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Clearly the BCG has continued its interest in the curation of natural history collections and it is hoped to reconvene the Cardiff conference in two or three years time when, perhaps, the results of the initiative taken by the Museums Association to appoint a researcher into natural history collections will be available.

As in previous years the work of the committee has been fully reported in the BCG Newsletter and a great deal of emphasis has been given to highlighting the problems facing collections. The heart of any museum is its collections but if natural history in museums is to develop we must demonstrate the value and use of the collections and other services offered by a museum to the public. This service aspect of a museum's work must not be undervalued and perhaps this leads back to the question of defining roles and demonstrating what each kind of museum can do best. Surely there is much to do with plenty of scope for future meetings of the Group and, of course, the committee will be pleased to consider any suggestions.

R. F. Greenwood

Meetings

Future Meetings

Harrison Zoological Museum and Reserve, Sevenoaks, Kent.
Saturday, 25th June 1983.

Elsewhere in this Newsletter two articles describe the history and work of the Museum and Reserve established by the Harrison family. As it is rather unusual for important natural history museums to be administered privately the BCG was pleased to accept the invitation of Dr. David Harrison to visit the Museum and Reserve. However, numbers must be limited to 30 people and prior booking is essential.

Programme

Meet Bowerwood House, St. Botolph's Road, Sevenoaks, Kent, at 9.45 a.m.
Lunch at the Riverhead, Sevenoaks 12.30-2.00 p.m. @ £1.10 per person.
Disperse 4.30 p.m.

The party will be split into two groups and each will visit the Museum and Reserve during the course of the day. The party will only be together as a single group for lunch.

Booking

Please send £1.10 to Dr. P.E.J. Wheatcroft, Keeper of Natural History, Horniman Museum and Library, London Road, Forest Hill, London, SE23 3PQ not later than Monday, 20th June 1983. Cheques should be made out to the Biology Curators' Group.

Please indicate when booking if you are travelling by car as a few cars will be needed for transport.