



THE BRITISH PTERIDOLOGICAL SOCIETY

AUTUMN MAILING 2018

Dear BPS Member

Welcome to the BPS Autumn Mailing 2018!

Once more we bring you the long awaited Meetings list for next year and a taster for what is to come in subsequent years. In particular, if you would like to join our visit to German gardens in 2019, see the flier in the mailing and respond quickly!

We have followed the guidance in the new General Data Protection Regulations and should be contacting you in the way you requested. If you want to update your preferences as to how we contact you, you can do this on our website by completing the GDPR form under 'Membership'. Thank you!

There are also a few pleas for help from Members, why not get a bit more involved and make your membership more rewarding?

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All best wishes for 2019 and 'Happy Ferning'!!



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October 2018
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Dear Member,

Another year has shot by and amazingly I find that the end of my Presidency begins to loom. In my experience this has been a challenging year climatically for fern growers; periods of cold in the spring and long dry spells with extreme heat and high light intensities during summer damaged many of my plants in ways I'd never before experienced. I hope others fared better. I'm pleased to say though that it has been another busy year packed with the usual enjoyable events, excursions, and show successes. As many of you will have seen in the recent *Pteridologist*, the society was invited to attend our Patron, Prince Charles' 70th birthday celebrations at Buckingham Palace; a great excuse for finery and smart hats, but lovely too to see the gardens and the ferns within them. It has been good to see us working more closely with the Royal Horticultural Society at Wisley as they redevelop their gardens and facilities and to attend other events in support of friends and supporters in the horticultural industry.

The Society continues to grow, inching ever closer to our largest ever membership and in this we are bucking many trends, as many natural history groups are seeing declining numbers in these times of austerity. To those of you who have joined, perhaps having just discovered the Society through shows or events, or maybe even as a consequence of our ever wider online and social media presence, a very big welcome!! I hope that you will find much of interest in our publications, online resources and meetings and get to meet knowledgeable, like-minded souls. I can warmly recommend our excellent events programme, both nationally and regionally, which delivers such a varied array of trips and meetings, with the chance to make new friends, see new plants and help us record our native flora too.

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 have contributed to the running of our Society and the delivery of all we do. 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. We are always looking for new people with fresh ideas and enthusiasm to help us.

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

Fred Rumsey



BPS INDOOR MEETING LIVERPOOL 17th November 2018

Venue : World Museum Liverpool

<http://www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/wml/>

William Brown Street, Liverpool L3 8EN

10.00 am Assemble in the Entomology library meeting room.

10.20 am Professor Mary Gibby “The allotetraploid species of *Dryopteris* and their hybrids”

11.00 am Felix Riedel “*Dryopteris carthusiana* and hybrids....”

11.15 am TEA/COFFEE break

11.30 am Dr Fred Rumsey “*Dryopteris cristata* and *D. submontana*”

12.15 pm Michael Hayward “Introducing the British Pteridological Society archive”.

12.30 pm Lunch plus time to look at the Society’s archives and the display of herbarium and archive material. Space to see the archive and herbarium is very limited so please confirm if you want to see it. There is a good café in the museum.

2.00 pm David Hill Illustrated talk on *Dryopteris*.

2.30 pm Angela Tandy “Cultivating *Dryopteris* species and varieties”.

3.30 pm Roger Golding “A brief word on *Dryopteris kerryensis* in England”

4.00 pm Closing words, thanks etc. Dr Alison Evans

6.30 pm Gather for a meal at Ask Italian Restaurant_

<https://www.askitalian.co.uk/restaurant/liverpool/>

– let Nick know if you’d like to join us. As we are likely to be a large party on a busy night it would help if we can pre-order – see the menu on their website and let Alison know your choice on acl.evans@btinternet.com

Also, please let Nick know if you intend to be in Liverpool on the Sunday and would like to visit a garden or take a trip to Ness Botanic Gardens, so that arrangements can be put in hand. The Southport Fernery will also be open on Sunday 18th, details at the Saturday meeting.

Please note that Nick will be in Liverpool from Friday late afternoon / early evening. While there he can be contacted on 07929 618850 but this number is NOT in regular use. He and Eleanor are staying at the Premier Inn, Albert Docks_

<https://www.premierinn.com/gb/en/hotels/england/merseyside/liverpool/liverpool-city-centre- albert-dock.html>

NB they seem to be very nearly full for the Saturday night.

British Pteridological Society

MEETINGS PROGRAMME FOR 2019

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 2019 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 13 April 2019. We hope this will be at RHS Harlow Carr, near Harrogate, but check this before booking travel etc. 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 – RHS Harlow Carr. In addition to the main AGM business, there will be several illustrated talks on the theme of “A Fern Travelogue - Meetings at Home and Abroad”, merchandise, book and plant sales and our own fern photographic competition.	Alison Evans	13 April 2019
Isle of Wight – a weekend meeting, to include ferns around the Island and at Ventnor Botanic Garden where Tim Pyner found <i>Tmesipteris</i> .	Colin Pope	18 - 19 May 2019
Plant Societies Weekend, RHS Wisley – BPS will again have a stand at this event, promoting BPS, along with other plant societies. Please contact Jude if you would like to help.	Jude Lawton	15 - 16 June 2018
Oxfordshire Gardens – a weekend meeting with visits to include Oxford Botanic Garden, Waterperry and members' gardens.	Julian Reed	6 - 7 July 2019
Scotland, Rarities and Specialities – a week-long meeting based around 2 or 3 centres ranging from the north-east coast to Arran in the west. Dates to be confirmed.	Roger Golding	Mid - July 2019
BPS Display Weekend, RHS Wisley – following the successes of displays in the previous 3 years, 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	3 - 4 August 2019

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 take part.	Michael Hayward	15 - 18 August 2019
Germany – a tour-de-force with 9 days of seeing ferns in gardens around German. Transport will be by coach and spaces will be limited. A separate flyer with details and costs is attached (note: deadline to apply to go is 15 December).	Sabine Nittritz	2 - 11 September 2019
Llangollen, Wales – a weekend meeting to include ferning around Chirk, Eglwyseg and Llangollen.	Paul Ripley	14 - 15 September 2019
Autumn Indoor Meeting, Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall, Worcestershire – our theme for this year’s finale will be Polypodiums with a number of talks in the village hall and a visit to Martin’s garden.	Martin Rickard	12 October 2019

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’). 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: Peter Blake, 14 Mill Hill Road, Norwich, NR2 3DP. 07710417715
EastAnglia@eBPS.org.uk

Manchester & North Midlands: (pro tem) Mike Canaway, 7 Horsforth Lane, Greenfield, Oldham, OL3 7HL. 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: Julian Reed, 19a Northdown Road Kemsing TN15 6SD.
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: 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.

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 2019

Isle of Wight, Saturday 18 – Sunday 19 May 2019

We had to cancel this meeting last year after Tim Pyner's untimely death, but following his discovery of *Tmesipteris* in Ventnor Botanic Garden, we still 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 days exploring ferns in Ventnor Botanic Garden and sites around the Ventnor and Shanklin areas.

Leader: Colin Pope. Contact: Paul Ripley at paul@ripleyconsulting.co.uk

Plant Societies Weekend, RHS Wisley, Saturday 15 – Sunday 16 June 2019

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. This year we particularly need tender ferns and selaginellas to display. If you would like to be involved in helping or loaning ferns, please contact Jude Lawton.

Leader: Jude Lawton. Contact: judelawton@btinternet.com

Oxfordshire Gardens, Saturday 6 – Sunday 7 July 2019

This will be a weekend meeting starting on the Saturday morning at NT Hidcote Manor (OK – it is in Gloucestershire!!), then Alastair and Margaret Urquart's garden in the afternoon. On Sunday, we will visit Oxford Botanic Garden and Waterperry Gardens.

Leader: Julian Reed. Contact: julianreed@waitrose.com

Scotland, Rarities and Specialities, Mid-July 2019

This will be a week-long meeting to see rare and special ferns in Scotland. Exact dates in Mid-July have yet to be decided, but it will be based around 2 or 3 centres from the north-east coast to Arran in the west. in Scottish. Please note that some of the sites will involve significant hill walking and scrambling, so a good level of fitness will be required. Numbers will be limited.

Leader: Roger Golding. Contact: rg@rogergolding.co.uk

BPS Display Weekend, RHS Wisley, Saturday 3 - Sunday 4 August 2019

Following the successes of our 125th Anniversary Display Weekend in the main glasshouse at Wisley in July 2016 and again in August 2017 and 2018, 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 Reed if you would like to help.

Leader: Julian Reed. Contact: julianreed@waitrose.com

Southport Flower Show, Thursday 15 - Sunday 18 August 2019

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

Germany, Monday 2 – Wednesday 11 September 2019

This will be an ambitious tour with 9 days of visiting fern growers' gardens around Germany. Participants will meet up in Hamburg on Monday 2 September before travelling on by coach the next day and returning to Hamburg on Wednesday 11 September. The itinerary and costs are attached as a separate flyer, and there is a deadline of 15 December to apply to go.

Leader: Sabine Nittritz. Contact: Julian Reed at julianreed@waitrose.com

Llangollen, Wales Saturday 14 - Sunday 15 September 2019

This will be a weekend meeting with proposed visits to Chirk Castle and nearby woods on the Saturday, and Eglwyseg and Llangollen on the Sunday. Apart from the 'usual' ferns, we anticipate seeing *Dryopteris submontana* and *Gymnocarpium robertianum*.

Our base is likely to be Llangollen, and Brian and Sue Dockerill will be co-leading.

Leader: Paul Ripley. Contact: paul@ripleyconsulting.co.uk

Autumn Indoor Meeting, Stoke Bliss & Kyre, Worcestershire, Saturday 12 October 2019

Our theme for this year's finale will be Polypodiums. There will be a number of talks starting around 11.00 in the local village hall (on the B4214 between Tenbury Wells and Bromyard). A cold buffet lunch will be available, so it is important to let Martin know you are coming. Afterwards there will be a visit to Martin's garden.

Leader: Martin Rickard. Contact: h.m.rickard@btinternet.com

FORWARD PLANNER FOR 2020

We have a several ideas for meetings in 2020 and these include, in the UK:

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Anglia
South Devon
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land Jersey**

and

abroad:

**Seattle,
USA
Mexico
France
Turkey**

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.

Bryan Smith
Meetings
Secretary

Meetings@eBPS.org

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**Bus Tour 3rd September – 11th September 2019 Visiting Fern
Gardens in Germany**

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen, Dear Fern Friends,

The German fern friends invite you to come to our following gardens:

Monday, 2.9. Arrival in Hamburg –
Overnight in Hamburg Best Western Hotel Böttcherhof

Tuesday 3.9. Garden of Sabine and Dietrich Nittritz, Eutin and Garden of
Berndt Peters, Süderbrarup

Overnight Ringhotel Waldschlösschen in Schleswig

Wednesday 4.9. Garden of Wolfram Gaßner in Sievershütten and Visiting the
Arboretum in Ellerhoop

Overnight in Nord West Hotel, Bad Zwischenahn

Thursday 5.9. Gardens of Ingo Carstensen in Stuhr and Harald Dannapfel in
Oldenburg

Overnight in Nord West Hotel, Bad Zwischenahn

Friday, 6.9. Garden of Rolf Thiemann in Altena and – may be – the Botanic
Garden in Bochum

Overnight in Hotel Pfeffermühle in Siegen

Saturday 7.9. Garden of Brigitte Moesch-de Haan in Erkelenz and
Arboretum Härle in Bonn with Michael Dreisvogt

Overnight in Hotel Pfeffermühle in Siegen

Sunday, 8.9. Garden of Klaus-Peter Valerius in Gießen and the Botanic Garden in Marburg

Overnight in Hotel Pfeffermühle in Siegen

Monday 9.9 Garden of Gerd Sieber in Flörsheim and Palmengarten in Frankfurt am Main

Overnight in Hotel Pfeffermühle in Siegen

Tuesday, 10.9. Visiting the Nursery Stauden-Junge in Hameln. Ingo Danielsen is responsible for the ferns. He will make a guided tour through the nursery with us.

Overnight in the Mercure Hotel in Hameln

Wednesday, 11.9. We will drive to Hamburg. If you want, we can make a harbour cruise looking the Elbphilharmonie, a spectacular building in Hamburg or we will go to Planten and Blomen, the old Botanic Garden Overnight

in H4Hotel in Hamburg-Bergedorf

Thursday 12.9. Flying back home. Please note the programme may change.

The tour will cost you € 1.173,00 per person in a doubleroom

Single room supplement € 290,00

Half board € 169,00

If there are only 20 participants it will cost € 1.295,00 p.p. + € 290,00 for a single room

The costs are for 10 overnightstays with breakfast in the above mentioned hotels, the bus with the driver and the tour guide + Citytax in Bad Zwischenahn: € 2,30 p.p. per night

The number of participants is limited to 26 people, because the gardens are not large enough. (plus Sabine and Berndt) If you are interested, please send a mail to Julian Reed julianreed@waitrose.com and farn.s.nittritz@gmx.de

If you want to book this tour, please make a prepayment of € 200,00 per person to my account:
DE 17 2139 2218 0000 0551 31 GENODEF1EUT

You may cancel the booking until 30. May 2019 without any costs. Of course, you will get back your money, if you cancel.

It would be very kind, if you tell me in which kind of rooms do you prefer to stay: Single or double-rooms.

Please make your booking until 15th of December 2018.

Thank you in advance. Sabine

British Pteridological Society Spore Exchange 2019

The 2019 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 endeavor 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 – donations are gratefully received 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 2019 - 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

Short Viability Spore Exchange 2019

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.

If you don't have 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 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. Thanks to the generosity of members, the current list has over 30 ferns from tiny Blechnums to large tree ferns, and so is well worth a look.

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 have experience of the Exchange and have any comments on improving its use we would welcome any feedback or suggestions. Please contact us via the above address or send us a mail at PlantExchange@eBPS.org.uk

American Fern Society and BPS membership

Members of the American Fern Society may already have been informed that the AFS committee have decided to withdraw the option of paying for BPS membership via their website from 2019. Payment can be made direct to the BPS using PayPal on our website www.ebps.org.uk, or by bank transfer to our NatWest account. Please see the subscription reminder or go to 'Renew your subscription' under 'Membership' on our website for details. BPS members who have previously paid their AFS subscription through the BPS will now need to pay via the AFS website.

Alison Evans, BPS Membership Secretary

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 still have some Calendars for 2019, displaying winning Photos from the annual Photo Competition, for sale! If you are coming to the Autumn Indoor meeting in Liverpool, we will have some on sale there, plus all of our other non-clothing Merchandise. If you would like us to bring any **clothing** for you to pick up at the Autumn Meeting, please email us ASAP with details of items - colour sizes etc.

Gill and Bryan Smith
merchandise@ebps.org.uk

The Pteridologist needs you!

Do you have an idea for an article for the 2019 Pteridologist?

What are always needed are horticultural based articles and interesting fillers that could be about 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? Any ferny projects that you are involved with?

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?

Please get in touch with the Editor **Alec Greening** on alec.greening49@gmail.com

Articles **must** be submitted by the **end of February 2019.**

The Jimmy Dyce Award

This annual award of £100 is made annually at the AGM to the author of the best paper, article, book or other substantial piece of work published in any of the three BPS journals, on the BPS website, or as a special publication. In previous years the nominations have been made by committee members, but this year we want to open the nomination process to all our members. So when you are reading articles in any of our journals or on our website, or our Special Publications, please keep in mind the possibility of nominating the work for the Jimmy Dyce award. Please send your suggestions to our General Secretary, David Hill, at the address below before the 31st December 2018. The committee will vote on the nominations in January, taking into account the number of times a piece of work has been nominated. Thank you!

Mr David Hill, BPS General Secretary 54
Grosvenor Avenue
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Denbighshire LL18
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secretary@eBPS.org.uk

Request for the Wisley BPS weekend 3 & 4 August 2019

The BPS is an Affiliated Member of the Royal Horticultural Society, and as such has been invited over the last few years to hold a Fern weekend at Wisley, to reach out to members of the public. This event has been very popular in the past, so we have been asked to 'grow it' some more! Fern plant sellers who are BPS members have been asked to bring along plants to sell and we would also like Members to help us by loaning us some large specimen plants for display. You would need to bring them to Wisley but you are very welcome to stay with them for the day or even both days! If you feel you could help in some way, please contact Julian Reed on this email address: julianreed@waitrose.com

Wanted for Meetings – Your Society Needs YOU!

Every year, the Meetings Sub-committee organises a programme of national and international fern meetings for your enjoyment. Invariably, these are either led by a member of the sub-committee, or someone they have co-opted, or someone who has volunteered to lead a meeting. But, it tends to be the same few people who do the leading, and we are struggling to find

- a) sites and places to visit, and, particularly
- b) people willing to organise and lead meetings.

So, this is a plea for your help. Please think seriously about whether you could help out. You wouldn't be going it alone, as you would be 'mentored' and helped (if you want it) by a member of the sub-committee - we always appoint an SCL (Sub-Committee Liaison) person.

Who knows, you might even want to join the Meeting Sub-committee (we have vacancies) and help deciding and setting up our annual meetings programme.

If you're interested or want further information, please do get in touch with me or one of the Sub-committee members.

Bryan Smith
Meetings Secretary
Meetings@eBPS.org.uk
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BPS Photographic Competition, 2019

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 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 2019 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 **must** be submitted in the form of a printed copy and a digital copy. The printed copy should be no larger than 7inch x 5 inch (18cm X 13 cm) and sent to the address below. The digital copy should be at high resolution in a standard file format, such as JPEG or TIFF, and sent by email to brysmith@onetel.com or on a CD, DVD or memory stick to the address below.

Prizes will be awarded for each class: first £30.00 and runner-up £10. In addition, the photographer with the highest total of votes in the competition will receive a prize of £10.00 (so, entry of photographs into all categories could be an advantage!).

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 2019' and sent to:

Bryan Smith
Rookwood, 1 Prospect Road
Oulton Broad, Lowestoft NR32
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Closing date for entries: 31st March 2019

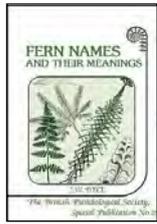
Judging: entries will be judged by members at the 2019 AGM; each member will be allowed to cast two votes in each class, one for 1st and one for runner-up. The votes will be totalled at the AGM and the winners announced.

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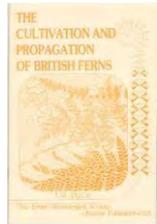


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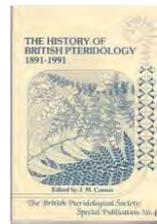
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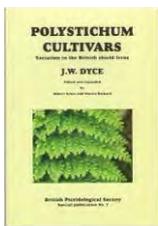
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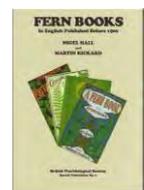
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