



THE BRITISH PTERIDOLOGICAL SOCIETY

AUTUMN MAILING 2017

Dear BPS Member

This year's Autumn Mailing is more compact than usual – as most of the useful information you need is on our website.

For those of you who receive this in the post, there are guidelines for where to go to for more information. We hope you understand why we are cutting down on paper – postage costs are now taking a big chunk of our income, we don't want to put up our subs again until really necessary.

I would be interested to hear your views on this – email me on one of the addresses given below.

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All best wishes for 2018 and 'Happy Ferning'!!



Gillian Smith
October 2017
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Member,

It seems like no time since my last letter following on from our 125th celebrations and I'm pleased to say that it has been another busy year packed with enjoyable events, excursions and show successes. We have also benefitted from television coverage of member's gardens, bringing ferns to a wider audience and for those of you who have just discovered the society, perhaps as a consequence of the above, a very big welcome. I hope that you will find much of interest in our publications and meetings and get to meet knowledgeable, like-minded souls.

Once again our excellent meetings programme delivered a varied array of trips, both home and away. I particularly enjoyed our visit to Northern Ireland, where local botanists and gardeners went the extra mile to show us such a fantastic array of their special plants and places and we got to see behind the scenes at Belfast Botanic Gardens through the kindness of their staff. More exciting trips are planned for the year ahead and I hope to see many of you on them.

Needless to say all of that doesn't happen without an awful lot of work by a largely unsung group of people and I am extremely grateful to all who contributed to the shows, events and field trips this year. We still operate with no paid staff and are very fortunate that so many people voluntarily give so much time to the society delivering its events, publications and resources.

Back in 2016 I felt I had inherited the presidential 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. Finding and keeping these new members, the future of the society, is an ongoing challenge but we continue to strive to do this and are always open to new suggestions.

I wish everyone, whatever their particular interests, a year of good growing, recording, collecting and ferny friendship.



Fred Rumsey

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MEETINGS PROGRAMME FOR 2018

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.

If you wish to find out more about a meeting and/or confirm that you will be attending, you can do so directly with the meeting organisers – either by email or using the National Meetings Programme Reply Form 2018 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.

We will be continuing to use the system introduced during 2016 whereby, at the start of each National and Regional meeting, participants will be asked to sign a form confirming that they agree to abide by the BPS Safety Code and the Code of Conduct for the Conservation and Enjoyment of Wild Plants. This also has the advantage of providing a record of the names of participants, for example, for Bulletin reports.

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 14 April 2018 at the Natural History Museum, London. 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 – NHM, London. In addition to the main AGM business, there will be several talks on the theme of “Garden design with ferns”, plant sales and our own fern photographic competition.	Bryan Smith	14 April 2018
Isle of Wight – a weekend meeting, to include Ventnor Botanic Garden where Tim Pyner found <i>Tmesipteris</i> . Exact dates to be confirmed.	Andrew Leonard	May, June or July 2018
Holland/Belgium – we are hoping to run a trip here this year. Please let Pat Acock know if you are interested.	Pat Acock	Late May or Early June 2018
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	16-17 June 2018
Cultivar Weekend, Fibrex, Pebworth – Fibrex Nursery are celebrating their 60th anniversary this weekend, and Julian Reed will be having a BPS stand there.	Julian Reed	16-17 June 2018

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Leicestershire – a relatively new area for us, and a chance to explore woods and gardens. Exact dates to be confirmed.	Paul Ripley	July 2018
BPS Display Weekend, RHS Wisley – following the successes of our previous displays in 2016 and 2017, we have again been invited by RHS to have a weekend-long display to promote BPS and ferns. Please contact Julian if you would like to help.	Julian Reed	11-12 August 2018
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	16-19 August 2018
Wensleydale – probably based in the Leyburn area, we will explore for ferns in Swaledale and Hackfall Wood.	Bruce Brown	8-9 September 2018
Autumn Indoor Meeting, World Museum, Liverpool – our theme for this year’s finale will be “ <i>Dryopteris</i> – UK and Foreign” with a number of talks being planned.	Nick Hards	17 November 2018

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: Temporary organisers: Peter Blake and Gill Smith
EastAnglia@eBPS.org.uk

Manchester & North Midlands: John Grue, Briarfield, Moss Lane, Broadbottom, Hyde, Cheshire, SK14 6BD. ManchesterNorthMidlands@eBPS.org.uk

Midlands: Matt Busby, 16 Kirby Corner Road, Canley, Coventry CV4 8GD.
Midlands@eBPS.org.uk

North Wales: David Hill, 54 Grosvenor Avenue, Rhyl, Denbighshire, LL18 4HB.
NorthWales@eBPS.org.uk

North West England: Robert Sykes, 1 Moss Howe, Crosthwaite, Kendal, Cumbria, LA8 8BW.
tel: 01539 568321 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: Dr Barry Wright, 130 Prince Rupert Drive, Tockwith, York, YO26 7PU.
Tel/Fax: 01423 358791 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

Meetings@eBPS.org.uk

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EXTRA DETAIL FOR MEETINGS PROGRAMME 2018

Isle of Wight, May, June or July 2018

Following Tim Pyner's discovery of *Tmesipteris* in Ventnor Botanic Garden, we felt a trip to the island to explore ferns would be worthwhile. BPS last had a trip there in 2006. This time, a weekend would again be spent under the direction of Colin Pope, the local vice-county recorder, with one day exploring native ferns, and another at the Botanic Garden and other sites in the Ventnor and Shanklin areas. Exact dates and programme have yet to be finalised, but please contact Andrew Leonard if you are interested.

Leader: Andrew Leonard. Contact: andrew-leonard@ntlworld.com

Holland/Belgium, Late-May or Early-June 2018

We are hoping to run a trip to see ferns in these countries, and colleagues there are keen to help. Please let Pat Acock know if you are interested.

Leader: Pat Acock. Contact: pat.acock@btinternet.com

Plant Societies Weekend, RHS Wisley, Saturday 16 – Sunday 17 June 2018

For a couple of years now, we have been supporting this weekend-long 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. Jude Lawton will be leading our display, but if you would like to be involved in helping, please contact Julian Reed in the first instance.

Leader: Jude Lawton. Contact: cultivargroup@ebps.org.uk

Cultivar Weekend, Fibrex Nursery, Pebworth, Saturday 16 – Sunday 17 June 2018

As many will know, Angela Tandy of Fibrex Nursery is a fantastic fern grower, and Julian Reed will be supporting the nursery's 60th anniversary weekend by having a BPS display. He would be very pleased to see you there to give your support. There may be the possibility of a visit to a local fern garden as well.

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

Leicestershire, July 2018

This will be a relatively new area for us to explore and hopefully put Leicestershire on the fern map! A weekend is planned visiting local woods and possibly a community garden and the new stumpery at Clumber Park. Exact dates have yet to be decided.

Leader: Paul Ripley. Contact: SouthEast@eBPS.org.uk

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BPS Display Weekend, RHS Wisley, Saturday 11 - Sunday 12 August 2018

Following the successes of our 125th Anniversary Display Weekend in the main glasshouse at Wisley in July 2016 and again in August 2017, we have been invited by RHS to repeat this. 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

Southport Flower Show, Thursday 17 - Sunday 20 August 2018

Once again, BPS will have a stand here 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 or enter ferns.

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

Wensleydale, Saturday 8 – Sunday 9 September 2018

Two contrasting days are planned: an exploration of Gunnerside Gill in Swaledale with its old lead mining connections and typical Dales limestone scenery; and on Day 2 a visit to Hackfall Wood near Masham, an ancient woodland site with tufa springs and a good location for *Polystichum x bicknellii* along with its parents and many other fern species.

Leader: Bruce Brown. Contact: brucenbrown3@gmail.com

Autumn Indoor Meeting, World Museum, Liverpool, Saturday November 2018

Our theme for this year's finale will be "*Dryopteris* – UK and Foreign" with a number of talks being planned. As usual, we will also have book and merchandise sales. The exact Saturday in November is to be confirmed.

Leader: Nick Hards. Contact: nickjhards@aol.com

FORWARD PLANNER FOR 2019

We have a couple of ideas for meetings in 2019 and these include, in the UK:

Oxfordshire/Herefordshire Gardens

South Devon

Llangollen/Chirk

Jersey

Cairngorms

and abroad:

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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Meetings Secretary

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Subscriptions for 2018

Our membership rates are unchanged for 2018. Our mailing houses send all none-UK items by airmail, as this is now cheaper for them than sending by surface mail. The surface mail option is therefore no longer available.

PLEASE NOTE - Payment is due on 1st January or 1st February 2018.

Payment methods:

- By **standing order** – if you already pay by standing order to our NatWest account, you don't need to do anything. A standing order form is enclosed for Members who wish to change to this method.
- By **PayPal** on the BPS website: hover over 'Membership' on the horizontal menu, click on 'PayPal', add the required membership to your 'cart', plus postage if outside the UK, then check out using PayPal. A small charge of 5% is made to cover PayPal costs.
- By **cheque** - please send the appropriate amount with this form to: **Dr Alison J Evans, Springfield House, Salterforth Road, Earby, Barnoldswick, Lancs., BB18 6NE, U.K.**
- **Direct payment** through your bank account using either BIC – NWBKGB2L or IBAN – GB06 NWBK 538116 82258813 Please email membership@ebps.org.uk with details when you have made the payment.

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Signed Date
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Part 2 *Please complete and return this section to:*

Dr A.J. Evans, Springfield House, Salterforth Road, Earby, Lancs. BB18 6NE.

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Imagine what a difference that could make, and it does not cost you a thing. So if you want your subscription to go further, Gift Aid it. Just complete this form and send it back to us. It's as simple as that!

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Spore Exchange 2018

In 2018 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 endeavour 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 2018 - 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 2018

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.

We believe this system has great potential, but seems to be underutilized. If you have spare ferns, please consider adding them to the list – it is easy to use and allows interesting ferns to be spread around the membership. 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.

We would welcome any feedback or suggestions on the exchange. Please contact us via the above address or send us a mail at PlantExchange@eBPS.org.uk

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Wills and Bequests

I have been asked to bring this matter to Members attention.

In the past, the Society has been very honoured to receive bequests of money, plants or books from Members or relatives of Members.

BOOKS

A bequest of fern books is very valuable to BPS members. It is very difficult now to find old fern books in antiquarian book shops or on the internet. A bequest of these books ensures that our Members hold on to and cherish old books for posterity and for future BPS members. The money raised in selling these books to Members is very helpful to our limited BPS funding.

PLANTS

A bequest of ferns also means that some rare plants are kept within the gardens/glasshouses of our Members. They can be propagated and spread more widely amongst Members ensuring the species/cultivars continue to thrive. This is one of the aims listed on our Charity objectives list.

MONEY

The benefits of this are more obvious. The larger part of our funding comes from subscriptions, so with a small membership in comparison to some of the bigger organisations, our funding is limited. A monetary bequest can postpone having to raise our subscription rates, making us more attractive to new members. Plus we, as existing Members have a bit more money in our pockets to buy MORE FERNS!!!

Please don't forget to complete a Gift Aid declaration if you decide to do this – the Society can then claim a bit extra from Inland Revenue!

None of us will live for ever, so please consider a bequest to our Society in your Will. What we do today can benefit our Members of the future!!

Gill Smith

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Problems with the Pteridologist

I have had a couple of reports of the Pteridologist 2017 coming apart. These have been replaced and I wonder if there are any more out there. If so, please contact me at alec.greening49@gmail.com. Thanks.

Alec Greening

Merchandise

We are not including a Merchandise listing with this mailing as the majority of our orders come via the Website. If you want to view the listing this is the link

<https://ebps.org.uk/merchandise-2/>

We have added a couple of new items this year – a lovely fern design scarf, screen printed on fine cotton and, more recently, the same design on a hard wearing cotton apron. If you are coming to the Autumn Indoor meeting in Cambridge, we will have some on sale there.

Gill and Bryan Smith

BPS Photographic Competition, 2018

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 BPS Fern calendar.

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There are three classes in the 2018 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 2018' and sent to:

**Bryan Smith
Rookwood,
1 Prospect
Road
Oulton
Broad,
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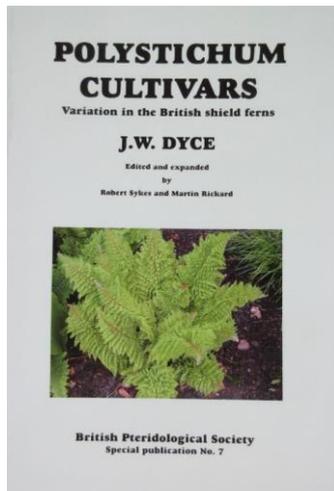


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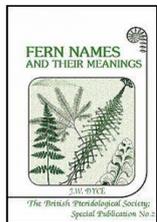
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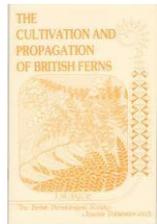


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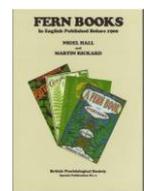


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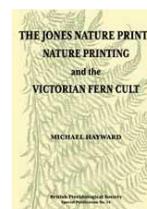
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