

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting 08.12.07

A Celebration of Trees by David Bryant

David showed over 100 slides of trees he has visited, mostly on his bicycle, some near to his home in Bootle and others in various locations around Britain. Some of the more famous trees include:

The Camperdown Elm, a natural mutant of Wych Elm, discovered by the Earl of Camperdown near Dundee in the mid 19th century, David's photo was of one of the two in Derby Park Bootle;

The Bowthorpe Oak at Bourne in Lincolnshire, hollow with a girth of 42ft;

The Hornbeam and Beech in Hatfield Forest pollarded as part of woodland management;

The Tortworth Chestnut near St Leonard's Church in Gloucester;

The Much Marcle Yew at St Bartholomew's in Hertfordshire;

The Llangernyw Yew near Denbigh approximately 4000 years old;

The Pulpit Yew at Nantglyn in which slate steps and a handrail have been constructed to give access to a speaker's podium.

Many of David's photos showed less 'famous' but no less special trees such as: Sycamores around a farm in Upper Swaledale; a rare subspecies of Birch in the Findhorn Valley; a 'stunted bonsai-like ash at Gaitbarrow and a row of Lombardy Poplars forming the backdrop to the cricket at Sefton Park Cricket Club.

25 members and non members enjoyed David's talk.

Many of David's photos will feature in his book 'In the Footsteps of Eric Hardy' due to be published by Cambridge University Press in February 2008.

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