

# **The Liverpool Botanical Society**

The society was founded in 1906 with the aim of "Stimulating and promoting the various branches of Botany". This was to be done by "meetings for mutual assistance and for the interchange of botanical information" and "making excursions to places of botanical interest".

In 1963 the Society published " Travis's Flora of South Lancashire" (J.P. Savidge, V.H. Heywood, & V. Gordon) providing a long awaited and much needed record of the occurrence and distribution of plants over the whole of vice-county 59.

Today the society continues to run a varied programme of indoor meetings and field excursions. The society also publishes its own newsletter, Parnassia. If you wish to know more about the Society you are most welcome to come along to any of our meetings prior to joining.

## **Officers 2009**

President: Steve Cross

Vice-Presidents: Eric Greenwood and Peter Gateley

Hon. Secretary: Wendy Atkinson

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**The following is a very brief history of the**

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**On the 24<sup>th</sup> April 1906 a letter was sent by Arthur A Dallman to local botanists, and a preliminary meeting was held at the Common Hall, Hackin's Hey, Liverpool on the 26<sup>th</sup>. The proposed aims were the stimulation and promotion of the various branches of Botany and research, especially in connection with local Botany. An inaugural meeting was held on May 21<sup>st</sup> at the Common Hall, where the Society's rules and constitution were discussed "and after exhaustive discussion and amendment" were adopted.**

**Officers appointed were Rev. S Gasking (President), J A Wheldon and Rev. W Wright Mason (Vice-Presidents), F J Routledge (Treasurer) and A A Dallman (Secretary).**

**In 1906 field meetings were held at Ainsdale, Leasowe and Moreton, Crosby and Hightown, the Liverpool Botanic Gardens, Leasowe and West Kirby, Speke and a fungus foray at Raby Mere.**

**With the imminent publication of the Flora of West Lancashire by J A Wheldon and A Wilson, in 1907, a committee was formed to produce a South Lancashire Flora. W G Travis was the Secretary, a position he held for more than fifty years. The Flora was almost complete by the early 1920's but financial reasons prevented its publication. There was a renewal of interest in 1956 and Travis's Flora of South Lancashire by J P Savidge, V H Heywood and Miss Vera Gordon was published in 1963.**

**Today the Society continues to run a programme of events, including indoor meetings at the Museum during the winter and field meetings from April until October. This year we are repeating some of the field meetings held in 1906.**

**The early years of the Society are documented in the Proceedings of the Liverpool Botanical Society (1906-1918), and the Society now produces a newsletter, Parnassia with reports of indoor and field meetings. The Library of the Society, also founded in 1906, is located in the Botany Department in the Museum.**



**A. A. Dallman F.C.S.**



**J. A. Wheldon  
President 1909**



**W. G. Travis  
President 1916-1918**