

# LONG EATON NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY BULLETIN

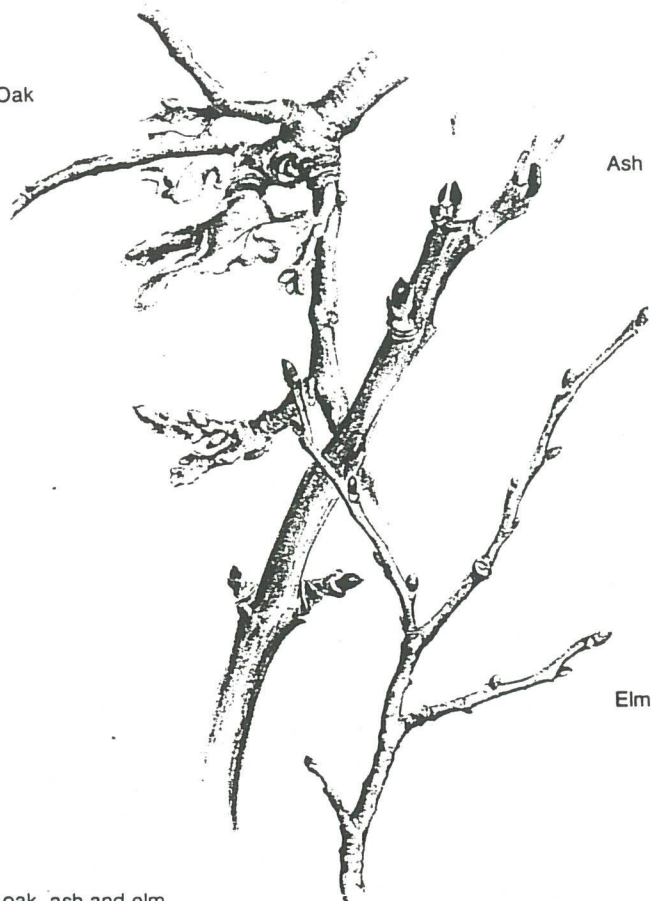
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WINTER 1999



CHAIRMAN -	ALAN HEATH
VICE-CHAIRMAN -	JOHN BLACKBURN
SECRETARY -	JEANNETTE RHODES
TREASURER -	BOB WASLEY
MEETINGS SECRETARY-	MAX BRYCE

Oak



Ash

Elm



Little owl

CHAIRMAN'S FOREWARD

It is a pleasure to produce No. 40 of our BULLETIN and as this will be the last one for this century, it seemed appropriate to include an INDEX of the 40 editions. The quality and variety of contributions has been high and we hope that this standard will be maintained.

This year has seen an increase in our basic subscription necessitated by a sharp increase in room rent and speakers' fees. The AGM approved this rise in order to ensure that we continue to get quality speakers and to retain our venue which is easy to find, ideal for our needs and offers secure car parking. Whilst a further rise may be necessary in the future, the situation is being carefully monitored.

A number of new members have joined us, to whom we extend a hearty welcome and this is a clear indication that the community shows an interest in us. Our meetings are regularly reported in CLUB CALL and WHAT'S ON in the Long Eaton Advertiser.

A few years ago I produced a publication of some 200 pages entitled 'Natural History of Long Eaton & District' which is based on the work of this society and is to be updated. Recording in our area is of vital importance and enables the society to do work of real scientific importance. Whilst recording will be given priority, you do not have to be involved. Simply enjoy what we have to offer and don't forget that the committee are always pleased to receive new ideas and comments, so please let us hear from you.

Finally I extend the Seasons' Greeting to one and all and we look forward to a bright future in the new millennium.

Alan Heath

HERITAGE TREES

Founded 25 years ago with the support of the Department of the Environment, the Tree Council is an independent charity essentially to promote planting and conservation of trees and woodland throughout the United Kingdom.

A recent initiative by that body seeks to compile a record of our notable trees, trees remarkable not merely for size, age, or physical characteristics, but also with stories and associations that form part of local heritage: for example, memorial trees, meeting places, celebratory trees, trees involved in folklore or local history.

If members know of such trees in Erewash please contact Alan or myself.

Max Bryce.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 18th October 1999

The following OFFICERS were elected : -

		PROPOSED BY	SECONDED
CHAIRMAN	Alan Heath	June Crosby	Norah Knight
VICE-CHAIRMAN	John Blackburn	Jean Jones	Bob Wasley
SECRETARY	Jeanette Rhodes	Carole Willan	J. Blackburn
TREASURER	Bob Wasley	Derek Bates	J. Redgate
MEETINGS SECRETARY	Max Bryce	D. Banks	J. Redgate
AUDITOR	Brian Warhurst	J. Blackburn	C. Willan
COMMITTEE -	Kenneth Stevens Anne Haynes		
RECORDER -	Alan Heath		
PRESS OFFICER -	Alan Heath		

After discussion the meeting approved a rise in the basic subscription to £1 with Meetings fee remaining at £1. The Treasurer explained the need for the rise, increase room rent and speakers' fees and added that a further rise would have to be considered in the future. We are alright for the coming year though it will be necessary to go into reserves.

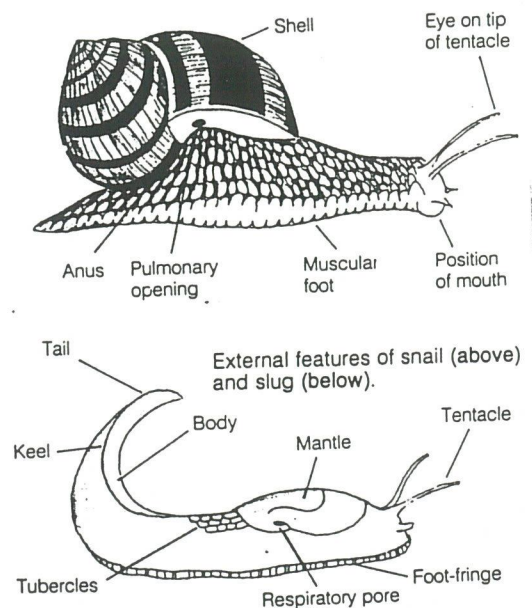
Derek Bates stated that he understood that financial help was available from the local authority for organisations such as ours. This will be investigated. It was further suggested that we might collaborate with Erewash Groundwork Web Site.

The Chairman announced that Fred Ellis was ill and also that his wife Ruth had recently had an operation. Good Wishes were sent on behalf of the society.

Following the meeting, we had a Members Night at which Carole Willan described her visit this year to Spain where in the Picos region some 160 species of birds including Golden Eagle, Vultures, Hen Harriers and Goshawks. Wild flowers were in profusion.

John & Fay Blackburn then gave an update on events at Barker's Pond which adjoins their garden. Finally, Alan Heath gave an illustrated account of his recent visit to Turkey for the Total Eclipse of the Sun.

A VOTE OF THANKS was given by Jan Jones for the officers and committee and this was heartily applauded.



## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

It is pleasing to report another year which featured many excellent speakers and our thanks are extended to John & Fay Blackburn for providing an interesting and varied programme. We are delighted to have had the pleasure of welcoming a number of new members.

Recording has always been a major part of the society's activities and Max Eryce and I attended a meeting at Derby University which outlined the way in which future recording might be conducted. It is our intention to follow this plan and all sightings and recordings should be forwarded to Alan Heath who will transfer these onto appropriate forms. In this way we can do work which is of scientific importance and in so doing we will contribute to local county records. We hope as many of you as possible will take part and support this valuable work.

A review of our finances was made recently due to a sharp rise in our room rent. This has increased from £5 to £15 per meeting but this new figure is still a concessionary rate. Most premises cost around this figure these days and it is felt that our present venue is ideal and offers car parking facilities which are as secure as one might find anywhere. We therefore are having to ask our members to approve an increase in subscription to £3 per annum and £1.50 per meeting. This still does not offset our expenditure and speakers' fees have also increased considerably. In order to maintain the high standard we have come to enjoy we feel it necessary to ask your support for the increase. We are alright for the present year but will have to go into reserves in order to meet our costs. A further increase may be necessary next year but we will keep it to a minimum. Obviously our income must exceed our outgoings for the society to remain viable and we always hope that further increase in membership will contribute to this.

Thanks are extended to all for your continued support.

Alan W. Heath

LONG EATON NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 4 OCTOBER 1999

	1999	1998
<b>Income</b>		
Meeting Fees	312.00	409.00
Annual Subscriptions	130.00	132.50
Donations	-	1.00
Coffee Sales	21.95	24.92
Raffle	15.00	18.00
Groundwork Erewash	-	200.00
Bank Interest	<u>4.04</u>	<u>16.94</u>
	<b><u>482.99</u></b>	<b><u>802.36</u></b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Payments to Speakers	319.50	175.00
Stationery and Photocopying	57.20	44.54
Insurance	30.00	55.00
Room Rent	95.00	55.00
Affiliation Fees	82.00	32.00
Donations	36.00	17.99
Equipment	19.99	14.50
Coffee Supplies	4.89	4.69
Committee Expenses	-	6.60
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>644.58</b>	<b>405.32</b>
Excess of Expenditure over Income	(161.59)	397.04
	<b><u>£482.99</u></b>	<b><u>£802.36</u></b>

LONG EATON NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 4 OCTOBER 1999

	1999	1998
<b>Accumulated Fund</b>		
As at 5 October 1998	1,180.30	783.26
Less Excess of Expenditure over Income	(161.59)	397.04
	<b><u>£1,018.71</u></b>	<b><u>£1,180.30</u></b>
<b>Represented By:</b>		
Royal Bank of Scotland		
Branch Current Account	241.47	410.47
Deposit Account	623.72	643.68
Cash in Hand	3.52	46.15
Pre-paid Rent	<u>150.00</u>	<u>80.00</u>
	<b><u>£1,018.71</u></b>	<b><u>£1,180.30</u></b>

R Wasley  
Treasurer



B Warhurst  
Honorary Auditor



FOX COVERT VISIT - 16th August 1999

During this visit Fay Blackburn provided the following -

1	Blackbird	1	Frog
5	Magpie		Greater Stitchwort
6	Mistle Thrush		Gypsywort
2	Wren		Forget-me-not
			Woundwort

BARKER'S POND and GARDEN AT 30 QUORNDON CRESCENT, Long Eaton

24 April 1999	1	Bullfinch
2 May 1999	1	Chiffchaff (H)
14 September 1999	1	Kingfisher (Garden)
23 September 1999	1	Kingfisher (Barker's Pond)

Fay Blackburn

BIRDS AT ATTENBOROUGH NATURE RESERVE - July 1999

John & Fay Blackburn

Blackbird	Mallard
Black-headed Gull	Oyster Catcher
Canada Geese	Sparrow
Crow	Tern
Greylag Goose	Tufted Duck
Heron	Wood Pigeon
Lesser Black-backed Gull	
Magpie	

GARDEN BIRD WATCH -

1999

The following record has been provided by Mrs L. Jones, 36 Mount Street, Breaston and communicated by June Crosby

	SPRING	SUMMER	WINTER
BLUE TIT	/	/	/
ROBIN	/	/	/
BLACKBIRD	/	/	/
HOUSE SPARROW	/	/	/
STARLING	/	/	/
DUNNOCK	/	/	/
CHAFFINCH	/	/	/
GREAT TIT	/	/	/
GREENFINCH	/	/	/
COLLARED DOVE	/	/	/
LESS FREQUENT SPECIES			
COAL TIT	/		
CROW	/		
FERAL PIGEON			/
GOLDFINCH	/		
MAGPIE	/		
SONG THRUSH	/		
WOOD PIGEON	/		

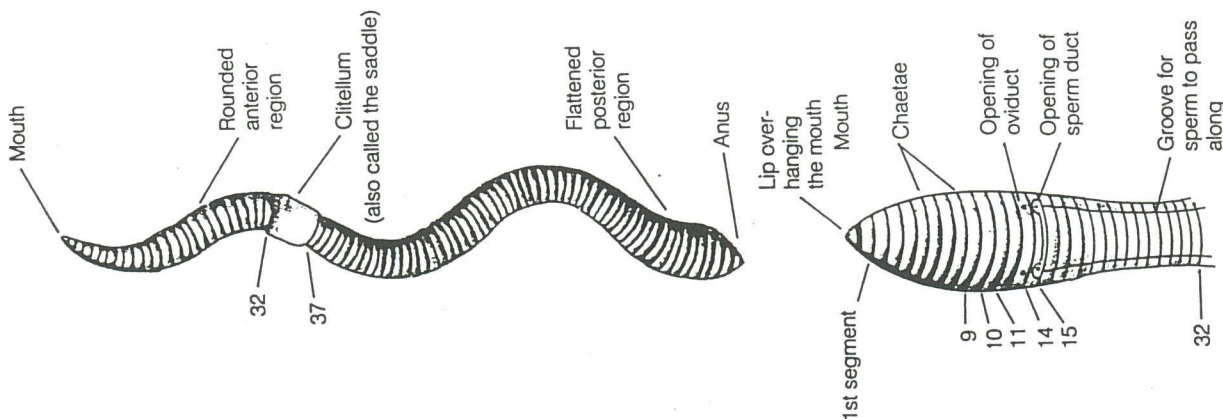
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FOOD & WATER PROVIDED - Peanuts, Seed Mix with Cereal and Water

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
Blackbird	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Blue Tit	/	/							/	/	/
Chaffinch			/	/		/	/				
Cormorant										/	/
Great Tit	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Crow	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Greenfinch	/	/	/	/	/	/	/		/	/	/
Heron	/	/	/	/	/	/	/		/	/	/
Magpie	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Robin	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Starling	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Thrush- Mistle											/

BUTTERFLIES

Erimstone	/	/									
Comma									/		
Common Blue				/	/						
Gatekeeper						/					
Large White						/		/			
Orange Tip			/	/							
Peacock			/								
Red Admiral								/	/		
Small Tortoiseshell						/					
Small White				/							
Speckled Wood				/	/						



Anatomy of earthworm.





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