

BSBI Welsh Field meetings 2011

Saturday 21st May

Carmel Woods, Carmarthenshire (v.c.44)
Leader: Jamie Bevan.

Situated on a ridge of Carboniferous limestone, Carmel Woods supports a rich ash woodland flora, including populations of *Daphne mezereum*, *Convallaria majalis* and *Paris quadrifolia*. If time allows, there will also be a chance to visit some nearby areas of heathland and raised bog. Meet at Glangwenlais Quarry car park (SN6054.1644) at 10.30 am. Please send bookings (before 30th April) enclosing SAE to: Jamie Bevan, Countryside Council for Wales, Llys Tawe, Kings Road, Swansea SA1 8PG.
j.bevan@ccw.gov.uk Numbers limited to 15.

Saturday 11th June

Wrexham Industrial Site, Denbighshire, (v.c.50).
Leader: Delyth Williams.

This is an interesting area of flat land around the Afon Clywedog comprising both new and old industrial buildings in a variety of habitats with a variety of natives, archaeophytes and introductions. The ground is uneven, so bring sturdy shoes. Meet at 10.30am and park in front of the 'Calypso' factory at SJ380.492, best approached from Cross Lanes, half way between Marchwiell and Bangor-is-y-Coed on the A525. Turn NE off the A525 and take 1st left back towards Wrexham. Continue until road forks and turn right. At 2nd roundabout, turn right onto road adjacent to factories. 'Calypso' is at the end. There are no public conveniences, but there is a pub nearby. Bookings (with SAE please) to: Mrs D.Williams, Bryn Siriol, Graig Fechan, Ruthin, Denbighshire LL15 2HA.
delyth@siriol.myzen.co.uk

Saturday 25th June

Aberbargoed (v.c.35) (joint meeting with the British Plant Gall Society).
Leader Paul Smith.

A joint meeting with the British Plant Gall Society to explore two sites near Aberbargoed in the Rhymney Valley. In the morning we will visit Aberbargoed Fields SSSI which is a series of wet meadows with interesting local species such as *Cirsium dissectum* and *Genista anglica* and is also a site for the Marsh Fritillary butterfly. In the afternoon we will go up the side of the valley to Bedwellty churchyard, an extensive graveyard. *Vicia orobus* occurs nearby, and we will try to refind it in the churchyard itself. Waterproof footwear recommended. Meet at 10.30am at the road end in the Bowen Industrial Estate, ST161.991. To book, contact Paul Smith, pa.smith@mypostoffice.co.uk or (with SAE please) 128 Llancayo Street, Bargoed, Mid Glamorgan, CF81 8TP.

Saturday 2nd July

Buttington Wharf, Welshpool, Montgomeryshire (v.c.47)

Leader: Kate Thorne.

Meet at 10.30am in the small car park by canal with plenty of parking on the side of the nearby road. Turn off the first roundabout (going westwards) at Welshpool, labelled Buttington Cross. SJ24150805, don't cross the canal. We will start at Buttington Wharf on the edge of Welshpool (plenty of parking) to see some stands of *Luronium natans* then move northwards to look at *Hydrocharis morsus-ranae* and pondweeds at Arddleen, and Pondweeds (including *P.compressus* and *friesii*) at the Vrynwy aqueduct. If there is time and interest we could finish at Molverley SJ336181 to look at a willow bed (includes *Salix purpurea*, *Salix triandra* and some hybrids that need updating).

Waterproof footwear recommended. Bookings (with SAE please) to: Dr.A.K.Thorne, Churton House, Church Pulverbatch, Shropshire SY5 8BZ k.thorne@btinternet.com

Saturday 9th – Saturday 16th July

Glynhir recording week, Carms. (vc 44).

Leaders: Kath and Richard Pryce.

The annual Carmarthenshire Recording and Monitoring Meeting will include visits to well-botanised sites as well as areas in need of additional recording within the county. The meeting will cater for both experienced and inexperienced botanists and will provide an opportunity for the informal development of identification skills.

Glynhir Mansion is located about 2km east of Llandybie on the western flank of the Black Mountain at SN640151. The River Loughor runs through the estate and at one point plunges over a 10m waterfall into a rocky gorge where *Dryopteris aemula*, *Hymenophyllum tunbrigense* and *Asplenium trichomanes* ssp. *trichomanes* are among the ferns growing on the cliffs. There will be ample opportunity in the timetable to visit the site. Large parkland trees provide the setting to the mansion, including *Tilia cordata* although one large tree was lost in a summer gale last year. There remains much scope for further discoveries to be made in the vicinity.

The mansion is run by the Jenkins family providing first class facilities including a large common room for evening identification and discussion sessions. The cost of the week from lunchtime on 9th to breakfast on 16th, including full board and packed lunches, will be around £450.00. Resident participants will be limited to about 15. Accommodation for part of the week will be charged *pro rata*.

Please make initial bookings with the leaders as soon as possible. A 25% deposit will be required by Glynhir followed by full payment six weeks prior to the meeting. Bookings to Mr & Mrs R.D. Pryce, Trevethin, School

Road, Pwll, Llanelli, Carmarthenshire, SA15 4AL. Tel:/ Fax: 01554 775847; PryceEco@aol.com

Friday 12th – Sunday 14th August

Welsh AGM field meetings, Dale Fort Field Centre Pembrokeshire (v.c.45).
Field leaders: Stephen Evans, Jane Warr, Fiona Gomersall and Cath Shellswell.

The AGM will be based in the far west of Pembrokeshire in the Dale peninsula. The Field Studies Council Centre at Dale Fort dates back to 1856 when it was built to protect the Royal Navy Pembroke Dockyard from the French. It became a FSC centre in 1947.

Visits will be made to coastal and arable habitats of the peninsula over the 3 days. The intention is to have an optional walk on the coast path or into Dale village on the Friday afternoon and to visit the small inlet of the Gann Estuary on Saturday morning before the AGM. On Sunday the plan is to explore arable fields, view Skomer island from the Deer Park and if tides and time permit examine a colony of *Rumex rupestris*.

Accommodation at Dale Fort is simple but comfortable, mostly in a mixture of twin and shared bedrooms. Most bedrooms have wash hand basins, with toilet and shower facilities close by. There are a few en suite family rooms. The cost including full board accommodation, use of meetings rooms and the centre's facilities would be about £100. Lunch is a packed lunch which you make yourselves in the morning.

For those who wish to make their own arrangements there are guest houses, B. and B. accommodation, as well as camping and self-catering facilities in the Marloes and Dale areas not too distant from Dale Fort.

Because the AGM is being held in August early booking of this alternative accommodation would be essential. Bookings for the AGM field meetings and for accommodation at Dale Fort should be made to Sarah Stille, The Quillet, Berwyn Street, Llandrillo, Corwen, Denbighshire LL21 0TH (with SAE please) Tel 01490 440418 or e-mail sarah.stille@virgin.net no later than the **end of July 2011**. Those wishing to stay at Dale Fort will need to indicate whether they are willing to stay in dormitory style rooms. All details and booking procedures will be circulated later by separate flyer.

Saturday 20th August

Crigyll Estuary and the Tywyn Trewan dunes, near Rhosneigr, Anglesey (v.c.52)

Leaders: I. & J.Rees.

Meet at 11am in the lay-by on the bend in the road just west of the Golf Club at SH324739. It is also possible to drive down a rough track to nearer the edge of the estuary and park at about SH323742 if there is not sufficient room in the layby. If people want to come by train, Rhosneigr

Station is only about 600m from the track down to the estuary. However, only some of the trains on this line stop by request. The aim of the meeting will be to look at the maritime flora of the sandy saltmarshes, including several *Limonium* taxa and *Frankenia laevis*. In the dune slacks there should be *Gentianella* of differing colours and *Spiranthes spiralis*. It is normally easy walking. Please send bookings (with SAE please) to: Mr. I.Rees, Carreg y Gad, Llanfairpwll, Anglesey LL61 5JH.
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