



## **THE BRITISH PTERIDOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

### **AUTUMN MAILING 2011**

Dear BPS member

Welcome to this year's Autumn Mailing which we hope will keep you in touch with the activities of the British Pteridological Society.

In an attempt to save money on postage and paper, and also to get this mailing to members swiftly, we are sending this to you via the e-mail address we hold for you on our membership database.

If you are NOT happy to receive 'news' from BPS in this way – now or in the future, or if you would rather have paper copies sent to you via the postage system, mail me on the address given below and I will mark the membership database accordingly. I will then ensure that paper copies for this mailing are delivered to you in the next few weeks.

Happy reading!

Gillian Smith  
October 2011  
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## President's Letter 2012

Edinburgh  
21 October 2011

Dear BPS members,

It is wonderful to see the number and variety of events in the BPS annual programme. We had an excellent venue near Rugby for the AGM in April. The strategy to hold the AGM away from London in alternate years seems to be very successful, judged by the wide range of both new and long-standing local members who were attracted to this event in the Midlands. The programme, organised by Matt Busby, had a distinctly urban theme with some great surprises, especially John Edgington's latest fern discoveries in London basements. The AGM in 2012 will be at the Natural History Museum in London – the theme for this will be Fern Books including nature printing. Unfortunately, four of our Committee members have to stand down in line with our Constitution. So we are looking for nominations or volunteers from the membership to fill these positions which will help to 'drive' BPS in its future strategies. Please contact our General Secretary, Yvonne Golding [secretary@ebps.org.uk](mailto:secretary@ebps.org.uk) if you would like to be considered for our team.

The Education Group has been very active and they organised two events. The stand at Gardening Scotland in June attracted considerable attention and was awarded a gold medal. The impact of a second cold winter on some favourite ferns was a hot topic for discussion with visitors. In September we had 858 visitors at the Ferns and Fossils weekend event at the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh, and recruited several new members.

Field meetings continue to be very popular, and we had a great mix of specialists and novices at the national Kindrogan meeting in August.

I hope you are enjoying the new electronic newsletter produced by Lizzie Evans, our Publicity Officer, a request for items for this newsletter follows later in this mailing. Unfortunately a fall in the number of manuscripts submitted has resulted in delay with the Fern Gazette for which I apologise. We are trying hard to resolve this problem.

We have one new local group set up this year – the Wessex Group covering Somerset, Dorset, Wiltshire, and East Hampshire, e-mail [Wessex@ebps.org.uk](mailto:Wessex@ebps.org.uk) if you are interested in joining them.

I wish you all success in your local and national meetings and 'Happy Ferning' in 2012!

With all good wishes,

Mary Gibby

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## Request for Information on the Crested Marsh Fern.

In 1902, A. A. Eaton described a crested form of the Marsh Fern *Thelypteris palustris* as *forma pufferae*, after its finder Mrs. J. J. Puffer. The European form of the Marsh Fern has never been found in variety, and so this find is of particular interest. During a recent tour of the SE States by members of BPS and the Hardy Fern Foundation, this crested form was re-discovered in cultivation at a nursery in Georgia.

As I am considering writing an article on this interesting taxon for the *Pteridologist*, I would love to hear from anyone who grows, or has ever grown this crested form, or if you know anyone who has. I would also be interested to know if anyone has found a crested Marsh Fern in the wild in Britain (or anywhere!). Please respond to [grahamackers@compuserve.com](mailto:grahamackers@compuserve.com). Thank you

Graham Ackers

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## Request for Information for the 'Pteridologist'



The *Pteridologist* needs you!

Last year nearly half of the articles came as a direct result of the appeal in the autumn mailing. Judging by the feedback and comments, I am sure most of you enjoyed this latest issue, and I would like to continue this high standard.

So, this appeal goes out to various groups:-

If you are a regular contributor, please continue. Your work is highly valued and members look forward to your articles.

If you contributed for the first time last year, can you provide another article this year?

If you have never contributed, please consider what you can offer and then get in touch.

What are always needed are horticultural based articles and interesting fillers that could just about be anything 'ferny'. Again, 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?

Contact: e.mail: [alec.greening@virgin.net](mailto:alec.greening@virgin.net) Telephone: 01524 781624

Alec Greening

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## Spore Exchange 2012

### Spore list request notice

The spore list is sent only to members wishing to have, and hopefully use the list. The list will be available directly from me on request. This is in line with most seed distributions. This note gives details of how to request a list of spores available for the 2012 exchange. Members can either request a paper copy of the list; by returning the tear off slip below or they can send me an email to [spores@EBPS.org.uk](mailto:spores@EBPS.org.uk).

You can request an electronic version of the list 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 by **10 January 2012**. If you request by post, the list will be posted to you to arrive hopefully around the same date. We will then allow approximately 2 weeks for overseas donors and members to send in their requests. The distribution will begin when we have sorted the requests to give priority to: Overseas donors, UK donors, followed by overseas members and UK members, making an allowance for the postal delays involved in posting from abroad. The closing deadline for the exchange is **31 March 2012**.

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR USA MEMBERS

Members in the USA requesting spores now require a permit from their government. This will be an improvement on previously, as we will be able to send the USA requests straight away, instead of altogether at the end of the exchange.

Information and an application for the permit can be found at:

<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/permits/plantproducts/nursery.html>

Click on PPQ Form 587, in the boxes at the bottom of the page, or contact USDA-APHIS-P PQ, Permit Unit, 4700 River Rd, Unit 136, Riverdale, MD20737-1236 Tel; 1-877-770-5990 Fax (301) 734-5786.

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#### BPS Spore Exchange Scheme 2012 Request for the Spore List

Name.....

Address.....

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**Please send to Mr A R Busby, 16 Kirby Corner Road, Canley, Coventry CV4 8GD  
United Kingdom.**

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# Are You Following Fern World Yet?

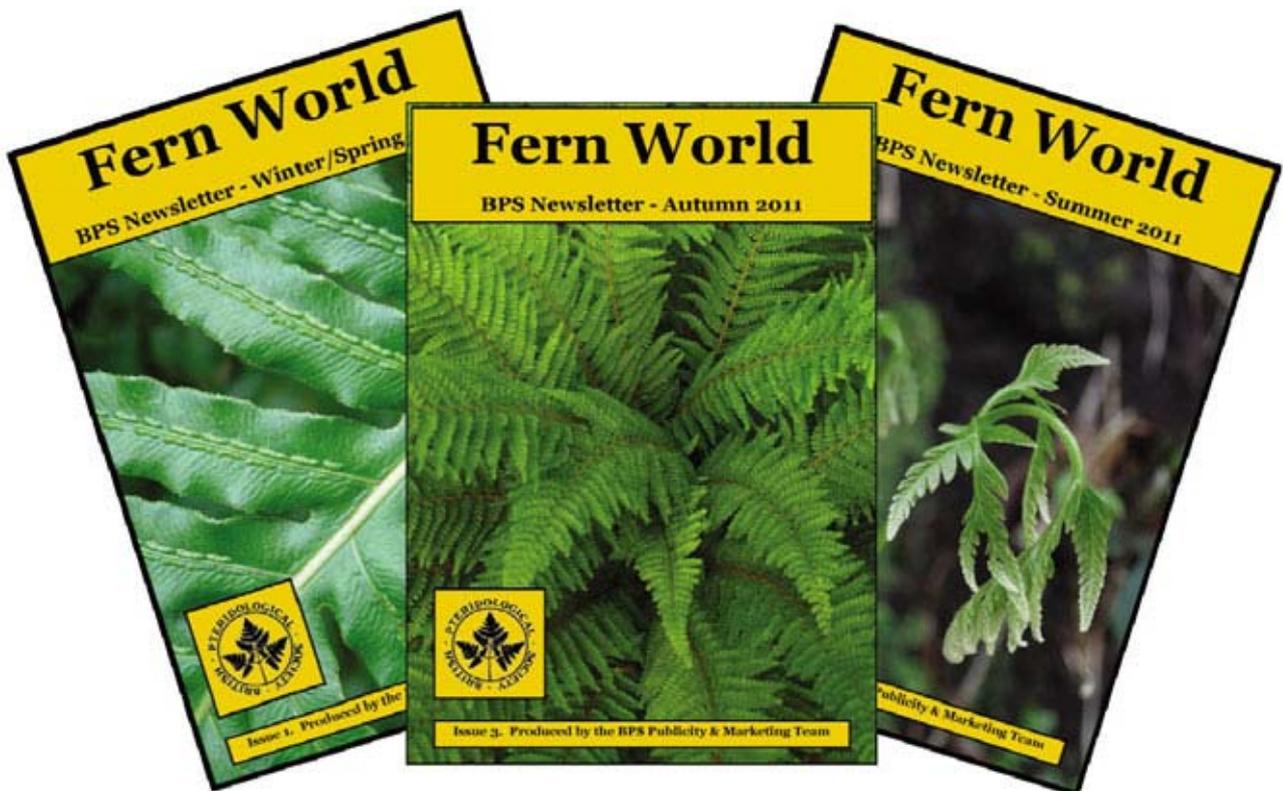
## Join in Online!

Did you know that as well as the three great print publications you receive from the BPS, there is also an online Newsletter? Published three times a year, Fern World aims to keep members up to date with what is happening around the country (and even around the world!) throughout the fern calendar.

As it is published online, and therefore appears in internet search results, it also aims to bring the work of the Society to a wider audience, and maybe even encourage more fern enthusiasts to join up to the BPS. You can find the first three Issues here:

<http://issuu.com/pterrythe-fern>

If you choose to sign up to the Newsletter mailing list, you will receive an email whenever Fern World is published. (Details of how to do this are provided in each Newsletter.) It is always available to view online at the above address, or just type "Issuu Fern World" into Google, and you will find us. If you have any suggestions about the Newsletter, or wish to contribute some news or pictures of your own, please feel free to contact the Publicity and Marketing Officer, Liz Evans, at: [Publicity@eBPS.org.uk](mailto:Publicity@eBPS.org.uk)



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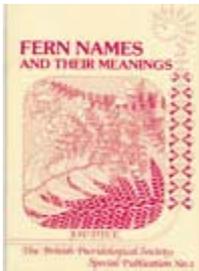
## Notice of 2012 Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the next AGM will be held at 2.00 p.m. on Saturday 14 April 2012 at The Natural History Museum, Cromwell Road, London. Nominations for Officers and Members of the Committee should be sent to the Committee Secretary, Graham Ackers as soon as known, but in any case not later than 10 days before the meeting, i.e. by 3 April 2012. Please do not nominate people until you have checked their agreement with this!

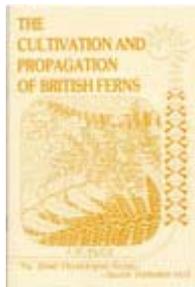
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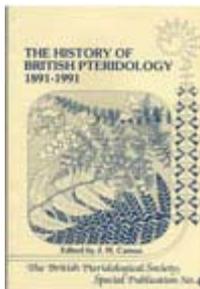
## BPS Special Publications



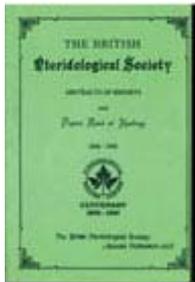
**SPECIAL PUBLICATION No. 2.** - Fern Names and Their Meanings, by J. W. Dyce (1988), 31 pages. Price £4.50 each, plus £1.00 postage & packing (£1.50 for p&p Europe, £2.00 for rest of World).



**SPECIAL PUBLICATION No. 3.** - The Cultivation and Propagation of British Ferns, by J. W. Dyce (1991), 41 pages. Price £5.00 each, plus £1.50 postage & packing (£2.75 for p&p Europe, £3.00 for rest of World).



**BPS SPECIAL PUBLICATION No. 4. (SALE ITEM!)** - The History of British Pteridology, edited by J. M. Camus (1991), 127 pages. Price £4 each, plus £2.00 postage & packing (£3.00 for p&p Europe, £3.25 for rest of World).



**BPS SPECIAL PUBLICATION No. 5. (SALE ITEM!)** - The British Pteridological Society, Abstracts and Reports, 1894-1905 (1991), 245 pages. Price £3 each, plus £2.25 postage & packing (£3.25 for p&p Europe, £3.50 for rest of World).

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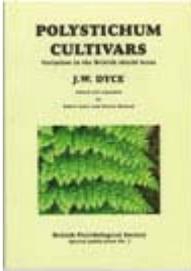
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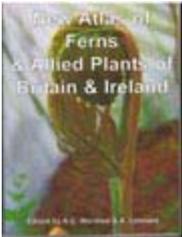
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**BPS SPECIAL PUBLICATION No. 6.** - The BPS Minute Book CD (1891-1983), Barry Wright (2002), 633 facsimile pages. Price £10 each, plus £1.00 postage & packing (£1.50 for p&p Europe, £2.00 for rest of World).



**BPS SPECIAL PUBLICATION No. 7.** – Polystichum Cultivars-Variation in the British Shield Fern J W Dyce. Edited and Expanded by Martin Rickard and Robert Sykes. Price £15 each, plus £2.00 postage & packing (£3.00 for p&p Europe, £3.25 for rest of World). **Last 4 copies**



**BPS SPECIAL PUBLICATION No. 8.** - Fern Atlas. Alastair Wardlaw and Andrew Leonard. Price £10 each, plus £2.00 postage & packing (£3.00 for p&p Europe, £3.25 for rest of World).



**BPS SPECIAL PUBLICATION No. 9** – FERN BOOKS, In English Published Before 1900. Nigel Hall and Martin Rickard. Price £15 each, plus £2.00 postage & packing (£3.00 for p&p Europe, £3.25 for rest of World).



**BPS SPECIAL PUBLICATION No. 10** – THE OCCASIONAL PAPER of the BRITISH PTERIDOLOGICAL SOCIETY 1875. This is a facsimile copy of the original published by the forerunner of our society with notes by Dr Michael Hayward and includes a description of the *Dryopteris affinis*, *D. filix-mas* and *D. oreades* complex as well as a Nature Print. Price £2.50, plus £1.00 postage & packing (£1.50 for p&p Europe, £2.00 for rest of World).

Please note: Surface mail is used for “Rest of World” - please double the postage & packing cost if you require airmail.  
This list is for current (October 2011) stock and supersedes all previous lists.

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### MEETINGS PROGRAMME FOR 2012

This year's meeting 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. Could you please ensure that you notify me of your intentions on the Meetings Reply Form provided before 1st January 2012 or as early as possible. This allows me to send information to you early and allows you to book in if necessary. After 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012, 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 the Safety Code, Bulletin Vol 5 pt 5 p.275 and conservation Code of Conduct, Bulletin Vol 5 pt 4 p.199 on the Meetings Return Form or request these documents. 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 14 April 2012 at the Natural History Museum, London.**

Location	Leader	Date
<b>Reminder for 2011 Autumn Indoor Meeting, Kew</b> – Nigel Rothwell will give a talk on fern propagation and show us around Kew's indoor and outdoor fern areas.	Nigel Rothwell	29 October 2011
<b>South Africa</b> – this is included just for completeness as the meeting is now full, and Jennifer has a long waiting list!	Jennifer Ide	18 February – 2 March 2012
<b>Annual General Meeting</b> – Natural History Museum, London. In addition to the main AGM business, the meeting will be themed around fern books, including a talk on nature prints by Michael Hayward.	Pat Acock (Alison Paul will be hosting)	14 April 2012
<b>Wiltshire</b> - this will be based in or near Pewsey. On the Saturday, we'll visit some woodland and a wet nature reserve. The Sunday will include visits to a couple of lovely, secluded National Trust Gardens at Great Chalfield Manor and The Courts.	Nick Hards	8-10 June 2012
<b>Austria and Germany</b> – this will be a 2-centred meeting, led by Rolf Thiemann. It will begin in Berchtesgarden, Germany and move on to Kraubath, Austria. Most of the ferns will be seen in mountain conditions, and there will be car-sharing. Numbers will be restricted to 15.	Contact Pat Acock for further details.	5-14 July 2012
<b>Southport Flower Show, Southport</b> – this is a chance for you to help at the show, enthuse to the public about	Michael Hayward	16-19 August 2012

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ferns and/or display your ferns to try and win in various display categories.		
<b>Northumberland</b> – this will be based at Hexham, and include visits to Hareshaw Linn, the Northern Whin Sill at Cawfield and Upper Allendale. A garden visit may also be included.	Rob Cooke	20-23 September 2012
<b>Autumn Indoor Meeting, Natural History Museum</b> – Talks will be given on fern biology and cytology.	Fred Rumsey	October or November 2012

## 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 organisers, enclosing a SAE. 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:** Matt Stribley, 8 St Georges Road, Truro, Cornwall, TR1 3JE. [Cornwall@eBPS.org.uk](mailto:Cornwall@eBPS.org.uk)

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

**Manchester & North Midlands:** Yvonne Golding, 7 Grange Road, Buxton, Derbyshire, SK17 6NH.  
[ManchesterNorthMidlands@eBPS.org.uk](mailto:ManchesterNorthMidlands@eBPS.org.uk)

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

**Scotland:** Frank McGavigan, 12 Glenbank Avenue, Lenzie, Glasgow, G66 5AA.  
[Frank@mcgavigan2.demon.co.uk](mailto:Frank@mcgavigan2.demon.co.uk)

**South East:** Paul Ripley, 2 Station Villas, Station Road, Appledore, Kent, TN26 2DF. 01233 758410  
[SouthEast@eBPS.org.uk](mailto:SouthEast@eBPS.org.uk)

**South Wales & Borders:** Brian Dockerill, 19 Westfield Road, Glyncoch, Pontypridd, Mid-Glam., CF37 3AG. [SouthWalesBorders@eBPS.org.uk](mailto:SouthWalesBorders@eBPS.org.uk)

**Wessex:** Josephine Basil and Michael Hill. [Wessex@eBPS.org.uk](mailto:Wessex@eBPS.org.uk)

**Yorkshire Fern Group:** Bruce Brown, 4 Bank Parade, Otley, West Yorkshire, LS21 3DY.  
[Yorkshire@eBPS.org.uk](mailto: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 Matt Stribley, address under 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.

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## NOTES FOR MEMBERS ATTENDING MEETINGS

### **Please Read These Notes Carefully**

If you are attending a meeting, send the reply slip to me before 1 January 2012. 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 Bulletins of 2000 and 2001, or will be sent if you so request one on the Meetings Reply Form. 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 at the centre hotel 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**

We are required to exercise caution in including unaccompanied minors on field trips, so when you contact me on the Meetings Reply Form, please indicate if you are a minor (ie 16 or under) so that you can be provided with the correct form.

Bryan Smith  
October 2012

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## EXTRA DETAIL FOR MEETINGS PROGRAMME 2012

### Wiltshire, Friday 8 June – Sunday 10 June 2012

We don't seem to have visited Wiltshire before, although there are plenty of fern rich habitats. The trip will be based in or near Pewsey. We'll visit some woodland and a wet nature reserve on the Saturday. Pteridophytes include several different members of the *Dryopteris affinis* group and a fine selection of Equisetums, but don't let that put you off! Sunday will include visits to a couple of lovely, secluded National Trust Gardens at Great Chalfield Manor and The Courts. These have several cultivars and exotics, and a local rarity grows wild in one of them.

**Leader/Contact:** Nick Hards.

### Austria and Germany, Thursday 5 July – Saturday 14 July 2012

This tour of Austria and Bavaria is being lead by BPS member Rolf Thiemann who knows the area well and has lead two successful meetings of the Group for European Pteridologists in recent years. It will be a two centred affair. The first part of the tour will be in what Rolf describes as the most beautiful part of Germany, the Berchtesgaden, with a trip up on the cable car to look at montane ferns and a ferry trip across Lake Koenigsee to see *Woodsia glabella*. We will then take a half day drive on 10 July to Austria, ferning in the serpentine areas near Kraubath, the limestone ravines north of Graz, and a well known sheltered valley (Laßnitzklause) near Deutschlandsberg.

Numbers will be restricted to 15 and some places have gone to those who wrote in after last year's posting. We will send out the full programme as names come in. We are just awaiting confirmation of details of the final hotel. We anticipate flying into Salzburg Airport where we will car share to keep down costs and to prevent parking problems when we are in the field. Please e-mail/ write to Pat at first to obtain the fuller instructions which will include details of flights and booking hotels.

**Leader:** Rolf and Angelika Thiemann.

**Initial Contact:** Pat Acock, 13 Star Lane, St Mary Cray, Kent, BR5 3LJ; e-mail: [pat.acock@btinternet.com](mailto:pat.acock@btinternet.com).

### Southport Flower Show, Thursday 16 – Sunday 19 August 2012

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.

### Northumberland, Thursday 20 September – Sunday 23 September 2012

The plan is for a long weekend, meeting up on the Thursday night. We hope to visit

- Hareshaw Linn (which we visited on our last national trip to Northumberland, at Bellingham) to see *Asplenium trichomanes ssp. pachyrachis* and a lot of other ferns in the wood.
- the Northern Whin Sill at Cawfield (the northern scarp side of the whin at the Roman Wall), probably meeting at Cawfield (NY713665) where there is extensive parking and walk east to Thorny Doors (NY722669) which provides good access to the north side. This is rich locally, but the active could proceed eastwards for another two miles to Windshields. Species should include *Dryopteris oreades*, *D. carthusiana*, *D. affinis*, *D. borneri*, *D. cambrensis* and possibly *D. expansa*. We should also see *Huperzia*, *Cryptogramma crispa*, *Oreopteris limbosperma*, *Phegopteris connectilis*, and *Asplenium trichomanes ssp. trichomanes*.
- a recently discovered clubmoss site at Upper Allendale which has four clubmosses in quantity.

At least one of the days is likely to be held jointly with the Northumberland Natural History Society.

We will be based in Hexham, which is roughly in the middle of the three sites. For those who wish to do something else, there may be a garden visit. Also, Cawfield is one of the better preserved Roman forts on Hadrian's Wall, and Hexham is not without its charms.

**Leader:** Rob Cooke.

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## FORWARD PLANNER FOR 2013

### Hawaii 2013

We have been thinking of a fern meeting in Hawaii for a little over a year and had pencilled in January 2013. However after preliminary work by our leader, Tom Ranker, we are not sure whether or not the tour will go ahead as he is leaving Hawaii for a posting in Washington in December. Just as soon as Tom has settled in Washington at his new posting, he will be in a position to assess the situation. He is keen to go ahead with the tour but obviously moving back to the mainland and settling into a new posting must be his first priority. However, we will be taking names of those who are reasonably certain that they would like to avail themselves of this trip. It is envisaged that this will be a three island tour, Kauai, Maui, and Hawaii (aka 'The Big Island') and since the take up is likely to be high we think it best that those attending should be those interested in the ferns.

The cost of the trip is likely to be higher than other trips of a similar nature since Hawaii is an expensive place to visit and there are internal flights that will have to be booked. However, we usually spend most of the day in the field and will not necessarily book hotels in tourist areas or of a high star rating. Please send me a letter or an e-mail if you are reasonably certain you want to be considered. I will accession the replies in case we exceed the limited number of places and some will have to join a waiting list.

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### MEETINGS PROGRAMME REPLY FORM 2012

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.

Meeting	Comments	More Information State "SAE", or "e-mail" or leave blank
<b>AGM &amp; Spring Indoor Meeting, Natural History Museum, London, 14 April 2012</b>	Information to be sent out with the Bulletin mailing	
<b>Wiltshire, 8 - 10 June 2012</b>	Hard copy or e-mail documentation	
<b>Austria and Germany, 5 - 14 July 2012</b>	Hard copy or e-mail documentation	
<b>Southport Flower Show, 16 - 19 August 2012</b>	Hard copy or e-mail documentation	
<b>Northumberland, 20 - 23 September 2012</b>	Hard copy or e-mail documentation	
<b>Autumn Indoor Meeting, Natural History Museum, London, October or November 2012</b>	Hard copy or e-mail documentation	

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

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## MEETING ATTENDEE'S DECLARATIONS FOR 2012

**Important:** These are three annual declarations which must be signed before attending meetings.

If you do not have access to either/both of the two documents referred to, you will be sent copies and then asked to sign and return the declaration(s).

I wish to attend one or more field meeting(s) of the British Pteridological Society during 2012 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" which was published in the Bulletin, Volume 5, Number 5 (2000).

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Alternatively, please supply a copy of the BPS Safety Code

I have recently read and understood the "Code of Conduct for the Conservation and Enjoyment of Wild Plants" which was published in the Bulletin, Volume 5, Number 4 (1999) 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

We are required to exercise caution in including unaccompanied minors on field trips, so please sign below to confirm that you are currently over 16.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Alternatively, please state here your date of birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Please return completed form to Bryan Smith by 1 January 2012 at the latest, together with the appropriate number of SAEs. Please mark the SAE 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.

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