

Notice of Annual General Meeting 2019

Venue

The AGM and Winter Meeting for 2019 will be held at the Jodrell Building, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Richmond, Surrey TW9 3AB, on Saturday 26 January 2019.

For the BLS meetings approach the Jodrell Building by the Jodrell Gate on Kew Road (at any of the visitor gates an entrance fee will be charged). Should you find this gate closed, pick up the phone in the yellow box at the right hand side, which will connect you to Kew Constabulary. Let them know that you are attending the BLS meetings, and they will release the gate for you. (See below for a local map showing the location of the Jodrell Building)

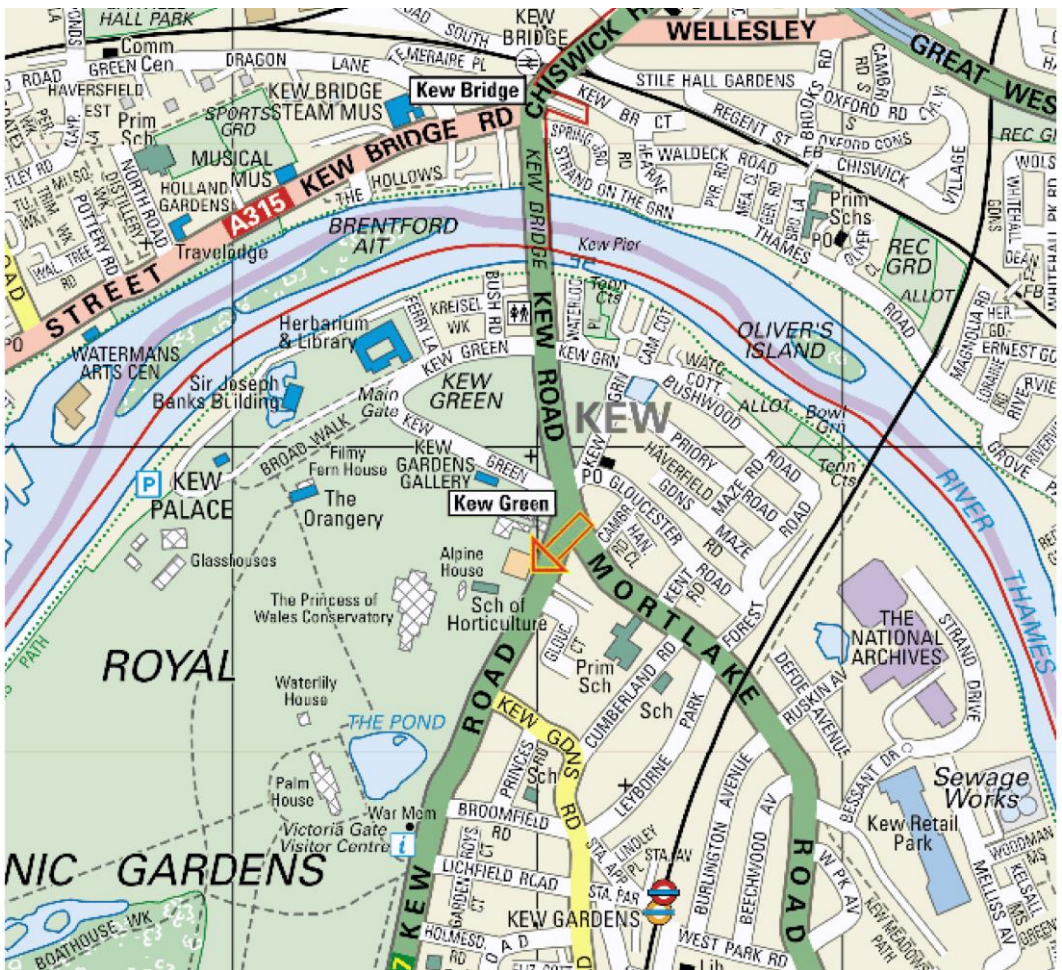


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Kew Gardens is well signposted from all the major local roads. The South Circular (A205) passes the north-east corner of Kew Gardens and Kew Road (A307) forms the

eastern border. There is no parking at the Jodrell Building but parking can usually be found on Kew Road or around Kew Green.

The venue is about 10 min walk from Kew Gardens Station (District Line tube, also London over-ground) or Kew Bridge Station (South West trains). Buses 65 and 391 stop directly outside the Jodrell Building (bus stop 'Mortlake Road').

Exhibition

Exhibits can be put up in the Jodrell Building from 15.00 on Friday and should be ready for viewing by 17.30. They can be viewed during tea breaks until the close of the meeting on Saturday. Please advise Paul Cannon by e-mail (p.cannon@kew.org) of your requirements for tables or display stands before **Monday 14 January** as these have to be ordered in advance, and arrange with him if you need access by car when bringing any bulky or heavy items.

Timetable

Friday 25 January:

17.30 – Reception (wine and soft drinks) and Exhibition in the Atrium of the Jodrell Building, with poster presentations.

18.30 – **Swinscow Lecture in the Lady Sainsbury Lecture Theatre**

We are delighted to announce that Dr Damien Ertz (Meise Botanic Garden, Belgium) will present the 2019 Swinscow Lecture on “Overview and recent insights into the phylogeny of Arthoniales.”

19.45 – Dinner after the Swinscow Lecture at the ASK Italian restaurant on Kew Green, cost £20 (two courses) or £27 (three courses). Booking is essential, please see the form posted to you with this *Bulletin*. The Book Auction will take place after dinner.

Saturday 26 January:

9.45 – Coffee and tea, and poster exhibition in the Reception area of the Jodrell Building

10.30 – Annual General Meeting, Lady Sainsbury Lecture Theatre, Jodrell Building

13.00 – Lunch (at own expense). Restaurants within a few minutes walking distance are situated within the gardens and around Kew Green.

14.00 Winter Meeting. Introduction – Paul Cannon, President of the Society

14.05 The Welsh Cennadeers. *Tracey Lovering*, Plantlife Wales.

14.25 A Force for Nature: building a biographical memoir of Dr Francis Rose. *Simon Davey*, Sussex.

- 14.45 Ecological patterns in urban epiphytic lichen communities. *Theo Llewellyn*, RBG Kew/QMUL.
- 15.05 Developing monitoring tools for data-deficient conservation-priority lichen species. *Naveed Bhatti*, University of Aberdeen.
- 15.25 Tea in Reception
- 15.50 Exploring the evolution of the lichenicolous lifestyle within the Ascomycota. *Rowena Hill*, RBG Kew.
- 16.15 Reindeer diet in the Cairngorms: can fungal barcoding diagnose lichen species? *John Howieson*, University of Edinburgh.
- 16.40 Arrangements for field meeting to Painshill Park, Cobham. *Paul Cannon*
- 17.00 Close

Nominations for Officers of the Society

Nominations are invited for Officers for 2019 and for three members of Council for the period 2019–2021 (retiring at the AGM held in early 2022, subject to changes in the Society's Constitution). Proposals should be sent by e-mail or in writing to the Secretary (Sandy Coppins, 37 High Street, East Linton, East Lothian EH40 3AA, email secretary@britishlichensociety.org.uk) at least two weeks before the AGM. No person may be nominated without their consent. Tracey Lovering and Tim Wilkins are due to retire from Council and are not eligible for re-election, and David Genney has asked to retire also. We thank them all for their service and support.

AGM Agenda

Please sign the attendance list and write your own name badge.

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at the Tullie Museum, Carlisle, January 2018.
3. Matters arising.
4. Reports of Officers and Committee Chairs:
 - 4.1 President (Paul Cannon)
 - 4.2 Treasurer (John Skinner)
 - 4.3 Conservation (Bryan Edwards)
 - 4.4 Data (Les Knight)
 - 4.5 Education and Promotions (Fay Newbery)
 - 4.6 *Bulletin* Editor (Maxine Putnam)
 - 4.7 Senior Editor, *Lichenologist* (Peter Crittenden)
 - 4.8 Website Editor (Janet Simkin)
 - 4.9 Social Media (Amanda Davey)
 - 4.10 Field Meetings Secretary (Steve Price)
 - 4.11 Librarian (Ray Woods)
 - 4.12 Archivist (Mark Seaward)
 - 4.13 Herbarium Curator (Richard Brinklow)
5. Changes to the Constitution – see below for details
6. Election of Officers, including three members of Council
7. Any other business
8. Date and place of AGM 2020

Proposed changes to the Constitution of the British Lichen Society

As described in the Summer 2018 Bulletin (see pages 139-140), the BLS intends to become a Charitable Incorporated Organization under UK Charity Law. Members at the AGM will be invited to vote on the following motion:

We, the membership present at the 2019 Annual General Meeting:

1. Approve the new Constitution and Rules of the Society, as published on the Society's website (<http://www.britishlichensociety.org.uk/the-society/legal-matters/constitution>).
2. Give Council a mandate to convert the British Lichen Society into a Charitable Incorporated Organization, subject to approval of our new Constitution by the Charities Commission.
3. Authorize the Treasurer to open new bank accounts (needed as we will receive a new Charity Number), and to transfer the Society's financial and all other assets to the CIO.
4. Following the transfer, direct Council to request that the Charities Commission wind down our organization in its current form as an Unincorporated Charity.

Post-AGM excursion

On Sunday 27th January we will visit Painshill Park, near Cobham, Surrey. We will meet at 11.00 at the Painshill car park, postcode for satnavs KT11 1AA. For more information please see the Field Meetings Programme in this Bulletin.

Accommodation

A range of accommodation is available within walking distance of the Royal Botanic Gardens, including the Coach & Horses pub on Kew Green and the more affordable Premier Inn, London Kew Bridge. You may find a list of local B&Bs near RBG Kew helpful, which is available at <http://kewaccommodation.com/>).

Local Organiser

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