

BRITISH LICHEN SOCIETY

Supplement to BULLETIN 33. March 1974

Special General Meeting, 10 April 1974

The Council has decided that a Special General Meeting shall be held at Bristol to discuss and approve the audited accounts of the Society for the year ended 31 December 1973, which are contained in this Bulletin supplement. The meeting will be held on Wednesday 10 April 1974 at 14.00 in the 1st Year Zoology Lecture Theatre, room B75, Botany and Zoology Department Building, Woodland Road, Bristol BS8 1UG. The meeting takes place at the International Symposium on Progress and Problems in Lichenology (see Bulletin 33: 5, 1973).

Day excursion to Kent, 1974

The eleventh annual day excursion with the Kent Field Club led by Mr F. H. Brightman and Mr J. R. Laundon will be held on Sunday 5 May 1974. The object of the meeting is to study all groups of plants growing on walls in the area. Meet at Canterbury East Station at 11.05. Bring packed lunch. Train leaves Victoria, London, at 9.40, arriving Canterbury East at 11.03.

Treasurer's report for 1973

Delay in presentation of accounts explained

It was not possible to present the 1973 accounts to Council or the Annual General Meeting on 4 and 5 January 1974 respectively, because Blackwell's accounts for publishing and distributing the 1973 issue of The Lichenologist, our major item of expenditure, were not available. They were not, in fact, received until 1 February 1974, when they were returned for correction. Received on 12 February, the revised accounts showed a reduction in Blackwell's charge of £81.45.

Blackwell cannot be criticised as they had honoured the clause in our agreement with them, which states "The Publishers (i.e. Blackwell) shall submit annual accounts to the Society not later than two months after the end of each calendar year."

Year ends with small amount in hand

The 1973 accounts show that, despite increased subscription rates which took effect from 1 January that year, the Society only just kept its head above water. At a time of roaring inflation, an excess of income over expenditure of £44.69 is nothing to get excited about. On the other hand, we must be thankful that we are clear of debt and able to meet our obligations in full.

Outlook for 1974

At the time of writing (15 February 1974), the situation concerning 1974 subscriptions is as follows:

	Not yet paid	Paid in full	Partly paid
Ordinary members (£5))	250	28
Junior associate members (£1)) 93	5	-
Family members (25 p)	8	12	-
Reading Circle members (25 p)	1	22	-

Bearing in mind that £4 of each ordinary member's subscription will go to Academic Press for his copy of the 1974 issue of The Lichenologist, it will be seen that, so far this year, members have contributed £263.50 towards the cost of producing the Bulletin and the other essential expenses of the Society. Unless the 93 members who have yet to renew their subscriptions and the 28 members who have failed to amend their Banker's Orders take some action soon, the future outlook is far from bright.

Clearly, Council must ensure that expenditure is confined to that which is essential to the Society's continued existence.

Also, they must consider ways of encouraging more members to pay their subscriptions early in the year. Some societies impose a surcharge on payments made after 31 January. Others automatically delete members whose subscriptions are not received by 31 January. Certainly we cannot go on indefinitely mailing the Bulletin to people who have no intention of renewing their subscription but who lack the simple courtesy of informing the Society of their resignation.

Members can help by promoting the sale of back issues of The Lichenologist, check-list, and other publications of the Society. Also, of course, by trying to enrol new members.

The answer to our problems will not always be found by continually raising the subscription. Enthusiasm, economy and co-operation must all play their part.

May I end by thanking all those loyal and co-operative members who do pay their subscriptions on time, amend their Banker's Orders promptly, and generally lighten the Treasurer's burden. May I appeal to the others to kindly remember that the Treasurer, like all other officers and Council members, is a volunteer (no expenses of any kind!), working in his spare-time. A few words on a postcard, indicating a resignation or change of address, can save him much wasted effort and the Society much unnecessary expense. The Treasurer is also, by the way, the Publications' Officer. In 1973 he packed and posted more back issues than Blackwells! And the brown paper, string, etc. did not cost the Society one single penny.

S. A. MANNING
Honorary Treasurer

Distribution maps to be published

The following distribution maps of British lichens are to be published shortly and records not already submitted to the Mapping Recorder or the mappers concerned would be appreciated by Mr P. W. James, Department of Botany, British Museum (Natural History), Cromwell Road, London SW7 5BD, by 15 April 1974 so that they may be as complete as is possible:

Anaptychia leucomelaena
Cyphelium notarisii
Cyphelium tigillare
Lobaria pulmonaria
Parmelia elegantula
Parmelia laciniatula
Sclerophyton circumscriptum
Teloschistes flavicans

Cyphelium inquinans
Cyphelium sessile
Lecanactis premnea
Parmelia britannica
Parmelia exasperatula
Pertusaria coccodes
Teloschistes chrysophalmus

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YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER, 1973

THE LICHENOLOGIST: PUBLICATION ACCOUNT (PER BLACKWELL SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS LTD.)

<u>REVENUE</u>	£.p	<u>COSTS</u>	£.p
1973 non-member subscriptions	714.82	Cost of producing Vol.5 Pt.5/6	
Sales of back issues	158.23	incl. offprints & despatch	1822.79
Sales of offprints	159.50	General costs	55.15
Advertisement (Athlone Press)	13.50	Blackwell's charge at 7 1/2p	
		per member	28.58
		Commissions to Blackwell's:	
		20 p.c. non-member subscrip-	
		tion	142.96
Owing to Blackwell's (Trans. to		25 p.c. sales of back issues	39.56
Income & Expenditure A/c)	1106.79	40 p.c. sales of offprints	63.80
	<u>£2152.84</u>		<u>£2152.84</u>

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
Canadian subscription A/c	46.28	Balance of Publication A/c	
Subscriptions (Main A/c)	1130.13	above	1106.79
Reading Circle subscriptions	4.75	Stationery	15.52
<u>The Lichenologist sales</u>	164.27	Duplicating	11.69
Dahl's keys	1.30	Postages	97.45
Duplicated keys	5.79	Telephone calls	0.53
Check lists	10.43	<u>The Bryologist</u>	10.79
The Bulletin	4.25	Audit Certificate	0.25
Interest on Deposit Account	56.00	The Bulletin production	100.34
Sale of print	0.40	Council for Nature subscription	5.00
Brit. Mycol. Soc. publication	0.55	Biological Council subscription	2.00
Pd	1.50	Int. Mycol. Assoc. subscription	10.00
Adjustment on currency conversion	11.73	Loss on A.G.M. tea	2.97
		Addressograph plates	1.78
		Sales refunds	1.25
		<u>Revue Bryol. et Lich.</u>	26.33
		<u>EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDI-</u>	
		<u>TURE</u>	44.69
	<u>£1437.38</u>		<u>£1437.38</u>

WORLD WILDLIFE FUND GRANTS ACCOUNT

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>PAYMENTS</u>	
Grant received	500.00	Grants authorised by Council	250.00
		Balance at Bank	250.00
	<u>£500.00</u>		<u>£500.00</u>

BALANCE SHEET: 31 DECEMBER 1973

Subscriptions rec'd in advance:

1974 £87.71
1975 2.24

£.p
89.95

Cash at Bank
Cash at National Giro
Cash in Canadian A/c
Cash on Deposit A/c
Loan (Mapping Scheme)
Advance payment for
The Bryologist

£.p
826.45
67.09
25.41
700.00
55.00
21.87

Sundry creditors:

Blackwell's 1106.79
Brit. Mycol. Soc. 3.04
Q.O.N. Kay 0.60
Brown's Typewriting
Service 79.63
Treasurer 14.03
Secretary 11.78 1215.87

General Fund:

Balance 1.1.73 282.90
+ Part cancellation
Blackwell 1972 A/c 62.41
+ Excess of income
over expenditure 44.69
390.00

£1695.82

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Audited and passed

S.A. MANNING, F.L.S.
Hon. Treasurer

12 February 1974

R.T. ASHBY
Hon. Auditor

9 March 1974