

**BOTANICAL RAMBLES.**

ON Wednesday, 1 June, 1938, in spite of the inclement weather, the Biological Section met at Bratley Corner, on the Cadnam to Ringwood road, about fifty members and visitors turning up. The Rev. H. Purefoy FitzGerald, F.L.S., was the Director, and he was able assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Haines and Mr. and Mrs. Ringrose in conducting the party through the somewhat intricate glades of that portion of the Forest.

Proceeding to Roe Wood, the search for the Lungwort (*Pulmonaria officinalis*) was rewarded by large quantities of this plant. Returning to the cars, the party went to Roe Cottage, and had picnic lunches, and afterwards dispersed to hunt for the Wild Balm (*Melissa officinalis*), which was just coming into bloom, and the Wild Columbine (*Aquilegia vulgaris*), two plants of which were found in bud, but it was reported that large quantities of the flower were to be found some two miles away.

Some three dozen members were present for tea, which was most kindly provided by Mrs. Haines, and those who were entomologically inclined saw some of the collections of Mr. Haines.

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On Wednesday, 6 July, 1938, a party of some fifty wild flower lovers met at Nore Hill, near Selborne, under the leadership of the Rev. H. Purefoy FitzGerald, F.L.S. Soon after arrival a shower came on, when most of the juniper and other bushes were occupied by people taking shelter and eating picnic lunch. One other storm came on during the afternoon when most of the folk were in the beech wood, otherwise the weather was propitious. The party had been asked to look out for the Lesser Twayblade (*Listera cordata*) and two or three botanists hoped they had found it, but the specimens, on examination, turned out to be dwarfed ordinary Twayblade. There is nothing to be added to the list of plants found in this locality in 1933, but over 70 different flowers were noted. A great many Orchids were seen, Bee, Frog, Musk, Fragrant, Pyramidal, Helleborine. Everyone seemed to enjoy their ramble over the disused chalk pits and the immediate surroundings, and then went to Newton Valence Place, where they were warmly welcomed and entertained at an excellent tea by Admiral and Mrs. Jervoise, to whom a hearty vote of thanks for their kindness and hospitality was sent.

Amongst other plants noted were :—

Erect Pearlwort (*Moenchia erecta*), Wood Cress (*Nasturtium sylvestre*), Dwarf Gorse (*Genista anglica*), Lady's Mantle (*Alchemilla arvensis*), Tillaea (*Tillaea muscosa*), Blinks (*Montia fontana*), Sand Spurry (*Spergularia rubra*), Penny Wort (*Hydrocotyle vulgaris*), Valerian (*Valeriana officinalis*), Meadow Thistle (*Cirsium pratense*), Cow Wheat (*Melampyrum pratense*), Louse Wort (*Pedicularis sylvatica*), Butterwort (*Pinguicula lusitanica* ?), Buckthorn Plantain (*Plantago coronopus*), Dwarf Willow (*Salix repens*), Sweet Gale (*Myrica Gale*), Green-Veined Orchis (*Orchis Morio*), Field Wood-rush (*Luzula campestris*), Cotton Grass (*Eriophorum angustifoliam*), Bog Bean (*Menyanthes trifoliata*), Grey Sedge (*Carex canescens*), Carnation Sedge (*Carex panicea*), Yellow Sedge (*Carex flava*), Smooth Water Horsetail (*Equisetum limosum*).

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