

BOTANICAL RAMBLES.

Meeting at Broughton.

Director : REV. H. PUREFOY FITZGERALD, F.L.S.

ON Wednesday, 3rd June, 1936, some 50 members met at Dunbridge Station for a day's ramble in search of interesting wild flowers, which are very abundant in this neighbourhood. They were met by the Rev. H. Purefoy FitzGerald, F.L.S., who was the director of the excursion. Miss Salmon, of The Close, Broughton, also came and was most helpful in pointing out the best localities and in supplying lists of the more uncommon plants to be found. After spending some time in a copse at Kimbridge, the party adjourned to the large, disused gravel pit nearby, but a heavy shower of rain drove most of the party to take shelter and, at the same time, picnic lunches in the cars. A visit was paid to East Tytherley, where some rare plants were to be found near the church. *En route* to Chattis Hill two halts were made to find some special plants, and after half-an-hour's search on Chattis Hill, most of the party returned to Broughton House, by the kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Dent, where an excellent tea was provided, for which the visitors paid one shilling each, the proceeds of which were to go to the Winchester Hospital Bicentenary Fund.

The gardens here proved to be of great interest. Many uncommon plants were to be seen; the old garden wall, herbaceous borders, water garden, and the climbers up the house were a great attraction. There was little time left for exploring the water meadows and the banks of the Test, which runs below the house, and no time at all for the director to give any talk on the day's results. It was generally agreed that it had been a very interesting and successful day, and very prolific in the way of "finds."

Amongst the many plants seen, the following may be noted as the most interesting :—

At Kimbridge Wood and gravel pit :—Herb Paris (*Paris quadrifolia*), Moschatel (*Adoxa moschatellina*), Golden Saxifrage (*Chrysosplenium oppositifolium*), Red Currant (*Ribes rubrum*), Mountain Speedwell (*Veronica montana*), Wood Loosestrife (*Lysimachia nemorum*), Alkanet (*Anchusa sempervirens*), Bistort (*Polygonum bistorta*), Wintergreen (*Pyrola minor*), 3 Vetches (*Vicia sativa*, *angustifolia*, *hirsuta*), 3 Clovers (*Trifolium striatum*, *minus*, *filiforme*), 3 Forget-me-nots (*Myosotis versicolor*, *arvensis*, *collina*), 2 Cudweeds (*Filago minima*, *germanica*), Madder (*Sherardia arvensis*), Lady's Mantle (*Alchemilla arvensis*).

At East Tytherley and Broughton :—Yellow Figwort (*Scrophularia vernalis*), Corn Salad (*Valerianella olitoria*), Helleborine (*Cephalanthera grandiflora*), Bird's Nest Orchid (*Neottia Nidus avis*), Burnet Rose (*Rosa pimpinellifolia*), Star of Bethlehem (*Ornithogalum umbellatum*).

At Chattis Hill :—Burnt or Dwarf Orchis (*Orchis ustulata*), Field Fleabane (*Senecio campestris*), Field Mouse-ear Chickweed (*Cerastium arvense*).

Meeting at Crab Wood, Sparsholt.

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On Tuesday, 6th July, a goodly party of botanists met at Crab Wood, by invitation of the owner, Rt. Hon. H. T. Baker, who was there to welcome them, and gave a short list of flowers likely to be found. After spending some time in exploration of the wood and its environs, the party lunched by the roadside, and gradually worked their way to Ashley, and a few went on to tea at King's Somborne.

There were many interesting plants found during the day, and a complete list is given for the purpose of recording the flora to be found at this time of the year in the locality. As the list is somewhat long, the Latin names only are given :—

<i>Berberis vulgaris.</i>	<i>Trifolium pratense.</i>
<i>Papaver Rhoeas.</i>	" <i>repens.</i>
<i>Nasturtium officinale.</i>	" <i>procumbens.</i>
<i>Sisymbrium Thalianum.</i>	" <i>dubium.</i>
" <i>officinale.</i>	" <i>hybridum.</i>
<i>Brassica arvensis.</i>	<i>Lotus corniculatus.</i>
<i>Raphanus Raphanistrum.</i>	<i>Onobrychis perpusillus.</i>
<i>Reseda lutea.</i>	<i>Vicia sepium.</i>
" <i>luteola.</i>	<i>Geum urbanum.</i>
<i>Helianthemum Chamaecistus.</i>	<i>Rubus caesius</i> and others
<i>Viola variata</i> (tricolor).	<i>Fragaria vesca.</i>
<i>Polygala vulgaris.</i>	<i>Potentilla reptans.</i>
" <i>serpyllacea.</i>	" <i>tormentilla.</i>
<i>Silene Cucubalus.</i>	<i>Alchemilla arvensis.</i>
<i>Lychnis alba.</i>	<i>Poterium sanguisorba.</i>
" <i>dioica.</i>	<i>Agrimonia Eupatoria.</i>
" <i>Flos cuculi.</i>	<i>Rosa canina.</i>
<i>Sagina procumbens.</i>	" <i>rubiginosa.</i>
<i>Arenaria serpyllifolia.</i>	" <i>arvensis.</i>
" <i>trinervis.</i>	<i>Epilobium angustifolium.</i>
<i>Cerastium viscosum.</i>	" <i>hirsutum.</i>
" <i>vulgatum.</i>	" <i>montanum.</i>
<i>Stellaria media.</i>	<i>Circaea lutetiana.</i>
" <i>Holostea.</i>	<i>Sedum acre.</i>
<i>Spergularia vulgaris.</i>	<i>Aegopodium Podagraria.</i>
<i>Hypericum perforatum.</i>	<i>Peucedanum sativum.</i>
" <i>humfusum.</i>	<i>Heracleum spondylium.</i>
" <i>pulchrum.</i>	<i>Conopodium majus.</i>
" <i>hirsutum.</i>	<i>Chaerophyllum temulum.</i>
<i>Linum catharticum.</i>	<i>Caucalis anthriscus.</i>
<i>Malva moschata.</i>	<i>Daucus carota.</i>
" <i>Sylvestris.</i>	<i>Sambucus nigra.</i>
<i>Geranium molle.</i>	<i>Lonicera periclymenum.</i>
" <i>dissectum.</i>	<i>Galium mollugo.</i>
" <i>columbinum.</i>	" <i>verum.</i>
" <i>Robertianum.</i>	<i>Asperula cynanchica.</i>
<i>Euonymus Europaeus.</i>	<i>Sherardia arvensis.</i>
<i>Ononis repens.</i>	<i>Valeriana officinalis.</i>
<i>Medicago lupulina.</i>	<i>Scabiosa arvensis.</i>

Erigeron acre.	Veronica officinale.
Filago germanica.	" Beccabunga.
" minima.	" Chamadrys.
Chrysanthemum Leucanthemum.	" montana.
Matricaria inodora.	" Anagallis aquatica.
Achillea millefolium.	" arvenis.
Senecio Jacobaea.	Bartsia Odontites.
Carduus nutans.	Melampyrum pratense.
Cnicus palustris.	Orobanche elatior.
" arvensis.	" minor.
" lanceolatus.	Thymus Serpyllum.
" acaulis.	Calamintha Acinos.
Centaurea nigra.	Clinopodium vulgare.
" scabiosa.	Prunella vulgaris.
Crepis taraxacifolia.	" laciniata.
" capillaris.	Stachys Sylvatica.
Campanula trachelium.	Lamium purpureum.
Legousia Durande.	" album.
Monotropa Hypopitys.	Ajuga reptans.
Lysimachia nemorum.	Thesium humifusum.
Anagallis arvensis.	Epipactis latifolia.
Ligustrum vulgare.	Orchis mascula.
Erythraea centaureium.	" pyramidalis.
Chlora perfoliata.	Listera ovata.
Echium vulgare.	Tamus Communis.
Cynoglossum officinale.	Polygonatum multiflorum.
Atropis Belladonna.	Polypodium vulgare.
Verbascum nigrum.	Asplenium Ruta-muraria.
" Thapsus.	Ceterach officinarum.
Veronica serpyllifolia.	

Many common, widespread flowers are not included, and the list is therefore not complete.