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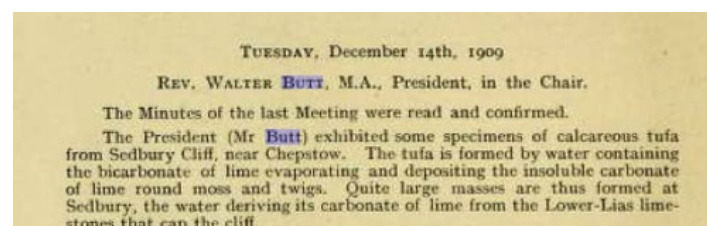
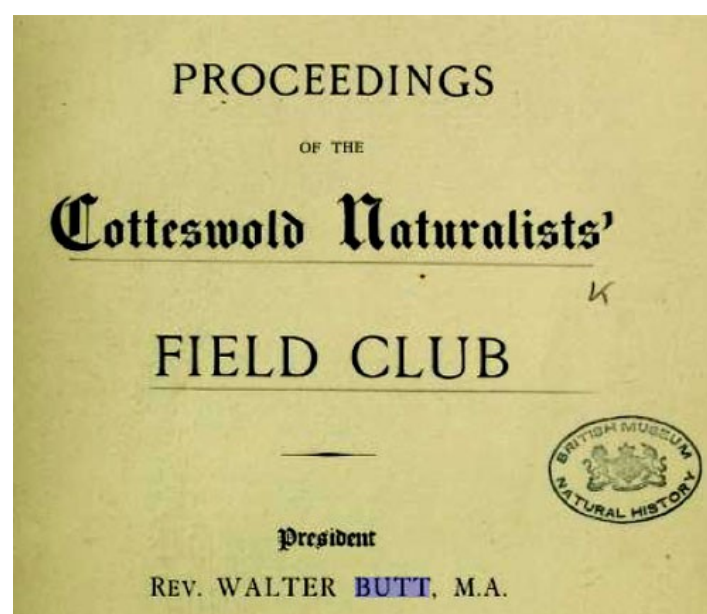
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**Butt, Walter William Arthur (Rev) 1849 – 1917**

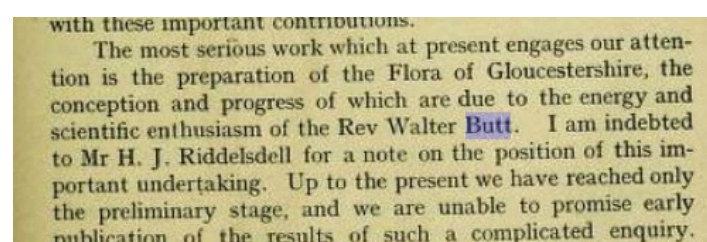
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Walter W A Butt was born in the 4th quarter, 1849 in Cheltenham. He matriculated at Magdalen College, Oxford in October 1868 and was awarded his M.A. in 1875. In the 1871 census, he was recorded as living with his father and brother in Cheltenham. His father lived at [Arle Court, Cheltenham](#).

Walter Butt was a member of the Cotteswold Field Naturalists' Club. The various volumes of the club's records / activities (available at [archive.org](#)) indicate that he was responsible for the organisation of some of their field meetings at the turn of the C19th / C20th. He was later vice President and President of the Club (three times) – see below:



The image below (also from the records of the club) indicates that he actively involved in the organisation of a county flora (for Gloucestershire).



He was Vicar of Minety in Wiltshire for many years. He married twice; his first wife, Fanny died in 1886 – in

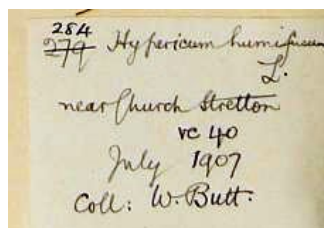
Wiltshire, his second wife was Ellen. He had two sons (Walter and Philip) and several daughters (?) Ethel, Maud, Mildred, Win(n)ifred, Hilda and Ursula.

The 1911 census places him at Oakwood, near Chepstow. He died on July 14th, 1917 in Chepstow. His herbarium passed to the Gloucester Museum. He was father-in-law of Rev H J Riddelsdell\*; he rescued & restored herbarium of St Brody.

\* Riddelsdell (1866-1941), Hedley & Price, editors Fl Glos (1948)

Thanks to David Price for additional information.

A sample of Rev W Butt's handwriting :



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