

ANGLO-SAXON PLANT-NAME SURVEY

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In 2014, we gained two new members: Prof. G. R. Dixon, and Ms Leonie M. Dunlop. Prof. Dixon is a horticulturist, microbiologist and environmentalist who has served in senior roles in the Aberdeen School of Agriculture, the Scottish Agricultural College and the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow. He is currently an Honorary Senior Research Fellow in the School of Agriculture, Reading University, and is owner of GreenGene International. He is an honorary member of the International Society for Horticultural Science, and his latest book can be seen in the list of publications below this report. Prof. Dixon is happy to help and advise ASPNS members on botany, horticulture and plant pathology.

Ms Dunlop is a graduate student in the University of Glasgow, where she is the PhD student of the Scottish Toponymy in Transition project. The subject of her thesis is the place-names of four Berwickshire parishes. Her interests are wide-ranging, and she is currently investigating possible studies in the following areas: plant-names occurring in place-names; evidence for plant-names in Old Norse; early gardening; different ways plants have been categorized; and how the seasons were understood through plants.

Carole Biggam presented a paper at the Mapping Metaphor Colloquium in the University of Glasgow, on 28th March 2014. The paper was entitled 'Plant-

Related Metaphors: Headgear and Footwear’ and included cases from Middle English. This paper has been expanded and revised for publication next year.

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Dr C. P. Biggam, Director of ASPNS

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Plant-Related Publications by ASPNS Members

Banham, Debby and Rosamond Faith, *Anglo-Saxon Farms and Farming*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014.

Banham, Debby, ‘*Lectun* and *Orceard*: a Preliminary Survey of the Evidence for Horticulture in Anglo-Saxon England’, *The Anglo-Saxons: the World Through their Eyes*, edited by Gale R. Owen-Crocker and Brian W. Schneider, 33–48. British Archaeological Reports, British Series 595. Oxford: Archaeopress, 2014.

Banham, Debby, ‘Medicine at Bury in the Time of Abbot Baldwin’, *Bury St Edmunds and the Norman Conquest*, edited by Tom Licence, 226–246. Woodbridge: Boydell Press, 2014. [Includes discussion of *materia medica*].

Biggam, C. P., ‘Anglo-Saxon Plant-Name Survey: Fifteenth Annual Report for 2013’, *OEN* [online] 45.1 (2014).

Breeze, Andrew, ‘Herb of Grace, Devil’s Drop, Cuckoo-Flower and St Kea’, *Devon and Cornwall Notes and Queries* 40.10 (2011), 298–301. [A discussion of rue; not previously reported].

Coates, Richard, ‘The Term *wir-candel* in *MED*’, *Notes and Queries* 61.4 (2014), 480–481. [A suggestion that this is the plant Bog-myrtle (*Myrica gale* L.)]

D’Aronco, M. A., ‘La redazione medio inglese del glossario *Alphita* e il suo debito verso Dioscoride’, *Alexandreia: Rivista di Glottologia* 6–7 (2012–13), 163–180. Cover title: *Philoin: scritti in onore di Mario Enrietti e Renato Gendre*, edited by Marta Muscariello. [Not previously reported].

Dixon, Geoffrey R. and David E. Aldous, eds, *Horticulture: Plants for People and Places*. 3 vols. Dordrecht: Springer, 2014. (Vol. 1: Production Horticulture; vol. 2: Environmental Horticulture; vol. 3: Social Horticulture).

Sauer, Hans, 'Old English Plant Names with Suffixes, Especially the Suffix *-el*', *Explorations in the English Language: Middle Ages and Beyond: Festschrift for Professor Jerzy Wętna on the Occasion of his 70th Birthday*, edited by Joanna Esquibel and Anna Wojtyś, 213–228. Studies in English Medieval Language and Literature 35. Frankfurt am Main: Peter Lang, 2012. [Not previously reported].