



**BRITISH PTERIDOLOGICAL SOCIETY – SOUTH-EAST REGIONAL GROUP.
MEETINGS PROGRAMME 2017**

Dear Member

Here is the programme for 2017 for the South-East group of the BPS.
As always all members (and their friends) are invited, and we particularly welcome new members.

**Saturday 24th June 2017, 10.30 a.m. JOINT MEETING WITH THE EAST ANGLIA GROUP
Heathfield, East Sussex: Leader: Peter Clare**

We'll be joined by members from the East Anglia group for this meeting which will visit sites near Heathfield (including land associated with the old Heathfield Park). Peter knows this area well, and apart from the rich Wealden flora early date, we can expect some surprises. Janet Bond has kindly agreed to provide us with tea after the meeting, in her most delightful garden with a number of ferns and lots of interesting flowers and trees.

Saturday 15th to 16th July 2017

[Cultivar Group meeting at Sizergh Castle, near Carnforth, southern Lakes; Leader: Julian Reed]
Far from our area (!), but I mention it here because it may well be of interest. Sizergh Castle (NT) has an amazing collection of ferns (and a new stumpery) apart from the usual interest of the cultivar group.

Saturday 29th July, 2017, 10.30a.m.

Marline Valley, near Hastings, and ghylls near Crowhurst, East Sussex; Leader: Paul Ripley

I am hoping we will be joined by the Hastings botany Club for this meeting, which will explore some of the Sussex ghylls, including a nature reserve the Society has not been to before. These deep and wooded ghylls are rich in ferns and most of the classic wealden flora. Stephen Munyard has kindly offered to entertain us after the meeting. An opportunity to see Steve's fascinating garden.

Saturday 5th (and Sunday 6th) August, 2017 (from 10a.m.)

Wisley RHS garden, Wisley, Surrey; Leader: Julian Reed

Last year, the Society put on a two day event for the RHS, in the Gallery of the Glasshouse at Wisley. This was appreciated by the RHS, and was very successful for us. It increased our profile with the general public, gained us new members - and was fun as well!

We are doing it all over again. We will be putting on a 9m display of ferns in pots, (species and cultivars), giving spore sowing demonstrations, plant sales, and some herbarium pictures on display. There will be 2 guided walks one in the morning and one in the afternoon on each day.

Please note also that the Society will be having a stand at the RHS Wisley's Plant societies' weekend on the **17th and 18th June 2017**. This provided an opportunity for societies such as ours to "showcase" their activities. Please contact Julian Reed, Peter Blake or Jude Lawton if you would like to be involved.

Saturday October 21st, 2017. 10.30 a.m.

Autumn end of season meeting - Wittersham, Isle of Oxney, and Appledore, Kent

Leader: Paul Ripley

In the morning we will visit Wealden woods on the Isle of Oxney, near Rye. The Society has not been here before and there are secluded woods here which are surprisingly home to *Dryopteris aemula* among others. We have booked the small hall by the recreation ground in Appledore for our traditional

end-of-season get-together, where we will see presentations of the year's fern activities, home and abroad. Please also bring along any other items of fern interest.

Please either indicate your interest in these meetings on the attached form and E-mail or send it to me, or just simply E-mail (Paul@ripleyconsulting.co.uk). Further details, including maps and directions will be sent about 2 weeks before each meeting.

Alternatively, you can do this on-line at this site here: <http://ebps.org.uk/meetings/regional-groups/south-east-meetings-programme-reply-form-2017/>

You can also find this on the BPS web-site through the menu /EVENTS/REPLY FORMS/SOUTH EAST MEETINGS/

We look forward to seeing you.

Pat Acock/Paul Ripley

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Please E-mail or return the form to the address below. Alternatively just E-mail to Paul@ripleyconsulting.co.uk

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Details will be sent by E-mail unless specifically requested, nearer the time. Details of meetings are normally sent (by E-mail unless otherwise requested), about 2 weeks before the meeting.

Date and time	Details	Please send further information
Saturday June 24th 10.30a.m.	Heathfield, East Sussex	
Saturday 29th July 10.30 a.m.	Woods near Hastings, East Sussex	
Saturday August 5th From 10.00a.m. (and Sunday Aug 6th)	Royal Horticultural Society garden, Wisley, Surrey	
Saturday October 21st, 10.30a.m.	Wittersham, Isle of Oxney; and Appledore, Kent	

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