se

see <http://www.kastlosa.se/en/> to look at the facilities.

Accommodation and costs

There are a variety of room types available.

Ölandsgården: Hotel rooms with shower, toilet and TV. Twin rooms. Price 795 SEK /night for one person. 985 SEK/night for two persons. Breakfast included. It is possible to have 3 persons sharing - slightly cheaper.

Norrgården: Twin rooms with toilet. Shower and TV separately. Price 550 SEK/night for one person. 750 SEK/night for two persons. Breakfast included. It is possible to have 3 persons sharing - slightly cheaper.

Hostel rooms with toilet 250SEK/night.(Three beds in every room). Used as single room 400 SEK/night. Breakfast is not included. It is possible to make breakfast in a communal kitchen.

Free Wi Fi in all rooms and a pool in the garden.

These bed spaces are being held for us until **1st of March 2017**. Subject to availability rooms will be able to be booked after this date.

It is possible to get dinner, (two dishes 195 SEK) and packed lunch. Advanced notice is needed to take dinner and packed lunch. Evening dinner needs to be ordered by 12 noon. Also advise at the time of booking regarding any special dietary needs.

Note: (£ 1 = 11,57 SEK on the 3rd of April 2016.)

Bookings and payment

A preliminary booking has been made for accommodation. Attendees should make their own reservations directly with Allégården, mentioning that the booking is part of the British Lichen Society group.

Please book by email. It is not possible to book by the Allégården website because the rooms will appear as booked. This is because they have been booked, for the BLS!

Please inform Steve Price, the Field Meetings Secretary (email: fieldmeetings@britishlichensociety.org.uk) when a room booking has been made and when travel plans have been made inform him of your flight times and when you expect to arrive at Kalmar Station (see **Travel** below).

Payment for the accommodation is to be made by individuals directly to Allégården. Payment can be made by credit card.

Travel

The most convenient transport from the UK is to fly to Kastrup, Copenhagen. From the railway station inside Kastrup there are direct trains once per hour to Kalmar. Rail tickets can be purchased at the station on the day of travel. Train times can be viewed on the website <http://www.thetrainline-europe.com> and on other websites.

Attendees will be picked-up by minibus at Kalmar railway station. Pick-up times at Kalmar are yet to be decided. This will be determined by the attendees arrival time at Kalmar. Preferably attendees should endeavor to arrive at Kalmar railway station before 18.00.

Having vacated the accommodation first thing on the Sunday 18th attendees can be returned to Kalmar railway station. More precise arrangements will be made nearer the time.

The minibus(es) will be available for transport during the meeting. Attendees using the mini-bus(es) will be expected to share the hire costs and fuel. As a guide one minibus (9 persons) for one week costs approx. 6500 SEK or 700 SEK/person + the cost of fuel. This depends on full occupancy of each minibus.

Microscope and meeting room

A meeting room has been reserved for the duration of the meeting for presentations and microscope work. Some microscopes will be provided for our use.

Some chemicals (C & K) will be available for attendees to fill their field-test bottles.

Further details of the programme will be sent out to attendees nearer the time of the meeting.

BLS AUTUMN MEETING 2017 – Epping Forest (advanced notice)

A weekend meeting in the latter half of September

local organiser – John Skinner

When known the exact date will be published on the BLS website.

Full details will appear in the Winter 2016 BLS Bulletin.

Steve Price, BLS Field Meetings Secretary, 5 May 2016