Dear BPS member

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

On the sheet following the President’s letter are the full details for this year’s Autumn Meeting – check it out and come along and join us!!

We have some new items for you to purchase and a competition to enter.

Please look carefully at the membership renewal notice and standing order changes – our bank account is now with Natwest, so please ensure that your bank is sending your payment by standing order to the correct account!!

Don’t forget to keep us informed (via the Membership Secretary, Alison Evans) of any changes to your address, phone number or email address. Thank you.

Happy reading!

Gillian Smith
October 2013
 treasurer@eBPS.org.uk or gillsmith49@gmail.com

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Patron: HRH THE PRINCE OF WALES
Dear BPS members,

Any incoming President would find it a difficult task to succeed such a distinguished pteridologist as Mary Gibby. She hands over a flourishing Society with respected journals, stimulating meetings and a friendly and supportive membership. Long may it be so.

Summer 2013 gave us fine weather in Britain. I hope our foreign members were as fortunate. The Society exhibited at the Hampton Court Flower Show in July for the first time, our stand winning a Silver Medal. Sadly I missed this, and a number of field meetings, as for much of the time I was completing a book in our Special Publications series—you will find a notice about it in this mailing. I hope to make up for this omission by visiting all our regional groups at least once during my term of office.

At our AGM in April, the wonderful collection of fern books bequeathed to the Society by our late and much-missed Committee Secretary Graham Ackers was auctioned, raising approximately £17,000. It was Graham’s wish that his bequest be used to further the objects of the Society. The Committee is considering how to combine this with a permanent memorial to Graham, whether by significant publications or other means.

Mentioning publications, the first review articles published in the Fern Gazette have been very well received. They complement the Gazette’s submitted research papers and the Pteridologist’s more accessible articles. Meanwhile our online newsletter, Fern World, goes from strength to strength. To receive notification of new issues, sign up to the online mailing list at http://eepurl.com/bGLcz.

Do members share my impression that the appreciation and cultivation of ferns has become fashionable again? The gardening feature in my newspaper this weekend was devoted to our native ferns, beginning “Ferns speak to me of a time when the world was densely wooded and wild things roamed”. (This sounds like a typical BPS field meeting!) Ours is the society for fern enthusiasts. Let’s use every opportunity to encourage people who share our enthusiasm to join us.

With every good wish

John Edgington
BPS members free; Non-BPS participants £5 (refundable on joining the Society at the meeting)
Contact Roger Golding (rg@rogergolding.co.uk) if you wish to attend

09.30 Gardens open. An opportunity for participants to explore the gardens before Registration

10.00-10.30 Registration  Tea and coffee available.

10.30-10.45 Introduction Welcome and introduction
Meetings Chair, Matt Busby, BPS Horticultural Officer

10.45-11.15 Propagating cultivars, Pt I  Propagating from spores
Neil Timm BPS, Professional landscape gardener; propagates own ferns

11.20-11.50 Propagating cultivars, Pt 2  Vegetative propagation
Julian Reed BPS, Fern cultivar enthusiast

11.55-12.25 Cultivation of difficult ferns, Part I  Desert ferns and desert Selaginella
Gunnar Ovstebo, Edinburgh Royal Botanic Gardens

12.25/13.30 Lunch A further opportunity to look around the gardens. Bring own packed lunch. Tea and coffee will be available.

13.30-14.00 Cultivation of difficult ferns, Part II  ‘Odd balls’ – epiphytes, mesic lycopods and selaginellas, filmy ferns, Ophioglossum etc.
Andy Ensoll, Royal Botanic Gardens Edinburgh

14.05-14.20 Growing ferns for conservation, Pt I  Building a collection; Sources of information and resources; Plant Heritage
Jude Lawton, BPS; Chair of Kent Group of Plant Heritage

14.20-14.35 Growing ferns for conservation, Pt 2  Keeping records; Pteridowiki
Roger Golding, BPS; fern enthusiast and gardener

14.35-15.00 Tea  Cake, tea and coffee

15.00-15.45 Question and answer forum
Chair: Martin Rickard BPS, author of well-known books on garden ferns. The panel will include speakers and BPS members with special expertise.
An opportunity to ask those questions with which you came and have not been answered. Unfortunately, time does not allow for talks and discussion on topics such as garden design, influence of soil types, macro- and micro-climates and cultivation practices, so why not take the opportunity to ask them now!

15.45-16.00 Summing up and the Role of the BPS Horticultural Officer
Meeting Chair, A. R. ‘Matt’ Busby

Please note: The gardens close at 16.30 hrs SHARP
This year’s meeting programme is outlined below, and 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. Could you please ensure that you notify me of your intentions on the Meetings Reply Form provided before 1st February 2014 or as early as possible. This allows meeting leaders to send information to you early and allows you to book in if necessary. After 1st February 2014, please contact the leader of the meeting directly. Please be sure to include an SAE for each meeting where you require the information in hard copy – an SAE is not necessary where you indicate that you are willing to receive the information by e-mail. Should you at a later date be unable to attend, then please let the leader know so that starting times can be adhered to. Please be patient however because although I collect details early from you, some leaders may not have the meeting details until later in the year.

The information here is as up to date as possible, and additional details are given in the “EXTRA DETAIL” note. In all instances the leaders or contact points 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 fill in the reply form.

Both the Safety Code and the Code of Conduct are important documents; please be sure to sign to say that you have read and understood them on the Meetings Return Form. This helps BPS to show that it is taking all reasonable care with your safety and also taking a responsible attitude to conservation.

Please note that the AGM will be on Saturday 12 April 2014 at the Natural History Museum, London.

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| Martin Rickard | 11 October 2014 |

**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 and 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 ‘Regional Groups’ or ‘Event Diary’) 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.

**Devon & Cornwall:** 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:** As the current Leader is moving away from the area, a new leader is being sought. Contact: secretary@eBPS.org.uk

**North West England:** Peter Campion, Lake View, Castle Hill, Bassenthwaite, Keswick, CA12 4RG. 017687 76272. peter@petercampion.com or NorthWest@eBPS.org.uk

**Scotland:** Frank McGavigan, 12 Glenbank Avenue, Lenzie, Glasgow, G66 5AA. Frank@mcgavigan2.demon.co.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 for a list of meetings.

**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 Devon & Cornwall 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, send the reply slip to me before 1 February 2014. After this time, you will need to contact the leader direct. The leader should make you aware of the Society’s Safety Code and Conservation Code of Practise. You should read or have read these carefully. Copies are in the Bulletin and on our website. 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 proceeding 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.

Plants should only be collected with permission of the leader of the meeting. All 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, 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 16 years or under) can only attend meetings if accompanied by their parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s).

Bryan Smith
Meetings Secretary
October 2013

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**EXTRA DETAIL FOR MEETINGS PROGRAMME 2014**

**Capo di Ponte, Italy, Saturday 17 - Saturday 24 May 2014**

Capo di Ponte lies to the north-west of Lake Garda, in the north of Italy, between Brescia and the Dolomites, which form a border with Switzerland. The immediate area is of great interest, forming a bridge between the Mediterranean geography and climate to the south, and the high alpine mountains to the north. It lies on a division between acid rocks and the limestone of the Dolomites.

In Capo di Ponte itself is a UNESCO World Heritage site, a National Park containing extraordinary prehistoric rock carvings. Enzo’s wife is a guide here. There are also a number of Romanesque churches with medieval paintings, which Enzo has written about. The beautiful Val Camonica area was “discovered” and written about in 1800 by Douglas William Freshfield, whom you may like to look up. Travel will be by shared hire cars, and hotel accommodation is being negotiated. The trip will be limited to 16 members, and places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis on receipt of a deposit – see separate flier with Autumn Mailing.

**Leader:** Enzo Bona. **Contact:** Paul Ripley.

**Savill Garden, Englefield Green, Surrey – Saturday 21 June 2014**

Following a couple of successful years as part of the SE Regional Group’s programme, we have decided to make the Cultivar Group’s meetings part of the National Meetings programme, and begin with this 1-day visit to Savill Garden. Here, you will be able to see a wide range of ferns as well as many other superb and rare plants in a beautiful setting. The Garden holds the National Collection of hardy ferns, and a large number of ferns from Christopher Fraser Jenkins. The lecture theatre will be our base for the day, and it is anticipated that the morning will be spent exploring the gardens and the afternoon with presentations and demonstrations. There will be an group-rate entry fee.

**Leader/Contact:** Julian Reed

**South Wales, Friday 27 - Sunday 29 June 2014**

Our base will be Brecon and we will meet at lunchtime on the Friday to visit the Red and Black Darrens in the Black Mountains. Written up as a local group meeting held in 2011 (The Bulletin Vol 7 No 4 p339), this will provide a good opportunity to see many of the upland ferns of the area, at a site also offering stunning views.

**Leader/Contact:** Julian Reed
By contrast on Saturday we will travel west to the Troserch woods just to the north of Llangennech. Here we expect to see Dryopteris aemula along with great quantities of many of the commoner woodland ferns of the region. We will also follow up reports from 2002 of Hymenophyllum tunbridgense. Afterwards we will visit the garden of BPS member Susan Lewis, ending the day with a meal in Brecon.

On Sunday we will return to the uplands of the Brecon Beacons visiting the Craig Cerrig-gleisiad nature reserve followed by one of only two sites for Dryopteris submontana in Wales. The meeting will end with a visit to Sue and Brian Dockerill’s garden for tea and cakes.

**Leaders/Contacts:** Sue & Brian Dockerill

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**Southport Flower Show, Thursday 14 – Sunday 17 August 2014**

The Society has a stand in the “Societies Tent” promoting the BPS, demonstrating spore propagation and answering questions from visitors. There are also a number of fern display categories where you could win prizes for your ferns. Please offer to help Michael and the “Team” if you can; it is always fun and is a good way to promote ferns and introduce new people to the Society.

**Leader/Contact:** Michael Hayward.

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**North York Moors, Saturday 13 – Sunday 14 September 2014**

This weekend is an opportunity to visit or re-visit some of the late Ken Trewren’s local haunts and fern study areas for *Dryopteris, Trichomanes* and *Polypodiums*. We will be based at Whitby, a lovely coastal resort famous for its ‘fish and chips’. Our outline programme is hoped to be:

Friday evening – meeting up in Whitby.

Saturday – Ken’s garden at Egton Bridge and East Arnecliff Wood (lots of interesting ferns).

Sunday – On the Moors, Havern Beck from Hole of Horcum (*Dryopteris* spp, other ferns, horsetails). Then finally on to Sinnington, near Pickering, to see the *Polypodiums* Ken studied there.

**Leader/Contact:** Bruce Brown

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**Autumn Indoor Meeting, Chelsea Physic Garden, London, Sunday 5 October 2014**

The day will be an opportunity for members to visit the garden where Thomas Moore was curator from 1848 to 1887. During that time he was studying and cultivating ferns, and published a great number of books, including many on ferns and the British Flora. The day will include visits to the ‘Thomas Moore fernery’ and other fern collections within the garden, and it is hoped there will be some talks.

**Leader/Contact:** Mary Gibby

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**Polypodium Cultivars, Kyre – Saturday, 11 October 2014**

The second of the Cultivar Group’s meetings this year will be a visit to Martin Rickard’s garden to see and discuss his National Collection of Polypodiums which includes cultivars and species. This will also be a chance to see some of his other ferns, and the possibility of some talks is also being considered.

**Leader/Contact:** Martin Rickard.

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**FORWARD PLANNER FOR 2015**

We have a couple of ideas for meetings in 2015 and these include:

- **Northern Ireland.**
- **North Wales, Llandudno based.**
- **North Somerset.**

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 let me know.

Bryan Smith  
**Meetings@eBPS.org.uk**  
October 2013
The Meetings Organisers will send you more information on the meetings you wish to attend. Apart from the AGM (for which you will automatically receive information in the Bulletin mailing), this can be sent in hard copy format or by e-mail. If you require hard copy, an SAE is required for each meeting, but if you want information by e-mail, include your e-mail address in the address box. For the meetings you would like more information on, please write either “SAE” or “e-mail” in the final column. Leave blank where you do not require further information.

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Name and address (plus e-mail address if appropriate)

NB IF YOU HAVE COMPLETED ANY OF THE BOXES ABOVE, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM OVERLEAF.
MEETING ATTENDEE’S DECLARATIONS FOR 2014

Important: The first two annual declarations must be signed before attending meetings. Both documents were printed in the Bulletin, Volume 7, Number 5 (2012), and are available on the BPS website (http://www.nhm.ac.uk/hosted_sites/bps/meetings.htm). However, if you do not have access to either or both of the documents referred to, you can request hard copies (please send an SAE with your request). You will then be sent copies and asked to sign and return the declaration(s). If you are 16 or under, the third annual declaration must also be signed before attending meetings.

I wish to attend one or more field meeting(s) of the British Pteridological Society during 2014 notwithstanding that this may involve visiting terrain which is rough and potentially hazardous. I understand that it is a condition of my attending a field meeting that I will be responsible at all times for my own safety and conduct, and that I will not jeopardise the safety of the other members of the field meeting. I have recently read and I agree to abide by the “BPS Safety Code”.

Signed ______________________________________________________

Alternatively, please supply a copy of the BPS Safety Code

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I have recently read and understood the “Code of Conduct for the Conservation and Enjoyment of Wild Plants” and I agree to abide by its provisions.

Signed ______________________________________________________

Alternatively, please supply a copy of the Code of Conduct for the Conservation and Enjoyment of Wild Plants

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I am 16 or under and will be accompanied by my parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s).

Signed ______________________________________________________ Date of birth ___/___/_______

Please return completed form to Bryan Smith by 1 February 2014 at the latest, together with the appropriate number of SAEs. Please mark the SAEs for meetings with the meeting venue. After this date, copies of this form and SAEs will not be forwarded to the meeting leaders, so please then contact them directly.

Bryan Smith, Rookwood, 1 Prospect Road, Oulton Broad, Lowestoft, NR32 3PT
Leader: Enzo Bona
Enzo lives in Capo di Ponte, Lombardy, Italy. He has written a book on the ferns of his area (Felci ed Altre Pteridofite del Bacino Superiore del fiume Oglio – edit t.e.), and a number of booklets on the natural and human history of this fascinating area of Italy.

Area:
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Dates: Saturday May 17th (arrive; meet late p.m.) to Saturday May 24th (depart)

Travel: Capo di Ponte is most easily reached from Brescia/Verona airport, which is served, among others, by Easyjet from London (2 flights/day). It will be easiest to travel during the week using hire cars, picked up at Brescia/Verona airport. I propose this is coordinated, so that groups of 4 share a car.

Accommodation:
Accommodation close to Capo di Ponte is currently being negotiated. It will either be in val Paisco, which is in a particularly ferny area, or nearby at Breno (Hotel Giardino).
The deal being arranged will be half board (Bed, breakfast, evening meal) with a daily packed lunch. The cost is yet to be determined, but based on the above, is unlikely to exceed €60 per person per night, or €50 ppn for two people sharing a room.

This trip will be limited to 16 members, and places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis on receipt of the deposit of £35.

Itinerary:
A final itinerary is to be arranged, but will include a visit to see the rock carvings in Capo di Ponte (UNESCO World Heritage site) and some of the churches and art of the area in addition to visiting the natural and ferny sites. Some walking will be required, which in some cases might be quite strenuous. At least some of the visits will be to mountainous areas, where the weather can be changeable.
Further details of the itinerary will be made available in due course before the start of the meeting.

Please complete the form overleaf if you wish to attend.
I would like to attend the meeting based at Capo di Ponte, from May 17th to 24th 2014 and enclose a deposit of £35, made payable to Paul Ripley (address below)

I am unable to commit at this stage but would like to continue to have details.

I/we would like a single/double/twin room (delete as appropriate)

I am prepared to share a room if necessary.

I am prepared to share transport

I am prepared to be a driver of one of the hire cars

I would prefer to make my own travelling arrangements, but will have ___ free places in my car.

Please return this form to:
Paul Ripley
2 Station Villas
Station Road
Appledore
Ashford
Kent TN26 2DF

Tel: 01233 758410; Mobile: 07803 499066
E-mail: Paul@ripleyconsulting.co.uk
The spore list is sent only to members who request it from the organisers, as detailed below.

Members can request a paper copy of the list either by returning the tear off slip below or they can send us an email to: Spores@eBPS.org.uk
You can also request an electronic version of the list using the e-mail address above. This will be sent as an Adobe Acrobat ‘PDF’ attachment for you to print off or study on-screen.

If you request by email, the list will be sent to you on the 1st January 2014.
If you request by post, the list will be posted to you such that it should arrive around the same date.

In order to allow for postage times from overseas, the distribution will begin approximately 2 weeks later giving priority to: Overseas donors, UK donors, followed by Overseas members and UK members.

The closing deadline for receiving orders from the 2014 list is 31st March 2014.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR USA MEMBERS
Members in the USA requesting spores require a permit from their government.
Information and an application form (PPQ587) for the permit can be found at:


or by mail at:-
USDA-APHIS-PPQ, Permit Unit, 4700 River Road, Unit 133, Riverdale, MD 20737-1236
TEL: 1-877-770-5990; FAX: (301) 734-5786

BPS Spore Exchange Scheme 2014 - Request for the Spore List

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Please send to:- Brian and Sue Dockerill, 19, Westfield Road, Pontypridd, Mid Glamorgan, CF37 3AG, United Kingdom
BPS Photographic Competition, 2014

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 2014 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.

Three prizes will be awarded for each class: first £30.00; second £15.00; third £10.00. 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 2014’ and sent to:

Prof. Roland Ennos
School of Biological, Biomedical and Environmental Sciences
University of Hull
Cottingham Road
Kingston-upon-Hull
HU6 7RX, UK

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: 30th March 2014

Judging: entries will be judged by members at the AGM with each member allowed to cast one vote for 1st, 2nd and 3rd photograph in each category. 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.
**Preserving our fern heritage**

Many BPS members have collections of ferns that they have built up over years. Some will contain rare plants and cultivars that are no longer easily available. We feel that it is important to preserve these plants and collections where possible. Often, members give clear instructions as to how they want their collection to be dealt with if they are no longer able to care for it themselves, but this is not always the case.

Do you or a relative have a fern collection that can no longer be cared for? We have a network of volunteers around the country who can help in various ways, such as advice on how to maintain a collection, what value it may have, how to arrange sale of plants, or re-location to a public garden. Please contact Alison Evans in the first instance, so that she can pass on your request to a volunteer local to you.

Contact details:
Alison Evans  
Springfield House  
Salterforth Road  
Earby, Barnoldswick  
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**WANTED – Articles for the ‘Pteridologist’**

Please, please send me some articles for the 2014 magazine!!. The proposed copy should ideally follow the general ethos of the Pteridologist and include lots of images, and I need it to be submitted to me by the end of December 2013 please.

What are always needed 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?

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