



**BRITISH PTERIDOLOGICAL SOCIETY – EAST ANGLIA
REGIONAL GROUP**

MEETINGS PROGRAMME 2017

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Dear Member

This year's meetings are detailed below. I would be most grateful if could let me know if you are attending any of the meetings beforehand.

If you have any queries do not hesitate to contact me.

Saturday 24th June: Heathfield, East Sussex. Joint meeting with SE group.

Meeting place: Heathfield, High Street. Car park behind Co-op, Entrance opposite Fire Station. TN21 8JD. Grid ref. TQ578214

Time: 10.30 a.m.

Leader: Peter Clare

Lunch; Packed Lunch

We will be venturing south of the Thames again and joining members of the South-east group to visit sites near Heathfield. Peter knows this area well and we can expect a good day. Janet Bond has invited us to her garden for tea after the meeting.

**Saturday 22nd July: Wayland Wood, Watton, Urban Jungle
Nursery and Crete Lodge Exotic Garden,
Norfolk**

Meeting place: Wayland Wood, Watton IP25 6HN. Car park off
A1075 at Grid ref TL9226,9959

Time: 10.30 a.m.

Leader: Tim Pyner

Lunch; At Urban Jungle Nursery Café or packed lunch

Wayland Wood is a Norfolk Wildlife Trust ancient woodland SSSI nature reserve with a rich ground flora. We will lunch at Urban Jungle Nursery where good food is served in their café if required. The nursery holds a good range of ferns for those tempted. We will then finish our day at the extraordinary exotic garden of Keith and Melissa Scott at nearby Crete Lodge.

**Saturday 16th September: The Coppice, Kelvedon Hatch,
Essex and Paul Spracklin's garden,
Benfleet**

Meeting place: School Road, Kelvedon Hatch near Brentwood,
CM15 0DH. Grid ref. TQ5722,9824. Footpath
opposite Junction of Mill Lane. Please park in road
with consideration of residents.

Time: 10.30

Leader: Tim Pyner

Lunch: Packed lunch

This area of Essex woodland has recently been found to host one of the most diverse selections of ferns in the county. We should see many different species growing in a relatively small area. Wellingtons or boots are recommended. We will complete our day at Paul Spracklin's amazing garden in Benfleet.

**Saturday 28th October: Autumn Indoor Meeting, Oulton Broad,
Suffolk**

Meeting place: Rookwood, 1 Prospect Road, Oulton Broad,
Lowestoft NR32 3PT

Time: 12:00

Gill and Bryan Smith are kindly hosting our Autumn meeting again. Please bring photos of fern meetings, ferny holidays and any ferny items that may be of interest. Also please bring along any spare ferns for our popular plant sale. Lunch will be provided, a £2.50 contribution to costs will be appreciated.

**Saturday 27th January 2018. Winter Indoor Meeting,
Southend, Essex**

Meeting place: 182 Southchurch Boulevard, Southend-on-Sea,
Essex SS2 4UX

Time: 12.00

Tim Pyner will be hosting our winter meeting.

Alison Paul, Curator of Pteridophytes at the Natural History
Museum, will be talking about her work in the herbarium

Lunch and refreshments will be served.