

History of the Experimental Circle between Autumn 1988-1996

Alan Brockman was Chairman of the Experimental Circle until after the conference 1988 at the Sheiling in Ringwood, Hants. In 1989 we had the conference at Plas Dwbl and I asked David Clement to chair it, which he did. At the same time he asked me after having consulted the members and having got their agreement, to take on the chairmanship, or rather to be the "Guardian Angel" of the Experimental Circle.

Looking back over the years I find that at least 5 of the 7 last conferences took place in Wales. One in Clent and one in Oaklands Park. My main concern became "Notes and Correspondence" i.e. the communication between members. I aimed at 4 issues a year at more or less regular intervals. This is not always easy. Sometimes contributors have to be reminded more than once. On Farm observations are also wanted for N+C!

I put some extra work in for Sue and myself by asking her to let me put the sheets into the envelopes so that a) my eye could rest for a moment on the name of the recipient and b) I could add a note or query or ask why we have neither heard or seen anything of him or her for awhile. It all helps towards keeping contact.

N+C goes to several people abroad Dr. Koepf for instance. One copy goes to Manfred Klett in Dornach. This copy always got supplemented with any relevant news, So Dornach is always well informed. (Manfred and Li Klett have been to visit Plasdwbl). I welcome any new steps towards getting new members to join the Experimental Circle and we tried some few years back to get some younger people. The Trouble is that they come to a conference or two and then are no longer heard of. So if there is a predominance of grey hair, it seems that this is a sign of where the dedication is. So, if we try again, people should be made aware of the fact that they take on a task and what the circle was set up for in the first place in 1924.

Finally; David Clement sends his greetings to everyone and is happy that the last conference was so successful.

K.C.