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THE AMATEUR ENTOMOLOGISTS' SOCIETY

The Amateur Entomologists' Society is a registered charity run by volunteers for those with an interest specifically in entomology and natural history in general. Our objective is to promote the study of entomology, especially amongst amateurs and the younger generation.

We publish a bi-monthly journal, the *Bulletin*, and a bi-monthly magazine for our younger members, the *AES Bug Club Magazine*. We rely upon members to write for these publications and are always grateful to receive contributions, great or small. Non-members may also submit articles for publication. Articles for the *Bulletin* and *AES Bug Club Magazine* should be sent to the PO Box below, marked for the attention of their respective editors. We also issue a Wants and Exchange List, where members can buy, sell or exchange entomological material.

We try to maintain an Advisory Panel of experts in most insect orders to provide help with insect identification and other problem areas. The Society's conservation committee monitors new and proposed legislation and via a network of regional advisors offers advice to individuals and organisations on any issues affecting insect habitat conservation. *Invertebrate Conservation News* is published in the *Bulletin* three times per year, but is also available as a separate publication.

The Society also publishes a range of handbooks, leaflets and pamphlets. Full details of currently available publications, their prices and an order form are given on pages 5 to 10. The General Editor is always grateful to receive ideas for new publications, as well as offers to write new publications or to update existing ones. Members can buy single copies of publications at discount prices.

We are always pleased to receive offers of help with running the Society, particularly those willing to join and work on Council. If you feel you can help in any way or have any problems, comments or suggestions for articles or new publications, please feel free to contact us either by post, via E-mail or by telephone.

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Registrar	Nick Holford (Membership enquiries and non arrival of <i>Bulletins/BCMs</i>)
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<i>AES Bug Club Magazine</i> Editors	Kieren Pitts and Dafydd Lewis (<i>BCM</i> articles and offers of help)
Conservation issues	Peter Sutton (Conservation news items in particular)
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Post:	The AES, PO Box 8774, London SW7 5ZG
E-mail:	The secretary and registrar can be contacted via the website, other addresses are also listed on the AES Web site at: www.amentsoc.org
Telephone:	01572 723532 (Registrar)
Internet:	Also, we have set up two communication sites one restricted to members of the AES and Bug Club and one for anyone interested in insects. These are listed on the AES and Bug Club Web sites respectively and are available to exchange ideas, ask for help, record migrations etc.



The AES Bug Club

The AES Bug Club is the Society's Junior Section for the under 13s. Membership is automatic for all children of family members and to individual members under 13, who pay the reduced Junior subscription rate. The Bug Club was originally run by students at the University of Exeter with the help of the Royal Entomological Society of London. The group broke away from the RES and was independent until it was incorporated into the AES in 1997.

The Club produces six colourful publications, the *AES Bug Club Magazine*, per year in parallel with the *Bulletin* (issued to older members of the Society!!). The publication includes useful information on how to look after insects, interesting facts, puzzles, competitions, features and much more. Members are encouraged to submit articles and paintings or drawings etc. for the magazine.

Members receive a membership card that allows discounts to certain attractions and attendance at Bug Hunts organised by the Bug Club. Members can also purchase a variety of Bug Club goodies such as T-shirts, pens and stickers. An order form for these is available from the Registrar; which is sent to all new Bug Club members and with the annual membership card upon subscription renewal.



MEMBERSHIP OF THE AES AND THE AES BUG CLUB



To keep the administration of the Society as simple as possible all membership is based on a calendar year, with new members joining before the first week of October receiving all the *Bulletins* and/or *Bug Club Magazines* for that year **SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY**. Members joining **from** the first week of October onwards are automatically enrolled for the following year.

Junior membership of the Society is available at a reduced rate to all those who are under 18 at the beginning of the year (1st Jan.). Juniors under 11 at the beginning of the year will receive the *AES Bug Club Magazine*; between 11 and 12 at the beginning of the year both the *Bulletin* and *AES Bug Club Magazine*. Juniors aged 13 or over at the beginning of the year receive just the *Bulletin* unless they advise the Registrar accordingly.

If you are over 18 you can either take out Ordinary membership to receive the *Bulletin*, Adult Bug Club membership to receive the *AES Bug Club Magazine* or Family membership to receive one copy of each publication. Current subscription rates are listed on the inside back cover and the membership application form is on the outside back cover.

Associate Membership is also available to schools, societies, libraries and other institutions. Subscription rates are dependent upon the publications required and are the same as for Ordinary membership (*Bulletin*), Adult Bug Club (*AES Bug Club Magazine*) or Family membership (both the *Bulletin* and *AES Bug Club Magazine*).

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE A.E.S.

The Society was founded in August 1935 by six enthusiasts, who formed the Entomological Exchange and Correspondence Club. Membership grew steadily, reaching 44 by the end of the first year. The Society was then re-named the Amateur Entomologists' Society during 1935 and it produced a journal called the *Entomologist's Bulletin*. By 1939, this had been re-named the *Amateur Entomologist*. The onset of the Second World War saw the Society continue to communicate with its members via the publication of sporadic *Wartime Exchange Sheets*.

February 1946 saw the first publication of the "peacetime" *Bulletin* and by 1948 membership had risen to over 1000. This number began to dwindle slightly over the next few years, and the Society encountered financial problems due to the high costs involved in producing the *Bulletin* and the more scientific *Amateur Entomologist*. To overcome this, the two publications were combined as the *Bulletin of the Amateur Entomologists' Society*, which was published monthly. Various specialist study groups were formed in the 1950s. These flourished and membership began to increase again. The Society's first separate publication, the *Silkmoth Rearer's Handbook*, was published in 1956 and sold well.

The number of copies of the *Bulletin* produced was reduced in 1958 to 11 per year, and this was reduced again in 1963 to a quarterly publication. This allowed larger journals to be compiled. Membership numbers continued to fluctuate, with around 800 members enrolled in 1964. Interest was growing in the conservation movement at this time, and in 1968 the Royal Entomological Society of London convened the JCCBI (Joint Committee for the Conservation of British Insects (now Invertebrates)). The AES had, and still has, an active role on this committee.

Membership of the Society began to rise during the 1970s and by the end of the decade had passed 1700. During this period, several specialist handbooks were produced by the Society under the serial title the *Amateur Entomologist*. During the 1980s, membership exceeded the 2000 mark. The publication of the *Bulletin* was increased in 1989 from a quarterly journal to a bimonthly journal, as it is today.

The 1990s saw membership fall back to between the 1500 and 1800 marks. The *Bulletin* has been given a brand new look with a colour cover and 1997 saw a brand new publication, the *AES Bug Club Newsletter* (now called the *AES Bug Club Magazine*), published in conjunction with a new Junior wing. The first part of the 21st century has seen membership numbers fall below 1500.

The Society has several awards that are given annually to members. These include the Hammond Award given to the author(s) of the best article published in the year's volume of the *Bulletin*. The Ansoerge Award is made each year at the Annual Exhibition for the best exhibit shown by a junior member.

The Annual Exhibition itself is held at Kempton Park in October each year and is one of the largest entomological exhibitions in Europe. There are lots of stands and exhibits for everyone to enjoy. The Society's Annual General Meeting and Members' Day takes place in April and includes talks and demonstrations. These are not too technical and should be of interest to all ages and levels. We try to arrange special activities for Bug Club members attending this day. In hand with the RES we have introduced a Northern Exhibition, currently based in York, in the spring.

PUBLICATIONS

Being a member of the Amateur Entomologists' Society has the advantage of discount on all our publications, see below for prices. *Discounts are only available if the subscriptions are fully up to date. Single copies only may be purchased on discount.

The Hymenopterist's Handbook by Dr. C. Betts *et. al.*

A completely revised 2nd edition dealing with the history of their families, classification and structures; natural history; studying, collecting, breeding, attracting and preserving Hymenoptera. Appendices include keys to the families. 214 pages with numerous tables, keys and figures (1986)

£ 11.45

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Revised Flight Tables for the Hymenoptera

Revised flight tables for the Hymenoptera giving, wherever possible, times, location, flower visits and some indication of distribution and abundance. 24 pages (1988)

£ 3.10

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Coleopterist's Handbook

Fourth edition (almost) fully revised. Edited by J.Cooter & M.V.L.Barclay

One of the Society's best selling publications, the *Coleopterist's Handbook*, is now available as a new and expanded fourth edition. It includes several new chapters and 32 pages of colour plates and in addition the text has mostly been re-written or fully revised and expanded. 'Almost' has been included (above) for the sole reason that only two pages of text from the third (1991) edition have not been revised. Nomenclature has been brought inline with current use, collecting/curatorial methods reflect best practice and plant/beetle and beetle/plant lists are included together.

Production of the *Handbook* has been overseen by two of Britain's leading entomologists who are also amongst the impressive list of contributing specialist authors. Recent additions to the British fauna, modern and traditional techniques are included. The user will appreciate all advice and comment given in the book is based upon collective years of practical experience of both curatorial methods and field craft; beetle family chapters have each been written by an internationally recognised authority.

The Society has sold copies of the third edition world wide, an indication of the value and use of the *Coleopterist's Handbook*. 496 pages including 32 colour plates.

£ 54.00

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Preparing and maintaining a collection of Butterflies and Moths

by Peter May and Martin White

A practical manual detailing the various methods used to prepare specimens for a collection, from killing methods, setting the specimens and repairing damaged ones, to storage and preservation, including pest prevention and cure. It is now more important than ever that scientific entomological collections are prepared and maintained properly using the best current methods. 21 pages. 4 figures and 5 plates. (2006)

£ 4.85

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A Silkmoth Rearer's Handbook by B.O.C. Gardiner

This completely revised 3rd edition looks at the study, breeding and systematics of the World's Silkmoths. 255 pages with 32 pages of colour plates (74 colour photographs of larvae and adult moths), 26 pages of black and white plates and numerous figures. Hardback (1982)

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Host plants of British Beetles: A List of Recorded Associations

A supplement to the third edition of the Coleopterist's Handbook listing a wide range of plants, in alphabetical order, together with the beetle species that have been recorded as being associated with them. 24 pages (1992)

£ 3.10

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A Dipterist's Handbook by A.E. Stubbs, P.J. Chandler and others

A practical handbook for both the beginner and the initiated on collecting, breeding and studying the two-winged flies. Describes equipment, trapping, preservation, habitat, plant and animal associations and behaviour. Includes a detailed chapter on larval stages with an illustrated key to families. The appendices give records from a wide range of sources, brought together for the first time. An essential book for the keen Dipterist. 260 pages with drawings of larvae and equipment (1978, reprinted 1996)

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Practical Hints for Collecting and Studying the Microlepidoptera by P.A. Sokoloff

A practical manual for those interested in the smaller moths, describing techniques for collecting adult moths, collecting immature stages, breeding, killing, setting and mounting. A list of useful books and journals as well as details of societies and suppliers is included. 40 pages, 11 figures (1980)

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Rearing and Studying Stick and Leaf-Insects by P. D. Brock

Demand for an advanced book on Phasmids led to the AES publishing the very successful book, *The Amazing World of Stick and Leaf Insects*, in 1999. *Rearing and Studying Stick and Leaf Insects* is specifically intended for beginners, although it is also suitable for experienced Phasmid enthusiasts. It is one of the few guides to rearing that features the majority of the culture stocks available, 22 species in detail. The informative text is complimented by 8 colour plates, 14 black and white plates and 29 figures. (New edition, 2003)

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£ 6.85*Members price* **£ 5.05****Rearing Parasitic Hymenoptera** by M. Shaw

This booklet provides information on the parasitic Hymenoptera to enable successful studies to be made of this little understood group of the British insect fauna. Details are given on the general biology of parasitic wasps, rearing principles, efficient rearing practices and detailed methods of dealing with adult wasps. 52 pages, 4 colour plates (New edition – 2001)

£ 5.70*Members price* **£ 4.20****The Amazing World of Stick and Leaf Insects** by Paul D. Brock

A superb, comprehensive guide, for all those intrigued by these groups of insects. Topics covered in detail in Parts 1 and 2 include structure, fascinating facts (such as longest, shortest, most dangerous), life history and development, defence behaviour, enemies, collecting, breeding (including trouble shooting), preserving, taxonomic studies, important collections in Museums etc. around the world and elaborate stories, beliefs and poems. Part 3 outlines the major known species around the world on a regional basis, i.e. Palaearctic (Britain, Europe and Mediterranean), Afro-tropical, Nearctic (U.S.A. and Canada), Neotropical, Oriental, Australian and New Zealand. A section on Fossils is also included. Finally the appendices include a very comprehensive glossary of the technical terms used in the description and classification of stick and leaf-insects. Hardback A5, 184 pages, 46 figures, 26 Black and White plates and 40 pages of colour plates (containing 83 photographs and 4 drawings/paintings of insects and their habitats). (1999)

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12 pages, 2 plates. (1986) (Reprinted 1993)

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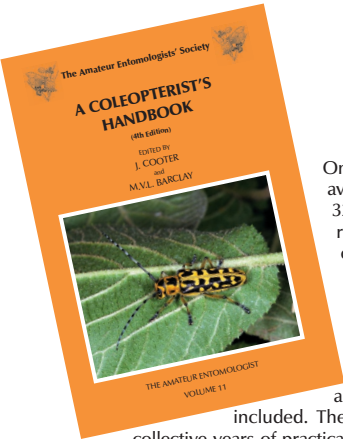
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