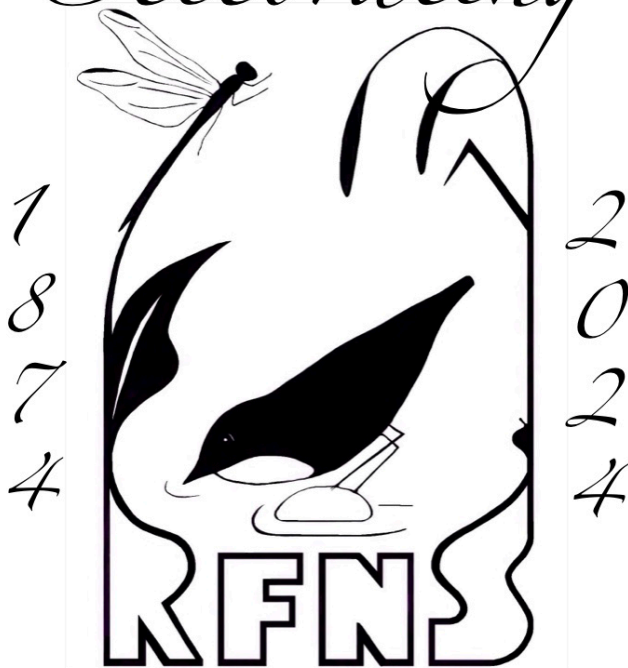


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NOTES FROM THE SOCIETY'S MEETINGS.

JULY 21.—Amongst a number of interesting microscopic plants which were exhibited the following call for special mention: *Gomphenema Geminatum*, microscopic sections of fossil plants showing scalariform tissue. Also transverse section of calamite, exhibited as an opaque object, showing vascular wedges.

JULY 28.—Mr. Kershaw exhibited a supposed "quern," or millstone, found in the quarries, Mellor Street, Coptrod. It was found laying upon the sandstone rocks, about six feet below the surface soil.

AUGUST 4.—Two living specimens of land shells, *Helix Aspersa* and *H. Pomatia*, were shown. Also two specimens of carnivorous plants, viz., butterwort or sheep-rot (*Pinguicula Vulgaris*) and the sundew (*Drosera Rotundifolia*.)

PROGRAMME OF THE SOCIETY FOR SEPTEMBER.

Sept. 1.—Mr. ASTIN, "Foraminifera."

.. 8.—Mr. BREARLEY, "Habits of Local Birds."

.. 15.—Mr. WILD, C.S.T., "Flora of Rochdale and District."

.. 22.—Mr. WADSWORTH, "Nervous system of Insects."

.. 29.—Mr. KERSHAW, "Rites and Customs."

RULES OF THE ROCHDALE FIELD NATURALISTS' SOCIETY.

Preamble.

THE aims of this Society are to promote and popularise a taste for the study of Natural History and kindred subjects, to foster and develop social and friendly intercourse amongst Naturalists and others of congenial tastes, and to promote the intellectual improvement of its members by means of essays, lectures, addresses, discussions, &c. Those on Natural History and subjects connected with it to take precedence of all others.

Religion and politics excluded.

The Name.

1.—THE ROCHDALE FIELD NATURALISTS' SOCIETY.

Officers and Management.

2.—The Society shall be governed by, and its business under the management of, a committee, annually elected, consisting of a president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary, and three other members, all of whom shall be eligible for re-election, three of whom shall form a quorum.

Annual Meeting.

3.—The annual meeting shall be held on the second Tuesday in December, to receive the report of the retiring committee, with a statement of accounts, and to transact the general business of the Society. The election of officers and committee shall be made at and by the annual meeting. Vacancies occurring during the year shall be filled up by the committee.

Auditors.

4.—That two auditors be elected at the annual meeting.

Membership.

5.—Any person wishing to become a member of this Society shall be proposed at one meeting and elected at the following meeting by a majority of the members then present.

Subscriptions.

6.—Every member upon his election shall pay the sum of sixpence as entrance fee, and a further sum of not less than one penny per week subscription so long as he or she remain a member. Any member being more than three months in arrears shall be notified by the secretary, and if not paid within six months shall be liable to have their name erased from the list of members. Cases of this nature shall be brought before the Committee for their decision. Members are expected to pay their weekly contribution until they notify their withdrawal from the Society to the secretary.

Times and Subject of Meeting.

7.—Every Tuesday evening, at half-past seven o'clock. At the close of each meeting the secretary is expected to announce the subject for the following week.

Admission of Visitors.

8.—Friends may be admitted to any meeting of this Society, except the annual meeting, on the introduction of a member.

Duties of Secretary.

9.—The Secretary shall receive all entrance fees and contributions and hand them over to the treasurer, and manage the affairs of the Society under the direction of the committee. He shall lend books from the library to members only, and enter them in the library register. Other property of the Society to be lent out only with the consent of the members at their weekly meetings.

Power of Committee.

10.—The committee may purchase books, specimens, maps, scientific apparatus, or anything relating to natural science they deem necessary, if the funds will allow thereof after paying all ordinary expenses. Should anything occur not provided for in these rules, the committee shall decide the same, and their decision shall be final.

Property.

11.—All monies, the library, and all property belonging to the Society shall be held by the president, treasurer, and secretary for the time being, as legal owners thereof, but in trust for the Society and under the direction of the committee, who shall apply the money in paying the debts and demands to which the Secretary may be liable.

The Flora of Ogden, Piethorn, and the Neighbourhood.

BY B. BELFIELD.

IT is not my intention to dwell on, nor mention all the plants of these localities, but shall endeavour to mention only those which are the rarest and the most interesting.

In the new burial ground at Ogden, are several interesting plants of which I mention one or two: *Lychnis Vespertina*, or White Campion (*Lolium Temulentum*), bearded dandel, *Medicago Denticulata*, (reticulated medick); taking a little to the right, across Huddersfield-road, in a place called Ogden Hole, we come to the beautiful (Lancashire Asphodel) *Narthecium Ossifragum*, *Eriophorum Polystachion*, (broad leaved cotton grass) *Carex Ovals*, (oval sedge); taking up Huddersfield-road a few hundred yards, we descend in the valley of Wickenhall Clough, here we find *Arenaria Trinervis*, (plantain leaved Sandwort) *Chrysosplenium Oppositifolium*, (Opposite-leaved Golden Saxifrage) *Geranium Robertianum*, (Herb Robert), *Luzula Sylvatica*, (Wood Rush), *Veronica Beccabunga*, (Brooklime), *Euphrasia Officinalis*, (Eye-bright), *Lotus Corniculatus*, (Bird's foot Trefoil.)

The ferns are *Aspidium dilatatum*, *A. montana*, *A. filix-mas*, *A. filix-femina*, and *Lomaria spicant*. I have also found in this dell *Polypodium dryopteris*, the latter I believe now to be extinct, as I have not seen it of late.

In mosses we find *Fissidens bryoides*, *Hypnum confertum*, *H. fluviatense*, *H. rutabulum*, *Dicranum squarrosum*, *D. cerviculatum*, *D. heteromallum*, *Bryum albicans*, *B. nuditans*, and *Mnium hornum*.

In Hepatics, *Pellia epiphylla*, *Scapania undulata*, *Jungermannia reptans*, *J. rivulare*, and *J. asplenoides*.

Winding again to the left on the top of this valley, in one or two fields may be met with, *Botrychium Lunaria*, (Moonwort) *Gentiana campestris* (Gentian), *Linum catharticum*, (purging flax) *Polyala vulgaris*, (Milkwort) and several others.

Winding our way still further over the tops keeping to the left, we come to the Piethorn Valley; in the pasturage just before arriving at a place called Tom Clough, I have gathered *Splachnum sphaericum*, a moss generally found on animal dung, also *Vaccinium Vitis-idaea*, (Cow-berry) in the Clough itself, there is not much to note amongst the phænogams, but among the cryptogams the following mosses, *Mnium punctatum*, *Dicranum varium*, and *Polytrichum commune*.

At the bottom of this stream where it empties into one of the Corporation's Reservoirs, I have gathered *Bryum pallens*, and *Hypnum cuspidatum*.

Leaving here I must now take you with me to Piethorn Clough, and by the way I may say there is nothing very special to mention, only in winter time the wall tops are very neatly tipped with several species of Mosses; nor is there anything very striking in the Clough itself.

I may mention however one or two mosses, *Polytrichum hercynicum*, *Hypnum falcatum*, *Bryum nuditans*, *Mnium punctatum*, and *Sphagnum cuspidatum*; taking to the left from this Clough at Norman Hill I have found *Chenopodium Bonus Henricus*, (good King Henry) we must now cross over to Piethorn Farm, where we find perhaps the greatest gem of our ramble, *Meum athamanticum*, (spignel) or (bald money) this and the station at Windy Hill, at the top end of Whiteley Dean, are the only two known habitats within a radius of fifteen miles of Manchester.

Perhaps it is truly indigenous at Piethorn, it being the oldest station of the two, as I am told by Mr. Abraham Howarth, an old resident of Windy Hill, that it came with a

cart load of hay from Piethorn, and was never known to grow there before; Howarth, however, is about 84 years of age, and the plant has been at Windy Hill ever since he could recollect anything. The fact that the plant came from Piethorn to Windy Hill, he gathered from older residents than himself.

A rather interesting story runs with regard to the properties of the root of this plant. A man called Abraham Butterworth, (*alias* old Tab) who was conspicuous in his earlier days for race running, used to chew the root to make him long-winded.

Turning down the valley we come to Rhodes' Barn Farm, where I have gathered *Orehis maculata*, *Habiniaria bifolia*, (Butterfly Orehis); a little more to the right from this place on Turf Hill, I have found *Genista anglica*, (Petty Whin); also again at or near to this point, *Botrychium lunaria*, (Moonwort); going further down the valley again we arrive at one of the conduits belonging to the waterworks. I met with *Hypericum humifusum*, (Trailing St. John's Wort) and *H. pulchrum*, (Upright St. John's Wort); in a field just beneath you will find *Betonica officinalis*, (Wood Betony), *Veronica officinalis*, (official speedwell) and *Genista tinctoria*, (Dyer's Green weed); also at Kitcliffe, a little lower down, *Epilobium montana*, (Mountain Willow herb) and *E. parviflorum*, (small flowered Willow herb).



AN EXCURSION INTO ASHWORTH ROCHDALE FIELD NATURALIST SOCIETY. *14th Aug*

This society had its excursion to Ashworth Wood on Sunday last in accordance with arrangements previously advertised. The route lay along Bury Road to Simpson Clough and then diverged into the wood at a point where the coal bank of Ashworth Colliery joined the road leading to Ashworth Hall. The party proceeded from the place of rendezvous in groups of twos and threes, conversing on and explaining the various objects of interest met with on the way. At last the wood was reached, and work commenced in earnest, extending over an hour and a half, during which time no less than 38 different species of plants were collected, some of them very rare indeed. Amongst these may be mentioned *Anonis Avensis*, found in the neighbourhood of Chadwick Hall; *Humulus Lupulus* and *Jymnostrum Rapestrum*, found in Ashworth Wood, the latter being found nowhere else within an area of 20 miles of Manchester. Among the ferns were *Pteris Aquilina*, *Aspidium Filix Fœmina*, *Aspidium Filix Mas*, and *Aspidium Dilatata*. Arriving at Ashworth Hall Farm a few quarts of milk were distributed amongst the party, and the return journey commenced. At a meeting held at the Clock Face Hotel the same evening the plants were staged and named by Mr. Jones, assisted by the president and Mr. Horsfall.



ROCHDALE FIELD NATURALIST SOCIETY.—An excursion took place last Sunday afternoon in connection with this society, under the leadership of Mr. T. Jones, the vice-president. The place of rendezvous was opposite the Stores, Toad Lane, at two o'clock, the party numbering 22. Proceeding up Fulinge Road and thence into Henley Dell, a good search was made for natural history objects, more particularly those of botany, few plants being passed unobserved. The following were some of the plants gathered here:—*Scrophularia nodosa* (knotted-rooted figwort), *orchis latifolia* (broad leaved orchis), *orchis maculata* (spotted orchis), *asperula odorata* (sweet woodruff), and *chrysanthemum leucanthemum* (moon flower). Passing on to Prickshaw, where the party had a splendid view of the valley below, and by Spring Mill Waterworks, arrived at Mr. Rudman's farm, Houses-o'-th'-Hill, the pedestrians here partook of a jug of milk each. After a short stay and a little friendly chat they proceeded through what was known as Doctor's Wood, but which is now denuded of its trees by the excavations for the waterworks. On arriving at Fern Isle Wood the party again made a diligent search for botanical specimens, amongst them were, *aspidium oreopteris* (mountain shield fern), *aspidium filix foemina* (lady fern), *aspidium filix mas* (male fern), *aspidium dilatata* (dilatated shield fern), *lomaria spicant* (northern hard fern), *pteris aquilina* (common brake), another rather rare fern in the neighbourhood of Rochdale, *polypodium phegopteris* (pale mountain polypody). Also another interesting plant was but not gathered on account of its scarcity, *pinguicula vulgaris* (common butterwort). A rather superstitious idea prevails amongst the sheep keepers of the north in regard to this plant, that it causes disease amongst the sheep, but this is not true, as it is not eaten by these animals nor other cattle. When the party got back to Rochdale, the usual meeting was held at the society's meeting room, the Old Clock Face, under the presidency of Mr. James Beal, when Mr. Jones assisted by the president, named the botanical plants staged.

List of Botanical Plants found July 30th 1882 on Walk from Toad Lane to Fern Isle Wood via Falinge Rd., Healey Dell, Prickshaw, and Houses o' the Hill.

Thanks to Sonia Allen, Charles Flynn and Eileen Clutterbuck for helping to update these plant names in 2016.

1882	1882	2016	2016	Note
Knotted Root Figwort	Scrofularia nodosa	Common Figwort	Scrofularia nodosa	
Broad leaved Orchis	Orchis latifolia	Marsh Orchid?	Dactylorhiza?	Peter Hill p61 knew Southern Orchid site at Healey dell "flushed by runoff from railway limestone". <i>Alternatively known as Dactylorhiza incarnata - EARLY MARCH ORCHID (Orchids of Britain and Ireland - Harrap, A & S)</i>
Spotted Orchis	Orchis maculata*	Heath Spotted orchid?	Dactylorhiza maculata* syn in Collins 1974	PH knew of 2 sites in Calderdale & thought it should be present in Rochdale on boggy uplands <i>Yes, HEATH SPOTTED ORCHID Dactylorhiza maculata (Orchids of Britain and Ireland - Harrap, A & S)</i>
Sweet Woodruff	Asperula odorata	Woodruff	Galium odoratum	
Moonflower	Chrysanthemum leucanthemum	OxeEye Daisy	Leucanthemum vulgare	
Common butterwort	Pinguicula vulgaris	Common butterwort	Pinguicula vulgaris	

Fern Isle Wood

1882	1882	2016	2016	Note
Mountain Shield fern	<i>Aspidium oreopteris</i>	Lemon scented fern	<i>Thelypteris oreopteris</i> or <i>Aspidium oreopteris</i> (Collins 1974)	<i>Dryopteris oreopteris</i> LEMON SCENTED FERN OR MOUNTAIN FERN. Charles said this is now <i>Oreopteris limbosperma</i> .
Lady Fern	<i>Aspidium filix femina</i>	Lady Fern	<i>Aspidium filix femina</i>	<i>Dryopteris felix femina</i> LADY FERN. Charles said it's now <i>Athyrium felix femina</i>
Male Fern	<i>Aspidium filix mas</i>	Male Fern	<i>Dryopteris filix-mas</i>	<i>Dryopteris filix mas</i> MALE FERN
Dilatated shield fern	<i>Aspidium dilatata</i>	Broad Buckler fern? OR Common Buckler Fern (Collins 1974)	<i>Dryopteris dilatata</i> ?	<i>Dryopteris dilatata</i> BROAD BUCKLER FERN
Northern Hard fern	<i>Lomaria spicant</i>	Hard Fern?	<i>Blechnum spicant</i> ?	<i>Blechnum spicant</i> HARD FERN
Pale Mountain Polypody	<i>Polypodium phegopteris</i>	Limestone Polypody? Or more likely Oak fern?	<i>Phegopteris robertiana</i> (syns. <i>Thelypteris robertiana</i> ; <i>Polypodium robertianum</i> . Collins 1974)	BEECH FERN, now <i>Phegopteris connectilis</i> Fitzwilliam gives its name as BEECH FERN see http://www.fitzmuseum.cam.ac.uk/gallery/ceciliaglaisher/ferns/1.html Seems to occur in mountainous and rocky places. See attached doc showing print where it is called Pale Mountain Polypody
Common Brake	<i>Pteris aquilina</i>	Bracken	<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i> (syn. <i>Pteris aquilinum</i>)	Agree 'Brake' commonly used for Bracken.

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Tuesday, 8 30. MISS A. S. PETRIE,
On "The Sun." Illustrated with Diagrams.
Chairman, Mr. JAMES OGDEN.

8 0 p.m. LEO GRINDON, ESQ., of Manchester,
(Author of "Country Rambles," "Manchester Wild Flowers," &c.)

On "British Ferns," Illustrated by Live and Dried Specimens.
Chairman, J. H. WYLIE, Esq., M.A.

Wednesday, 8 0 p.m. MR. R. LAW, C.S.T.,
"Geology."

Chairman Mr. JAMES BEAL.

The Exhibition will be open, each day, from Two o'clock.

Admission by Syllabus only, to be obtained from any of the members; at the Printer's; or at the doors. Single admission on Tuesday, sixpence each; on Wednesday, three-pence each; or admitting at all times (not transferable) one shilling each.

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For Collections of Botanical Specimens, &c., as per list below.

We trust that our readers will take up the matter and give us the encouragement necessary to repeat the competition.

LIST OF PRIZES.

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Botany —For the best collection of Wild Flowering plants, not fewer than 50 specimens (Garden specimens not eligible.)	1	0	0
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For the best collection of Ferns, Mosses, and Lichens, not fewer than 30 specimens.....	10	0	
Geology —For the best collection of specimens of Rocks and Fossils, including Drifts	1	0	0
Microscopy —For the best collection of not fewer than 12 Microscopical Slides, the objects to be collected and prepared by the competitor	1	0	0
Natural History —For the best collection of Original Notes upon the Natural History of the Neighbourhood of Rochdale	1	0	0

Conditions of Prize Competitions.

1.—All collections must be made personally during the year within a radius of five miles direct from Rochdale Town Hall.
(Garden Flowers not eligible.)

2.—The Botanical specimens must be neatly mounted on white paper, size, 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. by 10in.

3.—All objects to be properly named and arranged in their natural order, and labelled with the locality where found.

4.—All prizes to be in books or scientific apparatus suitable for the pursuits of natural history.

5.—No prize to be awarded unless the collection be deemed

of sufficient merit.

6.—All successful collections to become the property of the Society.

7.—The collections to be sent to the Secretary under cover, on or before October 30th, 1886, marked with motto only, name of competitor with motto, to be enclosed in a sealed envelope.

8.—Every competitor must contribute the sum of Threepence as an entrance fee.

9.—No letters sent to the Secretary respecting the above competitions will be replied to unless a stamped envelope is enclosed.

THOMAS E. THORLEY, Secretary, Rochdale Field Naturalists' Society, 47, Walker Street, Rochdale.

Bird Life At Hollingworth Lake

MR. H. PERCIVAL of Smithy Bridge, a well-known authority on the history and natural history of the district, has been observing bird life in the Hollingworth Lake area for fifty years and has made records of the birds which he has seen. He has now made a complete list which he is kind enough to let us publish. The first instalment is given below and a second will appear next month. We should advise all readers who are interested in the subject to keep to-day's list so that they will eventually have the complete record. All but two of the birds mentioned have been observed by Mr. Percival himself, these two were seen by friends of his for whose accuracy he can vouch.—Ed., R.O.

Corbin Crow.—Have seen only one alive in this district, on June 14th, 1936, in a pasture near the Beach Hotel, Hollingworth Lake. Have found two dead ones, the first near Both Hollins Mills and the second on July 14th, 1947, near Annis Hill Farm.

Rook.—There are plentiful. Observed an Althia specimen in a pasture at Three Lane Ends, Smithy Bridge, on July 25th, 1940.

Magpie.—Fairly common and nests in this district. Can be seen in flocks of twenty or so at once in winter time. Local name "Pyenel."

Starling.—Also common. Local name "Slupster." An Althia was in this area in 1900 and a buff-coloured one I saw near Castleton Station on October 7th, 1921. I also observed another Althia on August 25th, 1941.

Green Finch or Green Linnet.—This bird is not common in this district, although I have known it nest not far from Clegg Hall.

Tawny Mountain Linnet or Gorse Cock.—This I have seen on our local moors in summer.

Lesser Redpoll.—Was plentiful about 1915, although I have seen only a few since that time, the last occasion being September 15th, 1937.

Brown Linnet.—This also was plentiful about 1910, and I can remember seeing from ten to thirty and forty at once.

Bullfinch.—I have only seen this bird twice, the first occasion in August, 1903, near the Queen's Hotel, Hollingworth Lake, and the second on September 9th, 1949, at my home.

Chaffinch (local name Spink).—Nests in this area, and several pairs can be seen. Have heard this bird described as a Goldfinch.

House Sparrow or Spadger.—Very common.

Red Bunting (local name Pitt Sparrow).—This nests at several local pools of water.

Snow Bunting.—A winter visitor on the moor.

Sky-lark (local name Layrock).—Earliest date on which I have heard this bird sing was March 15th, 1944.

Meadow Pipit (local name Tilt-Lark and Cheaper).—Common on meadow and pasture lands.

Yellow Wagtail.—Common in summer time.

Pied Wagtail (local name Water Wagtail).—Regular visitor to this district.

White Wagtail.—Have only seen this bird on one occasion on some newly ploughed land on April 16th, 1912. In "The Birds of Rochdale" there is a record of this bird on September 12th, 1912.

Great Titmouse.—Resident in this area, but not plentiful.

Blue Titmouse (local name Blue Tit).—Common resident.

Coal Tit.—For ten years I have known this to be a regular winter visitor.

Long Tailed Titmouse.—Observed one of these birds on January 12th, 1911, but did not see one again until February, 1930.

Gold Crested Wren.—The first of these birds which I saw was in 1927, and the last one in December, 1938, and I have seen several between these years. One of the smallest British birds.

Spotted Flycatcher.—Have only twice seen this bird locally, on July 1st, 1941, and August 12th, 1943.

Willow Wren.—Summer resident, arriving about the end of April. Nests at many places around Hollingworth.

Whitethroat.—Also seen only twice, in 1939 on Millarow golf course and in August, 1949, near Clegg Hall.

Fieldfare.—Winter visitor. Can be seen at times in large flocks.

Mistle Thrush or Storm Cock.—A pair nested in a sycamore tree close to my home for a number of years until 1916.

Song Thrush or Thrasher.—One of our loveliest songsters. In 1924 I found a nest of this bird in a mowing meadow.

Red Wing.—Winter visitor. Appears in this locality every winter along with the fieldfare.

Ring Ouzel.—This bird nests on the moors not far from Hollingworth, although I am only aware of one place to which it comes every year. Saw a pair in May, 1940.

Blackbird or Black Owl.—Have known this nest in Ivy on a wall and have seen a pied specimen in the trees behind the Lake Hotel, Hollingworth.

Whale-lark or Stonesmith.—Fairly common. Summer resident. Always several pairs in this locality.

Whinchat.—Summer resident. Observed this bird feeding on willow herb on September 10th, 1932, and also on September 4th, 1941.

Stonechat.—Summer resident. Not so common, although I saw it near Shaw Moss Farm, in 1934 and Robin Horst's Bog, and also at Breakeid Hill in 1946.

Redbreast.—Local name Robin. Common. I have seen a red in a greenhouse and also in a hole in a wall about a foot from the ground, in 1915.

Hedge Sparrow or Blue Duncock.—Not so common as house sparrow, although it nests locally.

Wren (local name Stumper).—Very shy and not easy to find.

Swallow.—Summer resident. At times very plentiful. For many years the arrival of these birds has been the last week in April. My earliest date is April 12th, 1945.

Martin.—Summer resident. Not so common as the swallow.

Sand Martin.—Summer resident. Saw this bird in this area for the first time on May 22nd, 1941, and I do not know where it nests.

Swift.—Summer resident, and seen at plentiful some years, but at others rather scarce.

(The last latter birds I have only twice seen together at Hollingworth, on May 25th, 1941, and May 26th, 1941).

Nighthawk.—Summer resident. Has been seen at Bakewell in recent years and I saw it there myself in 1914.

Hoopoe.—Passing migrant. One from Hollingworth, Nov. 25th, 1937, is now in the Rochdale Museum, but this is the only one recorded, of which I am aware, for this area.

Kingfisher.—Resident. Can be seen in several places in summer. Several years ago I saw one every summer at a mill lodge, also on the Rochdale Canal, and many times on Hollingworth Lake.

Cuckoo.—Common. Summer resident. Have heard this bird calling about the last week in April for years.

Short-eared Owl.—Resident. One was taken at Hollingworth on February 22nd, 1922. Have seen it this winter locally.

Barn Owl.—This bird I have only seen once, at Wind Mills Farm, in August, 1931.

Brown Owl.—Can be heard and seen around Hollingworth Lake.

Little Owl.—One of these was found on the road to Peacock on September 25th, 1937.

(On Sunday, November 25th, 1930—a glorious morning—I saw a Brown Owl in a tree and a Little Owl on a chimney pot within twenty yards of my house.)

(To be Continued Next Week)



Harry Percival of Smithy Bridge wrote this for the Rochdale Observer in 1951

Example of a Herbarium Specimen from Vicar Shaw's collection (CES)

Herbarium specimen: *Trifolium resupinatum*

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Trifolium resupinatum herbarium specimen from Darwen, VC59 South Lancashire in 1958 by Rev. Charles Edward Shaw.



Crown wallpaper tip
Darwen, Lancs. Oct 58
Coll. R. E. Shaw

Bolton Museum

HERBARIUM

VC59

Leguminosae 56

Brit. Vasc. Pl. No.

Ref. No. 85.1984.167

Species *Trifolium resupinatum* L.

English Name

Locality Darwen, Lancashire

Habitat Crown Wallpaper Tip

Collector Rev. C. E. Shaw

Date Oct. 1958

Remarks

A4522



One of the Record Cards from Peter Hill's Index system for Plants, Birds and Fungi



(AM = Allan Marshall)

Helleborine, broad. *Epipactis helleborine*.

- ① During an RFNS outing 14.8.82, two seed spikes of a helleborine were seen at the South side of the path between the two footbridges at Blades Pitts, Norden. During the summer of '83 two spikes grew again and two other singles were found close by. Photographed 14.8.83
- ② There are no records for this species for the caravan site at Simpson Clough and Healey Dell but there have proved difficult to outside
- ③ Two spikes developing at Norden 14.6.85 were found to have fallen victim to the MSC improvements 1.8.85. The caravan site record at Simpson Clough is old and the Healey Dell site has been disturbed. Marshall agreed that the plant probably no longer exists in Rochdale M.B.
- ④ With AM and CES along river Speeden between TBA and Warden's house 15.8.85 no less than 44 spikes were counted either developing or in optimum condition. P.T.O.

Helleborine, broad *Epipactis helleborine* (cont.)

would appear that all the introductions from Healey Dell failed. Also, on at least 2 searches, I was unable to locate the single spike further up the path.

- ⑩ The site in Chesden Valley (7) had only 4 spikes 30.7.93.
- ⑪ There has been a general increase in the plant at Healey Dell but on 4.10.93 I saw several fine plants at the S. end of the central ledge where I don't recall seeing any before.
- ⑫ Vicar Shaw reported a plant at stile between Hawkey and Shaw and I went to see it 11.10.93. There were 3 fine spikes of seed at the base of the wall on the side of the lane opposite the derelict building.
- ⑬ No plants were seen at the Norden site (6) (8) (9) in '92, '93 or '94. In 8.95 a plant with two spikes was seen at the site further up the path.

MEETINGS

HELD AT THE

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Every Tuesday Evening.

*Doors open at 7-30, Chair taken at
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DATE.	SUBJECT.	NAME.
OCT. 16	"A Visit to Ilfracombe."	JAMES HORSFALL
„ 30	"The Cause of Evolution."	REV. A. PAGAN
NOV. 13	"Reminiscences of a Ramble to Hardcastle Craggs."	JOSEPH ASTIN
„ 27	"The Migration of Seeds."	B. BELFIELD
DEC. 11	The Annual Meeting—Election of Officers.	
„ 18	"Advantages of the Study of Botany."	MISS ROBINSON
JAN. 8	"Picturesque Rochdale."	JAMES OGDEN
„ 22	"The Life of Linnæus."	W. H. WEBB
FEB. 5	"A Grain of Salt."	PETER LEE
„ 19	"Plants of the N. O. Composite."	DR. HUNT
MAR. 5	"Some of the Local Flora."	JAMES BEAL
„ 19	"Life and Writings of Robert Burns."	H. RICE
APRIL 2	"Plants of the Crowfoot Family."	JAMES LORD
„ 16	"Eucalyptus, its habitat and uses."	DR. BROWN
„ 23	"The Marine Aquarium."	GEORGE BREARLEY

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MUSEUM LECTURES, 1912-1913.

1. Professor F. E. WEISS, D.Sc., F.L.S.
BOTANICAL RAMBLES.

Nov. 9—Lancashire Sand Hills.

" 16—Derbyshire Dales

" 23—Cheshire Meres.

2. Professor BOYD DAWKINS, D.Sc., F.R.S.
1913.

Jan. 11—Man's Place in the World.

" 18—Britain in the Bronze Age.

" 25—Britain in the Prehistoric Iron Age.

3. Professor S. J. HICKSON, D.Sc., F.R.S.

Feb. 8—The Egg and the Early Stages of Development.

" 15—The Larval Stage.

" 22—The Development of the Chick and some other Vertebrata.

The Lectures will be given in the Chemical Theatre at 3.30 p.m., and will be illustrated by the Lantern.

SYLLABUS.

1912.

Oct. 5—Opening Meeting. President's Address.
Exhibition of Natural History Specimens.

" 12—"The Equipment of the Naturalist."
Mr. FRED WILLIAMSON.

Nov. 2—Short Communications from Members.

" 16—"Preparing and Mounting Dry Microscopic Specimens"

MEMBER OF THE MANCHESTER
MICROSCOPICAL SOCIETY.

Dec. 7—"Climate of Lancashire"
Mr. HENRY BOOTHMAN.

1913.

Jan. 18—"Various Methods of Breathing in Animal Life"

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Feb. 1—"Birds of the Isle of Man"
With Lantern Illustrations.
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X " 15—"Evolution of Design in Prehistoric
Celts"
Mr. J. L. MAXIM, M.Sc., F.G.S.

Mar. 1—"Entomology"
Mr. IVAN E. WHITEHEAD.

" 15—"Animals in Relation to their
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✓ April 4.—Hunger Hill. ...
Leader: Mr. T. Clegg.
2-15 Car to Staff of Life.
Route, Shawfield, Hunger Hill, and Moorcock.

✓ 18.—Tooter Hill. ...
Leader: Mr. G. W. Mills.
2-15 Car to Bacup.

May 2.—Carr Wood. *present* ...
Joint Ramble with Bury Naturalists.
Leader: Mr. J. Whiteley.
2-15 Car to Bury Road Terminus.
Meet Bury Naturalists at Simpson Clough, 3 p.m.

16.—Prestwich Clough. *present* ...
Leader: Mr. E. Wilkinson.
2-34 Excursion to Manchester. *Bus*
Gt. Ducie Street Car to Prestwich Clough
TEA IN CLOUGH.

26.—Rush Hill and Brown Wardle
Leader: Mr. J. L. Maxim, M.Sc., F.G.S.
7 p.m. Car to Gale.

Route, Nook Farm, Coprod Head, Quarry Hill, Toad Leach,
Flash, Rush Hill and Lobden. Return via Whitworth.

June 6.—Delamere. ...
Leader: Mr. I. E. Whitehead.
See Railway Excursion Bills.

20.—Crimsworth Dene. ...
Leader: Mr. F. Duckworth.
2-10 Excursion to Hebden Bridge. Fare 1s 5d
Return via Beckett Walls and Keighley Road

June 30.—Visit to Greenhill, by the
courtesy of Colonel Sir
Clement M. Royds, C.B.
Meet at the Butts at 7 p.m.

July 4.—Burnley and District. ...
Leader: Mr. W. Baldwin, F.G.S.
1-53 Train to Burnley via Todmorden.
Return 8-22 p.m.

18.—March Hill. ...
Leader: Mr. W. A. Parker, F.G.S.
2-15 Car to Newhey.

28.—Belfield Old Hall. ...
Leader: Mr. W. Osbaldeston.
7 p.m. Car to Firgrove.

Aug. 1.—Piethorn and Whitely Dene. ...
Leader: Mr. F. Williamson.

Route: Car to Newhey, Huddersfield Road, Ogden Chapel,
path between Piethorn and Norman Hill Reservoirs to
Windy Hill Farm; return via Longden End Brook and
Hollingworth. Objects: Search for Meum Athamanticum
and other rare plants.

N.B. Members should bring their own Refreshments.

Sept. 5.—Fern Isle Wood. *Danes Wood* ...
Leader: Mr. J. Coates.
2-15 Car to Broadley.

Then to Spring Mill, Fern Isle and Doctors Wood

12.—Annual Meeting. ...
In Technical School at 7 p.m.
King Street Entrance.

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WINTER RAMBLES.

Commencing October. There will be a
Ramble on the first fine Sunday in each
month. Meet at G.P.O., 10 a.m.

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LIST OF RAMBLES, 1948

Saturday.

	Leader.
Mar. 27—Hardcastle Craggs ... <i>Aspen Craggs on Birds.</i> ...	Mr. H. Brown
Apl. 17—Blue Pits to Balderstone (2.30 p.m. Castleton) ...	Mr. J. L. Maxim
May 1— Carr Wood <i>fourth week. Backup of H.S.</i> ...	Mr. J. O. Bloomer
May 29—Cowm District ...	Mr. W. Cockroft
June 19—Broadley District ...	Mr. E. S. Warwick
July 10—Hollingworth District (2.30 p.m. Beach Hotel) ...	Mr. Percival
July 31—Joint with Holiday Fellowship (2.30 p.m. Summit 'bus) ...	<i>also L. WEA. J.L. Maxim.</i>
Sept. 4— <i>Carr Wood</i> ...	<i>M. Bloomer</i>
Sept 25—Heap Bridge District ...	Mrs. Fitton

Sunday.

Apl. 4—Ashworth District ...	Mr. W. Moore
Apl. 25—Walsden District ...	Mr. Taylor
May 9—Calder Valley ...	Mr. Warrington
June 6—Deepley Vale ...	Mr. P. Evans
June 27—Hurst Wood ...	Mr. R. Lord
July 25—Jumble Hole. Joint with Holiday Fellowship ...	Mr. H. Brown
Aug. 8—Hardcastle Craggs ...	Mr. G. Ingham
Aug. 29—Cragg Vale ...	Mr. J. Whalley
Sept. 12—Summit & Littleborough District (10.30 a.m. Wardle Lane) ...	Mrs. H. Brown

Unless otherwise stated, meet at Rochdale G.P.O., Saturday 2 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m.

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Artisan Naturalists Film – Prestwich & Whitefield Heritage Society (prestwichheritage.co.uk)

National Library of Scotland/maps For O.S. map extracts and Town Plans



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