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# North Western Naturalists' Union : Vascular Plant Section Annual Report 2013

Dave Earl

2013 proved to be a year of change for botany in the north-west of England. Following on from the publication of the North Lancashire Flora and almost 50 years of service Eric Greenwood retired as BSBI vice-recorder for vc60. Eric is now an Emeritus Recorder and still active in North Lancashire having made several visits to the Leck valley during 2013. I was approached by the BSBI to take on the role of vice-county recorder for vc60 in addition to that of vc59 which I was delighted to accept as an exciting challenge and opportunity to further our knowledge of the distribution of vascular plants in the North West of England. We now need to step up our botanical activities as members of the NWNLU and affiliated societies in order to place the 'Lancashire' area firmly on the map for an updated Atlas of the British & Irish Flora to be published around 2020 and for other mapping projects hosted by the BSBI and the NBN.

The further development of the South Lancashire Flora website is now subject to a major change in that information can now be pooled together to cover all of Lancashire. Updating the website to cover all of Lancashire is a major task but will help to promote the published North Lancashire Flora and the forthcoming South Lancashire Flora. As a combined Lancashire Flora is developed details for micro-species such as *Taraxacum* are to be added. The genus *Taraxacum* was well researched in the Lancaster District by Len and Pat Livermore. It has been suggested that species details are also added for the Furness re-

gion and this suggestion is being given due consideration. From a NWNLU viewpoint the merging of vascular plant datasets held for Cheshire, Lancashire and Cumbria is desirable and this is steadily being achieved by the BSBI and other organisations as mapped data appears on the internet as with the BSBI Distributional Database.

On the subject of data there are now an estimated 2824 vascular plants recorded for vc59. New records this year include plants considered to be *Rubus pedemontanus* discovered during the Bioblitz held at Blackleach Reservoir, Walkden (SD7303) and a casual record for the exotic sedge *Carex buehneri* (Silver-spiked Sedge) at Langho (SD7034). It is also thought that a Lady's Mantle *Alchemilla subcrenata* occurs in the Darwen area, further details of the history of this exciting find with probably be published by Peter Jepson in due course. Dave Bishop has also communicated his find of *Euphorbia oblongata* (Balkan Spurge) from the banks of River Mersey, Stretford (SJ7892) made back in 2011 and confirmed by Dr. TCG Rich. To the north recording carried out in vc60 has produced new records mainly of exotic shrubs and conifers and increased the vascular plants total for the vice-county to 2266. The combined vascular plant total for Lancashire is thought to be around 3100.

The Lancashire Endangered Plants Group of the Lancashire Wildlife Trust has now become the Lancashire Botany Group. Sadly the group lost a key founder member Jennifer Newton to whom a memorial service was held in the village of Hornby in the spring of 2013. Jennifer was a good all-round naturalist carrying out recording in the Lancaster District from the 1960s onwards thereby making a substantial contribution to the North Lancashire Flora.

Activities of the Lancashire Botany Group include the monitoring of plants classed as endangered in Lancashire but there is also a strong emphasis on training for beginners. Excursions held during 2013 included the monitoring of Globeflower near Slaidburn, Mountain Everlasting near Clitheroe and Fragrant Orchid at Nob End. The Slaidburn excursion included an introduction to Grasses, Sedges and Rushes and a plant identification workshop was held at The Barn during December. This year a Talking Records Project was launched by the Lancashire Wildlife Trust which has enabled volunteers to scan the vast number of recording cards and the card index system associated with Eric Greenwood's Flora of North Lancashire. The volunteers are also adding the detailed card index data for the more noteworthy species to spreadsheets and updates are steadily being made to Lancashire Flora distribution maps.

Progress was also been made with the study of *Rubus* species in the region during 2013. Some recording has been carried out just within Cumbria in the Lune valley to the north of Kirkby Lonsdale with the discovery of new localities for *Rubus nes-sensis*, *R. silurum* and *R. pallidus*. Work began on the compilation of a *Rubus* Flora of Cheshire which will probably be published on the British Wildflowers website during 2014. Towards the end of 2013 Manchester Museum acquired Alan Newton's *Rubus* collection and so the north-west of England has received a most outstanding collection which is likely to include a good number of type specimens and local material.

## **North Western Naturalists' Union: Bryophyte and Lichen Section Report 2013**

**Norman Bamforth and Martha Newton  
Saturday 16 February Woodbank Park  
Stockport.**

I was quite amazed to find a very pleasant woodland with many of the common mosses which was ideal for the party had a number of beginners. In all 50 species were found including *Cololejeunea minutissima*, *Cryphaea heteromalla* and *Radula complanata* which were never seen ten years ago and are now quite common.

**Saturday 16 March Dovestones,  
Greenfield.**

An interesting day produced 68 species including *Fontinalis antipyretica*, *Pleuroidium acuminatum*, and *Ptychomitrium polyphyllum* which is quite common on gritstone walls near reservoirs. Around one sandstone boulder *Grimmia trichophylla*, *Tortella bambergeri* (confirmed by T. Blockeel) and *Tortula subulata* were found.

**Saturday 13 April Longridge Fell.**

A very interesting day was spent on Longridge Fell and it was nice to see Mike Gosling who was looking at lichens. In one place we found a tree covered in *Dimerella lutea* which he reckoned was a first for VC60. Only a few yards further and he spotted *Normandina pulchella* which was new to me but has turned up in a number of places since in VC57 and VC59. As we were photographing the *Normandina* we spotted a very small

amount (about 4 plants) of *Colura calyptrifolia* amongst it and this also appeared to be a vice county record. Unfortunately there was not enough to take without making it extinct again and the record was not accepted from a photograph. Tom Blockeel offered to go to the area and found a lot by the River Hodder and credited the find to our finder, which was very kind of him. In all 60 species were found.

### **Saturday 18 May Duxbury Wood, Chorley**

Five of us met in threatening rain, but were amply rewarded by a site of considerable ecological diversity supporting a rich bryophyte flora. Among a total of 74 species, epiphytes were particularly well represented by six species of *Orthotrichum* and three of *Metzgeria*, as well as *Ulota crispa*, *U. bruchii*, *Cryphaea heteromalla*, *Radula complanata* and *Lejeunea cavifolia*. With a broad, shallow river running through well established damp woodland, the ground flora was also rich and varied, the highlight of which were male inflorescences of *Plagiomnium undulatum*, male plants of which are generally less frequently fertile than are their female counterparts. We were still finding new species when time called us away.

### **Saturday 15 June Jarvis Clough near Ladybower.**

The venue for this meeting was moved to Wyming Valley, at the last minute. The first notable thing on our walk to the site was to hear a Cuckoo, they are so scarce these days, and we saw another a few miles away later in the day. It was a very damp and marshy valley and as you would expect Sphagnums were numerous and caused great discussion, in all we found 11 species including *S. girgensohnii*, *S. rus-*

*sowii*, *S. subsecundum* *S. angustifolium* and *S. tenellum*. Other interesting records included *Polytrichastrum longisetum* and *Scapania gracilis*.

### **Saturday 20 July Macclesfield Forest.**

The meeting, at Macclesfield Forest, covered a range of habitats including conifer plantation (with limestone surfaced tracks), some mixed broadleaf areas, open moorland and woodland and woodland flushes. 93 species were recorded within the one tetrad, including *Brachythecium velutinum*, *Didymodon acutus* and *Pohlia lescuriana*.

### **Saturday 17 August Cant Clough Reservoir, Worsthorpe.**

One reason for visiting this locality was to investigate the hushings, a method of using water to wash minerals (in this case lime) from the substrate. The hushings at Hurstwood consist of a large expanse of hummocks and hollows. The hummocks are generally very acid but there is evidence of lime in the hollows. At Hurstwood we found *Campylium protensum*, *Climacium dendroides*, *Ctenidium molluscum*, and surprisingly on gravelly ground on a track *Didymodon acutus*, a species of calcareous soil that has been turning up more frequently in weedy habitats recently. At the head of Cant Clough Reservoir there was a very nice area of base-rich mire, including a stony runnel, with *Palustriella falcata*, *Scorpidium cossonii*, and in the runnel *Jungermannia exsertifolia* and *Philonotis calcarea*. *Calliergonella lindbergii* was an unexpected find on the semi-bare side of a hummock, and *Ptychomitrium polyphyllum* was on the reservoir wall. Bare ground was exposed by the reservoir, but the bryophytes were immature, with some unidentifiable *Ephemerum*

and *Fossombronia* (numerous very fine rosettes), as well as *Dicranella rufescens*. We also looked into the shallow gorge below Cant Clough reservoir, bordered by low grit-shale crags, but were hampered by the onset of rain and dark conditions. *Amphidium mounting*, *Heterocladium heteropterum* and *Plagiochila porelloides* were present.

### **Saturday 14 September Ricklow Dale, Derbyshire**

This was a day on the limestone in glorious sunshine. Our group of six included bryologists as well as lichenologists enabling everyone to benefit from each others' discoveries. A total of 57 bryophytes was recorded on outcropping limestone cliffs, scree, dry-stone walls, open grassland and in the deep shade of deciduous woodland. With such a wide range of habitat, the site proved ideal in providing an opportunity to see typical indicator species of calcium-rich substrates, while also challenging identification skills where intermingled bryophytes were indicative of lower calcium content. Thus, we saw such species as *Anomodon viticulosus*, *Homalothecium lutescens*, *Palustriella commutata*, *Neckera crispa*, *N. complanata*, *Mnium stellare*, *Plagiomnium cuspidatum* and *Scapania aspera*, intermingled with *Pohlia nutans*, *Polytrichum juniperinum* and *Ceratodon purpureus* of more acidic conditions.

### **Saturday 12 October Barden Moor and Reservoir.**

It was a cold, wet and windy day! Even so there were 110 records in two tetrads where we had no previous records. The drawdown zone of the reservoir was particularly interesting. Finds included *Didymodon acutus*, *Dicranella cerviculata*,

*Ephemerum serratum*, *Syntrichia virescens*, *Fossombronia foveolata*, *F. wondraczekii*, *Jungermannia pumila*, *Archidium alternifolium*, *Riccia glauca* and *Pseudephemerum nitidum*.

### **Saturday 16 November Werneth Low, Hyde.**

I spend most of my spare time on Werneth Low being a voluntary ranger there and probably know every tree on the Low but I was quite surprised by some of the finds by Des Callaghan, who managed to produce a list of 86 species. There was *Syntrichia papillosa* on a tree we look at quite regularly. Also in the woods were *Dicranum tauricum*, *Microlejeunea ulicina*, and *Homalothecium sericeum* growing as an epiphyte on *Betula pendula*. On the north facing banks were *Aulacomnium palustre* and *Pleurozium schreberi* in good quantities. We showed him *Colura calyptrifolia* where it has been for at least two years.

### **Saturday 7 December Indoor Meeting at Tony Smith's**

We have not had an indoor meeting for a number of years so it was very kind of Tony to offer us the use of his flat. The theme of the meeting was *Fissidens* and *Didymodon* and Des brought some very good slides and we also took some fresh material. The star of the show though was a slide that Des had from a professional with about 50 diatoms mounted on it.

## **Lecturer List**

We intend to produce a new edition of the Lecturer List and will contact existing speakers in due course but any who wish to be added should contact the newsletter editor in the first instance.

# Oldham Butterfly Survey

## The Ringlet

### (*Aphantopus hyperantus*)

### 2011 - 2013

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#### Background

In 2011 a sighting of a Ringlet (*Aphantopus hyperantus*) was recorded at Bircle, near Bury, and posted on the Lancashire Butterfly Conservation website. Intrigued by the record, I visited the site on 2 July and saw three Ringlets. The thought then occurred to me that the butterfly may well be present in my local area, Oldham.

On 4 July I began my search at the disused Ashton to Oldham railway line just south of Park Bridge on the Oldham/Tameside boundary. Immediately on approaching the railway embankment, I was surprised to see not just one or two Ringlets but many dancing around my feet along a short section of former trackbed. I advised the Butterfly Recorder for Greater Manchester of the discovery and subsequent visits to this and other adjacent areas revealed Ringlets to be present in their hundreds - extending from south of Alexandra Park in Oldham to the disused railway line. A brief note was issued to interested parties at the end of the flight period together with a hand drawn distribution map. This report was later published in the *Northwestern Naturalist* vol 13, part 2.

In 2012, I decided to undertake a more intensive survey of the area in south Oldham to ascertain the full range of the Ringlet. With being on the ground at the emergence of the Ringlet, I was able to spend more time surveying than in 2011. The only drawbacks being that I was in

full time employment and the weather proved to be uncooperative (another 'wet' summer that continued the theme since 2007). Nevertheless, the butterfly was seen again in large numbers and in other areas away from the Park Bridge/ Alexandra Park corridor. At the end of the flight period (last recorded on 24 August) a distribution map was again prepared.

See *Northwestern Naturalist* v 14, part 2.

#### 2013

Two significant events occurred in 2013 - I took early retirement (at the end of May) and the summer was generally warm, sunny and dry; the best summer in Oldham since 2006. The combination of the two events resulted in many hours being spent in the field recording and mapping the Ringlet during its flight period. The weather prior to the emergence of the Ringlet had been cool and rather dull which had delayed the emergence of the spring butterflies by some 2 to 3 weeks. Better weather in June allowed the summer butterflies to catch up and by the time of the emergence of the Ringlet, they were basically back on track.

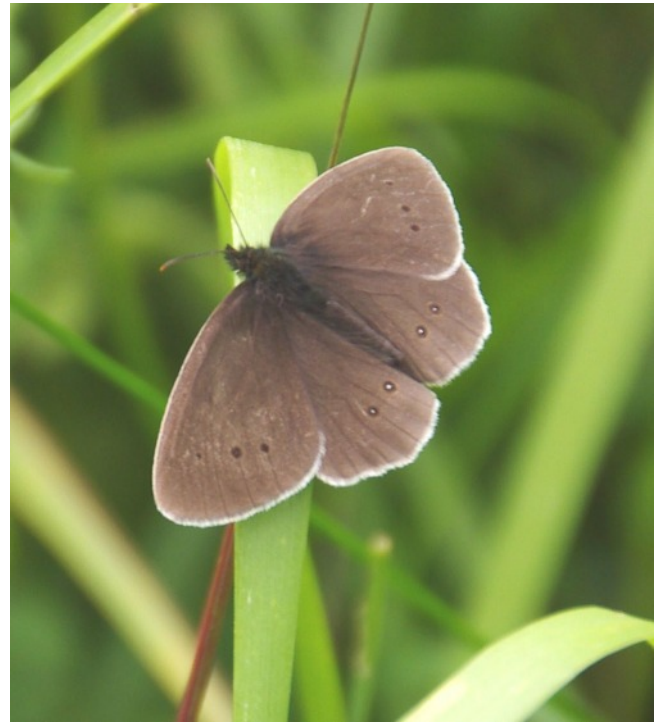
In 2012, I first recorded the Ringlet on 27 June (2 at Deanshut Clough - one of which was ab. arete). During the corresponding week in 2013 I was away on holiday but immediately on my return I visited Deanshut Clough (SD9303) on 3rd July and in dull, coolish conditions saw three Ringlets in a one hour visit. My last Ringlet sighting was on 15 August with a single butterfly at Deanshut Clough and two at Bardsley (SD9202). Within the flight period of 44 days, I was in the field on 30 of those days searching for Ringlets - the time spent being some 60 hours.



Most areas within the Oldham boundary were visited at least once and in many cases, several times during this period - the only areas not searched were the extensive moorland habitat stretches to the east bordering Yorkshire.

After the initial sighting on 3 July, Ringlets were observed in varying numbers in the Borough. A visit to Strinesdale (SD9506) on the 4th was devoid of Ringlets, yet a further visit on the 11th revealed Ringlets throughout the area adjacent to the reservoirs. Tandle Hill (SD9008) was visited early and late in the flight period but Ringlets were not present. Likewise, the extensive grassland in the Middleton/Chadderton areas (SD8904/8905), including the disused railway line, drew a blank.

As the searching continued, it became apparent that most Ringlets were in the proximity of the River Medlock Valley - from close to the source of the River Medlock (two adjacent to Roebuck Lane SD9607) to Daisy Nook Country Park (single Ringlet SD9100) with the largest concentration



(in their hundreds) as previous years 2011 and 2012, in the area between Alexandra Park and Park Bridge.

Away from the Medlock Valley, the strong colony noted in 2012 in Longsight/Higginshaw (SD9206) adjacent to Oldham Edge, again held large numbers of Ringlets - first recorded on the 7th July with seven observed and a further visit on the 15th revealed Ringlets throughout the area. Surprisingly, on 1 August, a single Ringlet was seen in Oldham Town Centre on the waste ground adjacent to a retail park (SD9204). On the same day, two were also recorded at Besom Hill (SD9508). Although none were seen at Crompton Fold (SD9510) to the north west of Besom Hill, a few isolated Ringlets were seen to the east of the Higginshaw colony in the area just north of Derker metrolink station adjacent to the railway (SD9306).

Extensive searches in east Oldham were unproductive - the Tame Valley around Uppermill/Dobcross/Delph, the Diggle

area, Castleshaw and Dowry reservoirs further north. Further east, Dove Stone was also devoid of Ringlets.

As to the extent of the Ringlet in Oldham in 2013, all the records are from my personal observations and although I am confident that the mapping of the butterfly is quite accurate there is, obviously, a possibility that I overlooked the butterfly in areas visited if only a single or a few individuals had been present.

In summary, the main stronghold is along the Medlock Valley with a large expansive colony in the area between Alexandra Park and Park Bridge. Away from the Valley, a strong colony in Longsight/Higginshaw is also noteworthy.

Finally, I list below, with further notes, the 16x1km squares in which Ringlets were recorded:

- SD9100 Daisy Nook Country Park - in field adjacent to Fairbottom Branch Canal
- SD9201 Bardsley - area adjacent to and bounded by Coal Pit Lane and Ashton Road
- SD9202 Ditto
- SD9204 Town Centre - see text.
- SD9206 Longsight/Higginshaw - see text
- SD9301 End of Keb Lane and towards Park Bridge Road and adjacent grassland
- SD9302 Grassland to the north/east of Bankfield Clough and towards Oldham Town Centre
- SD9303 Deanshut Clough/Fitton Hill
- SD9306 Longsight/Higginshaw/north of Derker - see text
- SD9403 Deanshut Clough towards Abbey Hills Road and pockets in Pitses area
- SD9404 Glodwick Lows LNR and grassland to the east - Roundthorn/Nether Lees
- SD9503 Rowton Clough adjacent to Lees Road
- SD9505 Leesbrook - 3no individuals seen in different locations
- SD9506 Strinesdale - see text. Still present 2 August
- SD9508 Besom Hill - see text
- SD9607 Roebuck Lane - see text. Recorded 2 August

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## **NORTHWESTERN NATURALISTS' UNION**

**A.G.M.**

**Saturday 1 March 2014  
2.00 pm in the Meeting Room,  
Bolton Library,  
Le Mans Crescent, Bolton**



## Leonard Nixon Kidd 1920 – 2013



Leonard Nixon Kidd was born 26th January 1920 at Crewe, Cheshire. In 1934 as a result of his father's new employment, his family moved to Oldham, Lancashire.

He had always been fascinated by plants and animals leading him to study biology and to join several natural history societies. In 1948 he applied for and was successful in obtaining the post of Assistant-in-charge at Werneth Park Study Centre & Natural History Museum, Oldham, turning what had been his hobby into a career. At Werneth he organised displays and talks; kept aquaria, an aviary and several hives of bees including an observation hive.

He began to devote more research time to the study of insects, especially the true flies or Diptera. In 1949 he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Entomological Soci-

ety of London and in 1951 he became a Fellow of the Linnean Society of London. Leonard's studies of fungus gnats resulted in the addition of a number of species to the British list and description of two further species new to science, *Synplasta ingeniosa* (Kidd, 1969) (described in *Allodiopsis*) and *Mycetophila britannica* Laštovka & Kidd, 1975.

He married Dorothy Mary Wood in 1958, making his home in Greenfield, then in Yorkshire, the village where Dorothy was born. He became Section Secretary for the Holden Valley for the North Western Naturalists Union during the 1960s and this led to the publication in 1971 of *Holden Clough: The Natural History of a Small Lancashire Valley*, for which he wrote several chapters and was joint editor. Then in 1977 he wrote *Oldham's Natural History* produced for the Libraries and Museums Department. In 1981 he helped prepare a Royal Entomological Society Handbook, on part of the smaller subfamilies of fungus gnats, in their series for the identification of British Insects. This was prepared in collaboration with two other entomologists one of whom worked in the entomology department of The Natural History Museum.

Always interested in conservation he helped found the Medlock and Tame Valley Conservation Association in 1971 and served as Chairman and President over the years.

Leonard worked for Oldham Museum Service for 33 years retiring in 1981 but kept in touch with the service for a number of years acting as Honorary Curator. A new species of fungus gnat, *Zygomyia kiddi* was named in honour of him by Peter Chandler in 1991.

His family bought him his first computer for his 80th birthday; this enabled him to spend many hours searching the internet researching his family history and also exploring many other facts and information. He was thrilled to meet so many friends and previously unknown relatives once becoming involved with family history. He also published several papers on his own family history and that of other

local families. He also had a great love of music.

Leonard is survived by his two sons Malcolm and Jonathan, daughter-in-law Martine and four grandchildren, also his two cats Gracie and Luna. His wife Dorothy died in September 2005.

### **Patricia Francis**

(based on notes provided by Alison Wild, Malcolm Kidd and Peter Chandler)

The following is a list of Leonard Nixon Kidd's natural history papers, notes and other publications, some done in collaboration with the individuals indicated.

- 1952, The Albert E. Wright Collection of Syrphidae (Dipt.) *Ent. Mon. Mag.* 88: 153.
- 1953, Some Records of Northern Tipulidae with special reference to those occurring in the Oldham District *Ann. Reports of the Manch. Ento. Soc.* 1941-1051, pp. 26-32.
- 1953, Notes on some Winter Diptera from Lancashire, Cheshire and Derbyshire *J. Soc. Brit. Ent.* 4: 136-137.
- 1953, Some West Cheshire Diptera, with an appendix on a new species of *Clusiaria* (Diptera, Clusiidae) by J. E. Collin *J. Soc. Brit. Ent.* 4: 137-139.
- 1954, *Aeshna grandis* (L.) Preying upon *Apis mellifera* L. *Entomologist* 87: 148.
- 1954, *Scoliocentra villosa* (Meigen) (Dipt., Helomyzidae) and *Trichocera maculipennis* Meigen (Dipt., Trichoceridae) taken in Derbyshire caves *J. Soc. Brit. Ent.* 5: 87-88.
- 1954, *Capsus wagneri* Remane (Hem., Miridae) at Askham Bog, Yorkshire *Ent. Mon. Mag.* 90: 172.
- 1954, *Geomyza apicalis* (Meigen) (Dipt., Opomyzidae) in Derbyshire *Ent. Mon. Mag.* 90: 240.
- 1954, Notes on some Derbyshire Craneflies *J. Soc. Brit. Ent.* 5: 86-87.
- 1955, A Reinstatement of *Rhagio strigosa* (Meigen) (Dipt., Rhagionidae) as a British species *Ent. Mon. Mag.* 91: 137.
- 1955, A new species of *Mycomyia* (Dipt., Mycetophilidae) taken in Cumberland *Ent. Mon. Mag.* 91: 258.
- 1956, Notes on some Alien Plants of the Oldham area *The Naturalist* 1956, p. 132.
- 1956, *Craspedacusta sowerbyi* Lankester and its Hydroid *Microhydra ryderi* Potts in Lancashire *The Naturalist* 1956, pp. 139-140.
- 1957, Some Craneflies (Dipt., Tipulidae) of a Lancashire clough, including several new County records *The Naturalist* 1957, pp. 101-102.
- 1959, The Diptera of Lancashire and Cheshire, Part 1 (in collaboration with A. Brindle) *Nematocera* by L. N. Kidd, pp. 15-107 *Lancs. and Chesh. Fauna Committee.*

- 1961, A Short History of the Society and Some of its Early Members (published anonymously) *Athene* 1: 3-6.
- 1961, Some Notes on the Occurrence of the Crayfish (in collaboration with S. Charlson) *Athene* 1: 10-14.
- 1962, Notes on British Fungus-Gnats (Dipt., Mycetophilidae) *Entomologist* 95: 119-125.
- 1963, A Note on the Distribution of *Limnephilus xanthodes* McLach. (Trichoptera) *Entomologist* 96: 246-247.
- 1964, The Diptera of Lancashire and Cheshire, Part 1 (Supplement) *Lancs. and Chesh. Fauna Comm.* Pubn. No. 46, pp. 1-6.
- 1966, The Harvest-Spider *Nelima Silvatica* (Simon) (Arachnida, Opiliones) taken in Yorkshire *The Naturalist* 1966, p. 4.
- 1966, *Leptomorphus walkeri* Curtis (Dipt., Mycetophilidae) in Lancashire and Oxfordshire *Ent. Record* 78: 81.
- 1967, A Note on *Limnia paludicola* Elberg (Dipt., Sciomyzidae) with a comment by Mr. J. E. Collin *Ent. Record* 79: 22.
- 1967, *Ostearius melanopygius* (O.P.-C.) as a household Pest *Bull. No. 36 Brit. Spider Study Group* p. 4.
- 1968, Holden Clough Nature Reserve *Strix* No. 1 *Quarterly Bull. Of the Oldham Public Libraries, Art Gallery and Museum.*
- 1969, Some Corrections to the British List and other Notes on British Fungus Gnats (Diptera, Mycetophilidae) (in collaboration with D. M. Ackland) *Entomologist* 102: 22-24.
- 1969, A Stroll in Holden Clough *Strix* No. 2, *Quarterly Bull. Of the Oldham Public Libraries, Art Gallery and Museum.*
- 1969, A further Note on *Limnia paludicola* Elberg (Dipt., Sciomyzidae) *Ent. Record* 81: 176-177.
- 1969, A new species of *Allodiopsis* Tuom. (Dipt., Mycetophilidae) taken in Berkshire *Entomologist* 102: 201-202.
- 1970, *Mycetophila bohémica* Lastovka and *Dynatosoma nigromaculatum* Lundstroem New to Britain, and Notes on other little known Fungus Gnats (Dipt., Mycetophilidae) (in collaboration with D. M. Ackland) *Entomologist* 103: 10-17.
- 1970, Some New Synonymy in the Genera *Leia* Meigen and *Boletina* Staeger (Dipt., Mycetophilidae) *Entomologist* 103: 265-267.
- 1971, 'Just Passing Through' in *Greenfield Notes, The Archer* 11: 396 (a note on the waxwing, illustrated by David C. McRae).
- 1971, The Diptera of Lancashire and Cheshire, Part 1 (2nd Supplement) *Lancs. and Chesh. Fauna Soc.* Pubn. No. 59, pp. 18-23.
- 1971, Holden Clough: The Natural History of a Small Lancashire Valley. 199 pp. (Edited by L. N. Kidd and M. G. Fitton) Contains the following parts by L. N. Kidd: But-

- terflies and Moths (Lepidoptera) pp. 111-125; True Flies (Diptera) pp. 126-153; Fleas (Siphonaptera) p. 154; Bees, wasps, sawflies, and their allies (Hymenoptera) pp. 164-170; Woodlice (Crustacea: Isopoda) 181-182. The following parts in collaboration with M. G. Fitton: Mayflies (Ephemeroptera) p. 97; Stoneflies (Plecoptera) p. 100; Land and Water Bugs (Hemiptera-Heteroptera) pp. 103-105.
- 1971, Notes on British Bolitophilinae including Three Species New to Britain (Dipt., Mycetophilidae) (in collaboration with A. M. Hutson) *Entomologist* 104: 219-226.
- 1973, On the occurrence of *Sphaerophoria philanthus* Meigen (Diptera, Syrphidae) in Britain *Entomologist* 106: 223-224.
- 1974, Medlock Valley Nature Trail (Edited anonymously from notes supplied by D. Hallett, H. Hodson, and L. N. Kidd) *Medlock & Tame Valley Conservation Committee* 20 pp.
- 1974, The Plants and Animals of the Medlock Valley (Edited anonymously. Notes on birds contributed by H. Hodson) *Medlock & Tame Valley Conservation Committee* 12 pp.
- 1974, Foreword to Birds of Saddleworth (Compiled by Bert Hodson, Frances Jackson and Barry Jones) *Medlock and Tame Valley Conservation Committee and the Saddleworth Civic Trust*.
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# Society Diary

Please note that members of the Northwestern Naturalists' Union are welcome to attend the meetings of all of the affiliated societies.

## ACCRINGTON NATURALISTS' AND ANTIQUARIANS' SOCIETY

Meetings start at 2.30 pm at Antley Methodists' Church Hall, Blackburn Road, Accrington. Enquiries 01254 381236 or 236076. Non-members welcome - £2.00 minimum lecture fee.

**Sunday 23 February : In the Wake of Charles Darwin – The Galapagos Islands**  
Jim Cliff

**Sunday 9 March : From Eden to Paradise (900 Years of English Gardens)**  
Margaret Curry

**Sunday 23 March : Chamois Castles and Cathars (Lower French Pyrenees)**  
Malcolm and Janet Edmunds

**Sunday 6 April : Annual General Meeting, Members Slides, Exhibits, Refreshments**

## ALTRINGHAM AND DISTRICT NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Except where otherwise stated, all meetings are held at St Peter's Assembly Rooms, Cecil Road, Hale and are timed approximately as follows: 7:30pm informal gathering, 7:45pm lecture, 9:15pm tea and chat. Entrance charges: £1.50 members £3.00 guests.

All excursions leave from the car park at St Peter's Assembly Rooms, Cecil Road, Hale at the times indicated. If you intend to join the excursion please give three days notice.

Food and drink for the day and suitable footwear are advisable.

<http://www.altnats.org.uk>, [info@altnats.org.uk](mailto:info@altnats.org.uk), 0161 865 0118

**Saturday 15 February : Day Excursion**

**Tuesday 18 February : Social Event and Supper**

**Tuesday 4 March : Wild about Town - Charlie Owen**

**Tuesday 18 March : Annual General Meeting**

**Tuesday 1 April : Bats - Tony Parker**

**Tuesday 15 April : In Celebration of Clouds - Hugh Beggs**

## BLACKBURN & DISTRICT BIRD CLUB

Indoor meetings are usually held on the first Monday of the month at St. Silas's Church Hall, Preston New Road, Blackburn at 7.30 pm. Outdoor meetings are held to observe and study birds in the field, and are usually led by a member of the committee.

## CHESHIRE ACTIVE NATURALISTS

See [www.cheshireactivenaturalists.org.uk](http://www.cheshireactivenaturalists.org.uk) or email Martyn at [Martyn@czd.org.uk](mailto:Martyn@czd.org.uk)

## CHEADLE HULME & BRAMHALL NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Indoor meeting venue: St. Michael's Church Hall, St. Michael's Avenue, Bramhall, Stockport, SK7 2PG at 7.30pm

**Thursday 20 February : Mammals in the Northwest of England - Tony Parker**

**Thursday 20 March : Le Massif Central - Joan Potts**

**Thursday 10 April : Costa Rica – Nature's Paradise! - Steuart Kellington**

**GREATER MANCHESTER LOCAL RECORD CENTRE**

Any queries contact: Steve Atkins, Local Record Centre Development Officer, Greater Manchester Ecology Unit, Council Offices, Wellington Road, Ashton-under-Lyne OL6 6DL email Stephen.atkins@tameside.gov.uk phone 0161 342 4121 mob 07792 041 528

**LANCASHIRE & CHESHIRE ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

Indoor meetings are at 7.30pm, unless indicated and are at Frodsham Community Centre, Fluin Lane, Frodsham

**LIVERPOOL BOTANICAL SOCIETY**

Indoor meetings are held in the Clore Natural History Centre, World Museum, Liverpool, starting at 11.00am. Field meetings usually begin at 10.30am.

**Saturday 8 March : Microbial Diversity at Mere Sands Wood - Angela Creevy**

**MACCLESFIELD & DISTRICT FIELD CLUB**

Indoor meetings commence at 7.30pm at the Salvation Army Hall, Roe Street, Macclesfield. www.maccfieldclub.co.uk. Starting points for walks are obtainable from the walk leader. Adequate footwear should be worn, no dogs please.

**Monday 24 February : The Woodland Trust - Andrew Bonehill**

**Monday 24 March : Goyt Valley Miner - Kevin Dranfield**

**MANCHESTER FIELD CLUB**

Indoor Meetings are held at Sale United Reformed Church Hall, Montague Road, Sale, M33 3BU, near Sale Metro station, commencing 7.00pm. Free to members, visitors £2.00 - Walk organiser: Alan Hill, 15 Merston Drive, East Didsbury, M20 5NT. Tel: 0161 445 1535 Website: www.manchesterfieldclub.org.uk

**MANCHESTER MICROSCOPICAL AND NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

Meetings, which are open to all, are held in the Stopford Building (Medical School) University of Manchester M13 9PT, corner of Oxford Road and Aker Street (next to the Holy Name Church), Manchester, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The Society's library will be available at the meetings with copies of our Newsletters and literature on microscopic history, microscopy and Natural History. See www.manchestermicroscopical.org.uk

**MARPLE NATURALISTS**

Meetings start at 8.00 pm at United Reform Church, Hibbert Lane, Marple, SK6 7NN.

**NELSON NATURALIST SOCIETY**

All meetings are held at Christ Church, Carr Road, Nelson and start at 7.30pm - Enquiries: David Nelson 01282 863012

**NORTHWESTERN NATURALISTS' UNION - BRYOPHYTE AND LICHEN SECTION**

All meetings on Saturdays, starting at 10.30 am and will commence whatever the weather. Bring food and clothing adequate for a full day in rough country and bad weather. Please check with section secretary a day or so before the meeting, in case of cancellation or changes.

“Beginners” are welcome any **ANY** meeting and there will always be an experienced field bryologist present who will happily name and talk through the identification features of species encountered.

Secretary: Norman Bamforth 1 Corporation Road, Audenshaw, Manchester. M34 5LY (0161 336 3914)

**Saturday 15 February : Lindow Common**

Meet at car park north end of Racecourse Rd Wilmslow (off A538) SJ833814 - A quite small area of remnant mossland with some Sphagnum spp. Leader John Lowell

**Saturday 15 March : Darcy Lever Borrow Pits**

Meet at car park by entrance gate Moses Gate Country Park (On A6053) SD741068. Leader Norman Bamforth

**Saturday 26 April : Northern end of Monksdale**

Meet roadside Hargate Hall, north of Wormhill SK120750. Leader Martha Newton

**Saturday 17 May : Hebden Bridge area**

Leader Lisa Foster Details to be advised.

**Saturday 7 June : Mow Cop near Biddulph**

Meet at car park in village at SJ85675735. Leader Des Callaghan

**Saturday 26 July : Coppice Wood, Grindleford**

Meet Grindleford Station Approach Road. Off B6521 (SK251788). Leader Joan Egan

**Saturday 16 August : Rivington**

Meet car park off minor road from Rivington to Belmont (SD 637148). Leader John Lowell.

**MANCHESTER AND NORTH MIDLANDS FERN GROUP**

Contact: Secretary@eBPS.org.uk

**PRESTON BIRD WATCHING AND NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

Meetings at St. Mary's Church Hall, Cop Lane, Penwortham. Further details from Steve Halliwell 01772 705468, www.prestonsociety.co.uk

**ROCHDALE FIELD NATURALISTS' SOCIETY**

Indoor Meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month, September to April, at Cutgate Baptist Church, Edenfield Road, Rochdale. Enquiries: 01706 630707 and 814884. Charges: Members £2.00, Non-members £3.00.

Excursions depart from the cul-de-sac at Manchester Road, Rochdale. Time: Coaches 0900hrs, Cars 1000hrs. Coaches return at 1700hrs except during November, December, January and February when return is at 1600hrs - Queries: Secretary 01706 843685 secretary@rochdalefieldnaturalists.co.uk

Coach bookings – contact Fred Royle on 01706 644394 Coach Price: £14.

www.rochdalefieldnaturalistsociety.co.uk

**Thursday 13 March : The Flora of North Lancashire - Eric Greenwood**

**Saturday 22 February : Long Preston Deeps, North Yorkshire – Car Trip**

Rick & Karen Cowley

**Saturday 15 March : Tophill Low Reserve, Driffield E.Yorks. (Yorks Water\*) – Coach Trip**

**Saturday 29 March : Wayoh and Entwistle Reservoirs, north Bolton – Car Trip**

Sonia Allen

**Thursday 10 April: Members night (A selection of members' slides) - All welcome.**

**Saturday 12 April : Cockersand and Glasson, Lancashire – Coach Trip**

Pat & Maggie Culkin

**Saturday 26 April : Hardcastle Crag, Calderdale (N.T\*) – Car Trip**

Sheila Simpson

**Saturday 10 May : Nidderdale and Pateley Bridge, N. Yorkshire – Coach Trip**

Alan Cross

**Saturday 24 May : Ripponden, W. Yorkshire – Car Trip - Marolyn Colley**

**Saturday 14 June : South Stack, Anglesey – Coach Trip**

Sonia Allen and Derek Clutterbuck

**Saturday 28 June : Swallows Wood, Tintwistle – Car Trip**

Derek Clutterbuck

**Saturday 12 July : Brockadale, Wentbridge, N.Yorks (Y.Wildlife Trust \*) – Coach Trip**

Sonia Allen

**Saturday 26 July : Grass Wood, Grassington, Wharfedale, Yorkshire Dales – Car Trip**

Pam Jackson (9.00am start)

\* Please note there may be an entrance fee or parking charge at these venues.

### **SADDLEWORTH NATURALISTS**

The meetings start at 7.30pm at the Brownhill Visitors' Centre at Dobcross.

**Wednesday 12 February : Wildlife Gardening - Brian Ashworth**

**Wednesday 12 March : Madeira, Island of Eternal Sunshine - Tony Pioli**

**Wednesday 9 April : AGM - Member's digital pictures & light refreshments**

### **WILMSLOW GUILD NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

Indoor meetings held at Wilmslow Guild, 1 Brown Street at 7.45 pm. - visitors welcome to indoor meetings (£3.00) & field-trips (free). Contact Roy Beacham (secretary) for further information on 01606 891957 rybeacham@aol.com

**Thursday 13 February : Flowers of Coastal Habitats - John Sears**

**Saturday 15 February : Ness Gardens & Burton Mere Wetlands**

Leader: Steve Osborne

**Thursday 13 March : Secrets of the Lune Valley - Kevin Briggs**

**Thursday 17 April : Greater Manchester's Hidden Wildlife - David Winnard**

**Saturday 26 April : Marbury Country Park - Leader: Roy Beacham**

**Saturday 17 May : Deep Dale and Topley Pike - Leader: Steve Osborne**

**Wednesday 11 June : Lindow Common - Leader: Paul Hughes**

**Saturday 21 June : Hipley Hill, Derbyshire - Leader: Roy David**

**Saturday 5 July : Potteric Carr - Leader: David Warner**

**Saturday 19 July : Loggerheads, Mold - Leader: Roy Beacham**

**Tuesday 12 August : Tegg's Nose - Leader: David Warner**