



THE BRITISH PTERIDOLOGICAL SOCIETY

AUTUMN MAILING 2016

Dear BPS Member

This year's Autumn Mailing contains lots of information about the forthcoming activities of the British Pteridological Society, plus a few requests!

You can order spores and merchandise plus find details of next year's meetings programme.

Don't forget to tell us (via the Membership Secretary, Alison Evans) of any changes to your home address, phone number or email address, so that we can send you all our news. Subscriptions are due on 1st January each year. We very much hope that you will renew your membership, but if you decide not to, please let our membership secretary know!!

Finally, I would be happy to hear any suggestions about improving this mailing, including extra items or perhaps a different layout? I am open to any ideas to make this more useful to you – please email me on the address given below.

All best wishes for 2017 and 'Happy Ferning'!!



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Dear Member,

It was with some trepidation but considerable pride that I took on the presidency in what was an historic and significant year for the Society; 125 years old and I'm pleased to report still obviously going strong. At such times one can't but help consider the past and some daunting shoes that I am now trying to fill. One also remembers the friendship and expertise of members sadly no longer with us. I often think the Society is rather like a big family; other groups I'm involved with also demonstrate shared passions and interests but there is a particular friendliness that distinguishes the ferny community.

As befits a big birthday year we have seen a range of celebrations, not least our return to the Chelsea flower show, for the first time since our centenary. This saw an excellent display make a far greater public impression than its award would suggest. At other shows the usual golden haul was maintained. I am extremely grateful to all who contributed to the shows, events and exhibits this year.

Once again our excellent meetings programme delivered a varied array of trips, both home and away. The 125th anniversary meeting in the Lakes, linked with the launch of the new stumpery at Sizergh Castle and attended by many of our American friends from the Hardy Fern Foundation, was for many a highpoint, but returns to other past Society haunts such as the Mendips also gave me great pleasure. More exciting trips are planned for the year ahead and I hope to see many of you on them.

We are very fortunate that so many people voluntarily give so much time to the society delivering its events, publications and resources. We still operate with no paid staff and yet have consistently punched above our weight, not least in our production of three separate journals but we face challenges ahead. Firstly increasing postal costs need to be considered. We also continue to search for a new editor for the Fern Gazette, urgently need more willing hands to help Alec with the Pteridologist and chase copy for all of our publications - budding authors take note! Other committee posts remain vacant. I would encourage everyone to think how they might be able to help and to get involved in what can be extremely rewarding work.

I feel I have inherited the mantle at a challenging time, but also an exciting one, as we reach more and more people online and look to attract the next generation of pteridologists and fern enthusiasts. Our next meeting, appropriately titled "Looking to the future" is rapidly approaching and I hope to see many of you there. I wish everyone, whatever their particular interests, a year of good growing, recording, collecting and ferny friendship.



Fred Rumsey

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National BPS Autumn meeting

RHS Harlow Carr Garden
Harrogate, North Yorkshire, HG3 1QB

Saturday 12 November

10.00 - 10.30 Arrival, tea & coffee

10.30 - 11.30 Dr. Eric Scheuttpelz **Current trends in fern research**

11.30 - 11.45 Tea/coffee

11.45 - 12.45 Neil Timm **Fern propagation and landscaping with Ferns**

12.45 - 14.00 Lunch and garden tour* Aimee Browning

14.00 - 15.00 Dr. Jonathan Silvertown **Using computer technology in fern identification**

15.00 - 15.15 Tea/coffee

15.15 - 16.15 Dr. Fred Rumsey **Priorities for fern conservation in the UK**

16.15 – 16.30 Closing remarks President Fred Rumsey

Also available:

- Fern book sales Booksales@eBPS.org.uk
- BPS merchandise Merchandise@eBPS.org.uk
- Plant sales *Please bring your excess plants to donate!!*
- Tea and coffee served by the Yorkshire group

*Garden tour to include the fern collection and ferns in Jack Bouckley memorial garden.

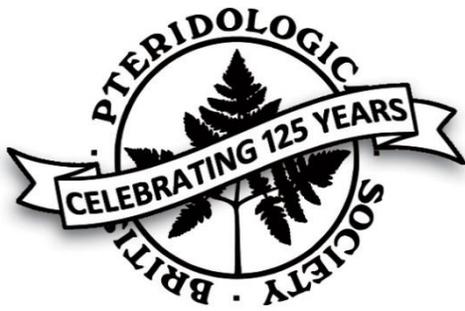
There is a £5 fee for non-members; or people will be able to join the BPS on the day.
Please bring a packed lunch, or try Betty's Café at the gardens.

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BPS AGM 2017

The BPS AGM will be held on 22nd April 2017 at Hull University.

The theme will be **YORKSHIRE!**

There will be talks on urban ferns in Hull; fossil ferns on the NE Yorkshire coast; the moonwort monitoring project on the North Yorkshire Moors; fern nurseries and Yorkshire cultivars.....

And much more!

On Sunday morning 23rd April, there will be a guided tour around Hull Quayside to see some surprising urban ferns and in the afternoon tea and cake at Thwaite Botanic Gardens PLUS an opportunity to see the expanding fern collection.

Book sales, merchandise and plant sales will be available and, of course, there will be the ever popular Photographic Competition!

2017 will be City of Culture year and I'm told accommodation is booking up fast so if you intend to come, I recommend booking early.

I hope to see you there!

Yvonne Golding

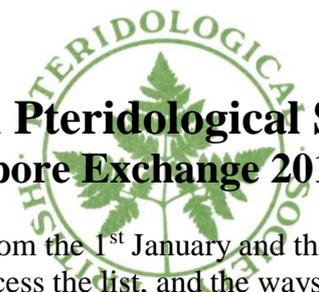
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Spore Exchange 2017

In 2017 the Spore List will be available from the 1st January and the Spore Exchange will take orders from then until the 31st March. Details on how to access the list, and the ways to order spores, are given below. Additionally, we will be distributing short viability spores during the growing season. Please see overleaf for how this operates.

Accessing the Spore List.

You will be able view and/or download the list directly from the website from the 1st January at <http://ebps.org.uk/ferns/growing/spore-exchange/>

If you would like to receive an electronic version (Adobe Acrobat 'PDF' attachment) of the list by e-mail then please request this by contacting us at Spores@eBPS.org.uk

Lists requested in this way will also be sent on the 1st January.

If you prefer you may request a paper copy of the list, either by returning the tear off slip below, or by sending us an email to Spores@eBPS.org.uk . If you request it to be sent by post, we will endeavor to ensure that it arrives around the same date.

Ordering Spores.

There are several ways you can order spores. Firstly, you may order via the website. Information on using the on-line system will be available on the Spore Exchange pages of the website at <http://ebps.org.uk/ferns/growing/spore-exchange/> **from the 1st January.**

Alternatively, the Spore List will contain an order form which can be either posted to us or scanned and sent by e-mail.

In order to allow for postage times from overseas, orders will be processed and spores sent out from mid-January. Orders will be dealt with in the following order: - Overseas donors, UK donors, Overseas members and UK members.

Donating spores

Finally, if you have spores of any ferns you think will be of use to the exchange, please don't be shy – we are happy to receive donations at any time. If you need any help or encouragement, please have a look at the donation pages of the website <http://ebps.org.uk/ferns/growing/spore-exchange/guidance-notes-spore-donors-v2/> or contact us at Spores@eBPS.org.uk .

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BPS Spore Exchange Scheme 2017 - Request for the Spore List

Name.....

Address.....
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Please send to:- Brian and Sue Dockerill, 19, Westfield Road, Pontypridd, Mid Glamorgan, CF37 3AG, United Kingdom

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Short Viability Spore Exchange 2017

We have established a distribution list of e-mail addresses for those members who would like to receive information on the availability of short viability spores. As soon as we receive such spores from a donor we will e-mail everyone on that list to let them know what's become available. If you promptly let us know of your request the spores will then be sent as soon as we can arrange it, usually within a very few days. After a week or so any surplus will be discarded.

Please let us know if you would like to be added or removed from the list of people sent notifications of short viability spores by contacting us at Spores@eBPS.org.uk.

If you are not on e-mail, we are very happy to continue to receive requests for short viability spores at any time by post and we will send you such spores if/when they are donated.

The BPS Plant Exchange

The Plant Exchange is now primarily an on-line system accessed via the Members area of the website. It can be accessed at

<http://ebps.org.uk/ferns/growing/the-plant-exchange-scheme/>

and clicking on the 'You can access this on-line system [HERE](#)' link half way down the page. As it's held in the member's area you will then need to log in to this when prompted

If you have any problems with this please send us a mail at PlantExchange@eBPS.org.uk

If you have spare ferns, please consider offering them to other members using this system – it is easy to use and new ferns are added regularly. If you see something you fancy there is no need to have a plant to offer in exchange. A refund of postage and a good home for the plant is all that is required.

It also has an area for listing any ferns you are interested in acquiring. Why not have a look at this? Who knows, you may have just the plant that someone else has been trying to find!

If you haven't access to the BPS website then please contact us:-

Brian and Sue Dockerill, at 19, Westfield Road, Pontypridd, Mid Glamorgan, CF37 3AG, United Kingdom to receive by post a list of ferns available at that time.

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BPS Photographic Competition, 2017

Entry requirements and rules of the Competition

BPS wishes to encourage members to take good photographs of ferns and fern-related items, and make these available for the enjoyment of other members and the general public. This annual competition is open to all members of the Society who have an interest in photography and wish to share their fern images with others.

Entries (**which must be previously unpublished photographs**) will be displayed at the AGM, and winning entries will be decided by members at the AGM. Winning entries will be included in a special feature in *The Pteridologist* following the competition. In addition, and after judging, any or all of the competition entries received may be displayed on the BPS website and in the Newsletter for general viewing. (All website images will be downgraded in resolution prior to display to discourage unauthorised copying.) Some entries will also be used in the annual BPS Fern calendar.

There are three classes in the 2017 competition.

Class One: Fern(s) in a natural (wild) landscape.

Class Two: Cultivated fern(s) in a house, greenhouse or garden.

Class Three: Item or object with a fern-related theme.

Images should be submitted in the form of digital images on a CD or DVD together with a printed copy (approximately 6inch x 4 inch (15cm X 10 cm)). Digital images should be presented at high resolution in a standard file format, such as JPEG or TIFF.

Prizes will be awarded for each class: first £30.00 and runner-up £10. In addition, the photograph judged to be the finest from all three classes will receive an additional prize of £10.00.

Entries are restricted to a maximum of three photographs per class. All photographs and CD/DVD must be clearly labelled with the photographer's name, the identity of the fern(s) or item(s), as well as when and where the photograph was taken. If possible digital images should be accompanied by the camera "Properties" file normally associated with the taking of a photograph.

Submission: Entries should be clearly marked 'Photographic Competition 2017' and sent to:

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Roland Ennos
55 Harland Way
Cottingham
East Yorkshire
HU16 5PR



A suitable stamped addressed envelope for the return of photographs and CD/DVD should accompany all entries, unless otherwise instructed by the entrant.

Closing date for entries: 31st March 2017

Judging: entries will be judged by members at the AGM; each member will be allowed to cast two votes in each class, for 1st and 2nd. The votes will be totalled at the AGM and the winners announced.

Whilst all possible care will be taken of the photographs received, The Society cannot accept responsibility for the loss of, or damage to, entries sent through the post or subsequently handled by its members

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The Pteridologist Always Needs You!

The *Pteridologist* needs articles. Have you got something in mind?

What we always need are horticultural based articles and interesting fillers that could just about be anything 'ferny'. Is there anyone out there growing unusual ferns in their garden, growing ferns in unusual situations or just simply finding that ferns grow unusually?

Have you any images of a ferny nature; house/road names, furniture, sculpture, etc that could be used as fillers or even a short article?

Do you have a collection of cultivars that could be of interest?

Are you thinking of an article but would like some guidance or advice?

The deadline for the next edition is 31st January 2017.

ALSO - URGENT

Alec needs some help with preparing the *Pteridologist*, getting articles in, setting up the type etc. Any member interested in assisting Alec this way, should have some knowledge of computer software packages – PLEASE CONTACT Alec direct for more information.

Thank you!

Contact for the editor Alec Greening is alecgreening49@gmail.com Tel. 01524 781624

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MEETINGS PROGRAMME FOR 2017

This year's meetings programme is outlined below. I urge you to show your appreciation to those people who have so willingly and kindly offered to lead meetings by giving them your support.

In previous years (including last year), we asked members to notify me of their intentions to attend a meeting using a Meetings Reply Form, either postally or via the BPS website. This also enabled them to sign a Meeting Attendee's Declaration Form whereby they agreed to abide by the BPS Safety Code and the Code of Conduct for the Conservation and Enjoyment of Wild Plants. As the success of this approach had dwindled in recent years, we decided to introduce a new system during 2016 whereby, at the start of each National and Regional meeting, participants would sign a form to the same effect. This also has the advantage of providing a record of the names of participants, for example, for Bulletin reports. This system will continue in 2017 and the ability to sign the Declarations via the website will be removed.

Another consequence of the dwindling use of the postal Meetings Reply Form and the more frequent use of email is that we have decided to stop using the postal form. In future, people who wish to find out more about a meeting and confirm that they will be attending can do so directly with the meeting organisers – either by email or using the form on the website. Email addresses of the meeting organisers are shown in the attached "EXTRA DETAIL" note. For those people unable to use email or the website, they can either write to the organisers directly (e.g. using the membership list) or, in the absence of an address, contact me to let the organiser know.

The information below is as up to date as possible, and additional details are given in the "EXTRA DETAIL" note. In all instances the leaders should be able to provide more information, but please do remember that they are willing volunteers, and at this stage some of the meetings are still being planned. Any changes will be notified in the Bulletin mailing and, of course, to those who contact the organisers.

Please note that the AGM will be on Saturday 22 April 2017 at Hull University. All members will receive further details with the Bulletin Mailing in the spring – there is no need to request further details

Location	Leader	Date
Annual General Meeting – Hull University. In addition to the main AGM business, there will be several talks, plant sales and our own fern photographic competition. Fern walks around Hull are planned for the Sunday.	Yvonne Golding	22 April 2017
Azores – this was advertised early in the year and is now full.	Tim Pyner	Early-May 2017
Plant Societies Weekend, RHS Wisley – BPS will again have a stand at this event, promoting BPS, along with other plant societies. Please contact Julian if you would like to help.	Julian Reed	17-18 June 2017
North of Ireland – probably based in Donegal, we will visit Glen Arrif in Co. Antrim, Co. Donegal and Co. Fermanagh.	Chris & Hazel Metherill	7-9 July 2017

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Cultivar Day, Sizergh, Cumbria – during this 1-day meeting, the Cultivar Group has arranged for us to view the fern cultivar collections and see how the new stumpery is settling in.	Julian Reed	15 July 2017
Scotland - based at Kindrogan Field Centre, Blairgowrie, visits will include Glen Clova and other Scottish ferny locations.	Heather McHaffie	17-20 July 2017
BPS Display Weekend, RHS Wisley – following the success of our 125 th Anniversary Display, we have again been invited by RHS to have a weekend-long display in the Glasshouse to promote BPS and ferns. Please contact Julian if you would like to help.	Julian Reed	5-6 August 2017
Southport Flower Show, Southport – this is a chance for you to help at the show, enthuse to the public about ferns and/or display your ferns to try and win in various display categories. Please contact Michael if you would like to help.	Michael Hayward	17-20 August 2017
West Devon – probably based in Tavistock, we will explore china clay areas in south-west Dartmoor and moors around Princetown.	Ian Bennallick	9-10 September 2017
Autumn Indoor Meeting, Cambridge Botanic Gardens – our theme for this year’s finale will be “Ferns on Islands” with a number of talks by some of our much-travelled members.	Tim Pyner	18 November 2017

REGIONAL MEETINGS

I can fully endorse all our regional groups. If you are a new member and fortunate to have a group near you, it is a wonderful way of getting started and meeting fellow members of the Society. Many of our members travel miles to attend many of the local groups. For details of additional meetings in the following areas, please contact the regional organiser, or see their programmes on the BPS website (under ‘BPS’/‘Regional Groups’) or the on-line BPS Newsletter (www.issuu.com/pterrythe-fern). If you have no group near you, you can always start one. The Meetings Secretary and other regional leaders will always be willing to give advice.

Cornwall & Devon: Ian Bennallick, Lower Polmorla, St Wenn, Bodmin, Cornwall, PL30 5PE. 01726 890384
Cornwall@eBPS.org.uk

East Anglia: Tim Pyner, 182 Southchurch Boulevard, Southend on Sea, Essex, SS2 4UX. 01702 580402
EastAnglia@eBPS.org.uk

Manchester & North Midlands: John Grue, Briarfield, Moss Lane, Broadbottom, Hyde, Cheshire, SK14 6BD.
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North Wales: David Hill, 54 Grosvenor Avenue, Rhyl, Denbighshire, LL18 4HB. NorthWales@eBPS.org.uk

North West England: Peter Champion, Lake View, Castle Hill, Bassenthwaite, Keswick, CA12 4RG. 017687 76272.
NorthWest@eBPS.org.uk

Scotland: Bridget Laue, 50 Liberton Brae, Edinburgh, EH16 6AF. Scotland@eBPS.org.uk

South East: Paul Ripley, 2 Station Villas, Station Road, Appledore, Kent, TN26 2DF. 01233 758410
SouthEast@eBPS.org.uk

South Wales & Borders: Brian & Sue Dockerill, 19 Westfield Road, Glyncoch, Pontypridd, Mid-Glam., CF37 3AG.
SouthWalesBorders@eBPS.org.uk

Wessex: Josephine Basil, 14 Royden Lane, Boldre, Hants. SO41 8PE. Wessex@eBPS.org.uk

Yorkshire: Bruce Brown, 4 Bank Parade, Otley, West Yorkshire, LS21 3DY. Yorkshire@eBPS.org.uk

Please note, if you are travelling or holidaying in one of the above regions you would be welcome to join in any of the above region’s meetings. Contact the leader or see the website for a list of meetings.

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FURTHER FERN MEETINGS OF INTEREST.

Botanic Cornwall Group

The Botanic Cornwall Group have many meetings a year with a few having a definite fern input. Please contact **Ian Bennallick**, address under Cornwall & Devon above.

The Field Studies Council

The Field Studies Council have a few fern specific courses. Course fees include tuition, use of library and other centre facilities. Centre-organised transport and board and lodging are in simple but comfortable accommodation. In some cases course members may be non-resident if they wish. Contact Preston Montfort Field Centre - tel: 01743 850380 for a catalogue or information on all the field stations on the mainland.

NOTES FOR MEMBERS ATTENDING MEETINGS

Please Read These Notes Carefully

If you are attending a meeting, you will need to contact the meeting leader. The leader should make you aware of the Society's Safety Code and Code of Conduct. You should read or have read these carefully. Copies are in the Bulletin and on our website. At the start of a meeting you will be required to sign a form to confirm that you agree to abide by these codes. Early booking of accommodation is advisable. Unless accommodation has been prearranged, members should make their own arrangements, but in case of difficulty, please contact the leader.

Weekend and longer meetings normally begin with those attending having a get together on the evening preceding the meeting proper but it may not always be possible for leaders to be present so try to make yourself known to other members.

Private cars are normally used during a field meeting. Arrangements may be possible to put people in need of lifts in touch with drivers with spaces.

Any plant collecting must be within the relevant conservation laws and the Society's Code of Conduct.

Members attending meetings should be prepared for poor weather and muddy or rough conditions underfoot. Meetings will normally go ahead regardless of the conditions. Walking boots or Wellingtons plus waterproof clothing are often essential. Leaders will advise participants of any known unusually severe conditions that may be encountered.

Usually, you will need to bring a packed lunch, and the leader will advise if this is to be eaten in the field or back at the car park.

Remember that the BPS meetings are arranged for your benefit, so make the most of them. In particular, if you are a relatively new member, don't be afraid to ask questions. The leader and other members will be very happy to explain things.

Important note for Minors

Minors (ie under 18 years) can only attend meetings if accompanied by their parent(s), Legal Guardian(s) or a BPS member acting *in loco parentis*. Further information can be obtained from the meeting leader or myself.

Bryan Smith

Meetings Secretary

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EXTRA DETAIL FOR MEETINGS PROGRAMME 2017

Plant Societies Weekend, RHS Wisley, Saturday 17 – Sunday 18 June 2017

For a couple of years now, we have been supporting this event which showcases a variety of plant societies, and BPS will again have a stand here. With a large display of ferns, we will be promoting the appreciation of ferns, fern growing and of course, the benefits of being a member of BPS. If you would like to be involved in helping, please contact Julian.

Leader: Julian Reed. Contact: cultivargroup@ebps.org.uk

North of Ireland, Friday 7 – Sunday 9 July 2017

There has not been a BPS trip to this area since 1994, so when Hazel suggested that Glen Ariff in County Antrim was a very ferny place to go, the Meetings sub-committee welcomed her suggestion. The arrangements are still provisional, but we plan to follow Glen Ariff with two further days in County Donegal and County Fermanagh, probably based in Donegal town. We are aiming to see lots of interesting ferns including *Polystichum lonchitis*, hybrid equiseta, and *Trichomanes speciosum*. (gametophytes, and hopefully even sporophytes!)

Leader: Hazel Metherell. Contact: hazelmetherell@gmail.com

Cultivar Day, Sizergh, Cumbria, Saturday 15 July 2017

BPS member Andrew Harrison is Assistant Head Gardener at Sizergh and due to his enthusiasm the four national fern collections have grown from strength to strength. Plus, the grounds now include a wonderful stumpery opened by BPS during the 125th Anniversary Week in June 2016. We will visit the gardens using a room in the Strickland Arms as our base, then probably go on to see the Bolton fern collection in South Cumbria.

Leader: Julian Reed. Contact: cultivargroup@ebps.org.uk

Scotland, Monday 17 - Thursday 20 July 2017

We will be based at the Field Studies Centre, Kindrogan, Blairgowrie, and plan to visit a number of Scottish ferny areas, including Glen Clova.

Leader: Heather McHaffie. Contact: heathermchaffie@hotmail.com

BPS Display Weekend, RHS Wisley, Saturday 5 - Sunday 6 August 2017

Following the success of our 125th Anniversary Display Weekend in the main glasshouse at Wisley in July 2016, we have been invited by RHS to repeat this. Once again, we will have a fine display of ferns, fern cultivation, fern merchandise and fern sales to promote BPS and pteridology. Please contact Julian if you would like to help.

Leader: Julian Reed. Contact: cultivargroup@ebps.org.uk

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Southport Flower Show, Thursday 17 - Sunday 20 August 2017

Once again, BPS will have a stand in the "Societies Tent" promoting the Society, demonstrating spore propagation and answering questions from visitors. There will also be a number of fern display categories in which you could win prizes for your ferns. Please contact Michael if you would like to help.

Leader: Michael Hayward. Contact: mhayward123@blueyonder.co.uk

West Devon, 9 - 10 September 2017

This is a very fern rich area, and we will probably be based in Tavistock. On the first day, we will explore china clay areas in south-west Dartmoor, and on the second day moors around Princetown. An evening garden visit may also be included.

Leader: Ian Bennallick. Contact: Cornwall@eBPS.org.uk

Autumn Indoor Meeting, University Botanic Gardens, Cambridge, Saturday 18 November 2017

BPS member Paul Aston is Alpine and Woodland Supervisor here, and has been developing the indoor and outdoor fern collections. Our theme for this year's finale will be "Ferns on Islands" with a number of talks by some of our much-travelled members, and there will be an opportunity to enjoy the gardens and the fern collections.

Leader: Tim Pyner. Contact: EastAnglia@eBPS.org.uk

FORWARD PLANNER FOR 2018

We have a couple of ideas for meetings in 2018 and these include, in the UK:

Charnwood Forest, Leicestershire - a new area for us to explore.

Wensleydale

Llangollen/Chirk

Jersey

Isle of Wight

and abroad:

Holland/Belgium

Seychelles

Mexico

However, if there are any places you would like us to include in future programmes, or better still if you would like to lead a meeting (with plenty of support from a Meetings Sub-committee member!), please do let me know.

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MERCHANDISE 2016

BPS BADGES (*NEW STOCK, SAME PRICE!*) Enamelled metal badges, lapel sized (20mm diameter) with the logo in BPS colours, and butterfly clutch pin fastener. Price £2.50, (plus £2.75 for p&p to UK; £4.75 to Europe; £7.00 to rest of World).

BPS LOGO STICKERS - These stickers (for use in car windows etc.), approximately 3½" in diameter, are made of self-cling plastic with the Society logo in green on a white background. Price: £1.00, (plus £1.50 for p&p to UK if no other items (bookmarks excepted) are ordered; £2.50 to Europe; £4.00 to rest of World; otherwise post free).

BPS BOOKMARKS - Bookmarks 1½" x 9" in bonded leather, green upper surface with the Society logo and print of fern frond in gold. The fun is trying to identify the frond (it is a true fern!). Price: £2.00, (plus £1.50 for p&p to UK if no other items (logo stickers excepted) are ordered; £2.50 to Europe; £4.00 to rest of World; otherwise post free).

BPS FERN POSTCARDS - Exclusive BPS postcards for you to send ferny messages to all your friends! All the designs are reproduced from the famous Henry Bradbury Nature-Prints (as published in Moore's *Nature Printed British Ferns*), and are both very attractive and, of course, 100% accurate. Details are:

Postcards with Marsh Fern, *Thelypteris palustris*, Rigid Buckler Fern, *Dryopteris submontana*, Parsley Fern, *Cryptogramma crispa*, Soft Shield Fern, *Polystichum setiferum* 'Confluens', or Jersey Fern, *Anogramma leptophylla*. Front in colour, back in postcard format (6" x 4"). Price £2.00 per pack of 10 (2 of each design), (plus £1.50 for p&p to UK; £2.50 to Europe; £4.00 to rest of World).

FERN CARDS - A series of 4 cards with green fern fronds from the archives of Chelsea Physic Garden printed on the front. Each card is about 3½" x 5" (7" x 5" open), blank inside and individually wrapped. Price £1.25 per card (including envelope), (plus £1.50 for p&p to UK; £2.50 to Europe; £4.00 to rest of World).

FERN CARD PACKS - As previous item, but with 6 cards of the same design wrapped in one pack. Price £4.00 per pack (including envelopes), (plus £2.00 for p&p to UK; £3.50 to Europe; £5.50 to rest of World).

BPS FERN GREETING CARDS - High quality BPS greeting cards for that special occasion! Each card is blank inside and individually wrapped. All designs are by Anne Wright. NOT sold in packs, current details (4 designs) are as follows:

About 4" x 6" (8" x 6" open) (3 designs) with mixed crosiers collection (*Polystichum setiferum* 'Plumoso-multilobum', *Dryopteris affinis* and *Dryopteris cycadina*) or spored leaves of *Cyrtomium fortunei* or *Asplenium scolopendrium*.

Christmas card, about 6" x 6" (12" x 6" open) (1 design), with photo of frosted *Cyrtomium falcatum*.

BPS 2017 CALENDARS - Again available early in the year and featuring full colour photos of ferns from around the world taken by BPS members, particularly entries from the 2015 Photographic Competition. The calendar is ideal as a present or for your own use! A4 size and bound, each month opens out to A3 size with picture of fern above, and writable calendar page beneath. Includes envelope for posting to friends and family. Price £5.50 each, (plus £2.50 for p&p to UK; £6.00 to Europe; £8.50 to rest of World).

BPS FERN MUGS - Fine bone china mugs with wrap-around *Blechnum penna-marina* reproduced from a watercolour by Anne Wright. Produced by the collectable Gt Yarmouth Pottery. Price £4.50 each, (plus £3.50 for p&p to UK; £6.00 to Europe; £8.50 to rest of World).

BPS BALLPOINT PENS (*NEW DESIGN*) - Retractable ballpoint pen with green body, black rubber grip and the Society logo and British Pteridological Society in gold along the barrel. Price £0.50 each, (plus £1.50 for p&p to UK; £3.50 to Europe; £4.00 to rest of World).

BPS ADDRESS LABELS - Help conservation and recycle used envelopes. White, peel-back self-adhesive labels 6" x 4" with British Pteridological Society and www.ebps.org.uk in black in top LH corner, and BPS logo in green in bottom RH corner. One variety has a green representation of *Dryopteris filix-mas* in the bottom LH corner and Enjoy Ferns in black beneath the logo, the other variety has an *Asplenium scolopendrium* and Fantastic Ferns. Price £2.50 per pack of 20 (10 of each design), (plus £1.50 for p&p to UK; £2.50 to Europe; £4.00 to rest of World).

BPS / FSC KEY TO COMMON FERNS - A take-in-the-field waterproof colour guide to 38 British ferns on 1 double-sided sheet! 8 pages fold down to 7" x 10". Price £2.00 each, (plus £1.50 for p&p to UK; £2.50 to Europe; £4.00 to rest of World).

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BPS "WHAT'S THAT FERN?" GUIDES – A take-in-the-field full-colour, simple photographic guide to 19 British ferns in a 16-page, fully waterproof A5 booklet. Price £2.00 each, (plus £1.50 for p&p to UK; £2.50 to Europe; £4.00 to rest of World).

BPS WALLET FOLDERS – A handy way to store your BPS papers, magazines, notes etc. Overall in BPS green, the cover of this sturdy folder has lots of coloured ferny photos and information about BPS. Internal space is 14" x 8.5" x 1". Price £1.50 each, (plus £4.00 for p&p to UK [up to 10 folders]; £6.50 to Europe [up to 5 folders]; £9.75 to rest of World [up to 5 folders]).

BPS TIES - These are in dark green polyester material with the Society logo (without the words) in gold. Price: £9.00, (plus £2.25 for p&p to UK; £5.25 to Europe; £8.50 to rest of World).

BPS T-SHIRTS – Back by popular demand, these are dark green and carry the Society logo embroidered in yellow-gold on the upper front left-hand side. Made of good quality 100% cotton, they are short sleeved. Sizes: small (S), medium (M), large (L), extra-large (XL) and extra-extra-large (XXL). Price: £10.00, (plus £3.50 for p&p to UK; £6.00 to Europe; £8.50 for rest of World).

BPS POLO-SHIRTS - These are dark green and carry the Society logo embroidered in yellow-gold in the 'shirt-pocket' position. Made of good quality polyester and cotton, they are short sleeved. Sizes: small (S), medium (M), large (L), extra-large (XL) and extra-extra-large (XXL). Price: £12.00, (plus £3.50 for p&p to UK; £6.00 to Europe; £8.50 to rest of World).

BPS SWEAT-SHIRTS - These are dark green and carry the Society logo embroidered in yellow-gold in the 'shirt-pocket' position. Made of good quality polyester and cotton, they are long sleeved. Sizes: medium (M), large (L), extra-large (XL) and extra-extra-large (XXL). Price: £13.00, (plus £4.00 for p&p to UK; £7.25 to Europe; £11.00 to rest of World).

BPS SWEAT-SHIRTS (OLD STYLE – BARGAIN SALE ITEM! – SMALL (S) SIZE ONLY) - As previous item, but with printed logo. Small (S) size only. Price: £2.50, (plus £4.00 for p&p to UK; £7.25 to Europe; £11.00 to rest of World).

BPS FLEECES - These are dark green and carry the Society logo embroidered in yellow-gold in the 'shirt-pocket' position. Made of good quality polyester and cotton, they are long sleeved. Sizes: small (S), medium (M), large (L), extra-large (XL) and extra-extra-large (XXL). Price: £21.00, (plus £6.00 for p&p to UK; £8.50 to Europe; £13.50 for rest of World).

DOUBLE HAND LENS – Make sure you can see all that fine fern detail with this quality compact double hand lens. It comprises an 18mm 3-element 10x lens and a 12mm 5-element 20x lens in a single metal holder. Price: £7.00, (plus £3.50 for p&p to UK; £4.75 to Europe; £7.00 for rest of World).

BPS JUTE BAGS – Here's an environmentally-friendly way to carry around your shopping or potted plants, and at the same time advertise the BPS! This high quality jute bag measures 16" x 13½" x 6¾" and has woven carrying handles and an inner plastic coating. On one side is a large BPS logo with "The Society for Fern Lovers" and "www.ebps.org.uk" underneath, all in green. Price: £2.50, (plus £3.50 for p&p to UK; £6.00 to Europe; £8.50 for rest of World).

BPS TROLLEY COIN KEYRINGS – Never be stuck again when you need a £1 trolley coin, and advertise the BPS at the same time. The trolley coin is enamelled with the BPS logo in green against a yellow background, and can be detached from the keyring. Price £1.00, (plus £1.50 for p&p to UK; £3.50 to Europe; £4.00 for rest of World).

BPS LANYARDS – Just the job for keeping items (e.g. lens, pen, keys) just in reach on a round-your-neck lanyard. Made in strong green polyester with the Society logo and British Pteridological Society in gold repeated along the 34" (87 cm) length, and have a metal clasp and safety break. Note, the lettering is water-resistant, not water-proof. Price £1.50, (plus £1.50 for p&p to UK; £3.50 to Europe; £4.00 for rest of World).

BPS BASEBALL CAPS (NEW ITEM) – Following several requests, here they are. Just the job for protecting your head and face from wind, sun and rain. In dark green with the BPS logo embroidered in yellow-gold at the front, they are one-size with an adjustable back-strap, and made in 100% heavy cotton. Price £6.50, (plus £3.50 for p&p to UK; £5.00 to Europe; £6.00 for rest of World).

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BPS 125TH ANNIVERSARY – To mark this occasion, we added three commemorative items to the list. The **BPS 125TH POLO SHIRTS** are all sold out, but there is still time to buy the following:-

BPS 125TH TEA TOWELS - These are white, made of 100% cotton and approximately 28" x 19½" (71 cm x 49 cm). They carry the Society 125th logo printed in green on the front. Price: £3.50, (plus £2.00 for p&p to UK; £4.50 to Europe; £5.50 to rest of World).

BPS 125TH FERN MUGS – These are ceramic 330ml mugs with white inner and black outer. On one side is the BPS 125th logo in green against a white rectangular background, and on the other side an abstract multi-coloured depiction of a fern frond. Price £5.00 each, (plus £3.50 for p&p to UK; £6.50 to Europe; £8.50 to rest of World).

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BPS Greeting Card			£2.75	£3.75	£5.25	
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BPS 'What's that Fern?' Guide			£3.50	£4.50	£6.00	
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BPS Sweat-shirt - Embroidered			£17.00	£20.25	£24.00	
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BPS Jute Bag			£6.00	£8.50	£11.00	
BPS Trolley Coin Keyring			£2.50	£4.50	£5.00	
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BPS Baseball Cap			£10.00	£11.50	£12.50	
BPS 125 th Tea Towel			£5.50	£8.00	£9.00	
BPS 125 th Fern Mug			£8.50	£11.50	£13.50	
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