



The society for fern enthusiasts

## AUTUMN MAILING 2019

Dear BPS member,

We've got an exciting series of fern-related events, trips and meetings ahead in 2020 and we've included details of them in this mailing. One of the biggest shows we have lined up next year is the BBC Gardener's World Live at the NEC in Birmingham. We showcased our ferns here 10 years ago so we are way overdue a second opportunity to show lots of people how incredible ferns are.



Our spore exchange kicks off in the new year with Sue and Brian Dockerill taking orders from the 1<sup>st</sup> of January until the end of March. And the Plant Exchange is live too so get sharing! See details in the Spore Exchange section.

We'd love for you to share some of your fern-related experiences, photos and knowledge with other members and the wider public. Please get in touch if you'd like to feature on our social media pages, website and perhaps our magazine the 'Pteridologist'. Or come along to a meeting or show and say hello.

Very best wishes for your future ferny endeavours,

**Sophie Walwin**

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## BPS President's letter

Alison Evans



Dear Member

What an exciting time to be a fern enthusiast! I feel honoured to take up the presidency at a time when the Society is growing both in terms of members and activities, and ferns are becoming more prominent in media coverage and the horticultural world. The success of our Society is down to the work of our dedicated volunteers – we do not have any paid staff. I am delighted to welcome Sophie Walwin as Publicity and Communications Officer, and Ann Robbins as Membership Secretary. We are also looking to recruit a second publicity officer to help with news on our website – please contact Sophie if you think that you can help.

Thank you to everyone who has organised meetings this year, and especially to Bryan Smith, our Meetings Co-ordinator. We are always looking for new places to visit – please get in touch with either Bryan or your regional organiser if you have found a good site either for a garden visit or a field meeting. Our committee has discussed the possibility of having two organisers in each region, one to look after field meetings and one to concentrate on horticultural aspects. Contact your regional organiser if you are interested – our education committee can help with leaflets and other resources. I would particularly like to thank our journal editors, who put in a huge amount of work each year to produce our 'Pteridologist', Bulletin, and Fern Gazettes – all of them full of interesting and useful information. Look out for our new Special Publication, 'Polypodium Cultivars and Species' by Martin Rickard, which should be available on our website before Christmas – a 'must-have' reference for anyone interested in this fascinating group of plants.

Our work in recording and monitoring ferns is perhaps more important than ever now, as we are experiencing a changing climate and altered distributions of ferns. Watch out for reports of the monitoring projects in our journals, and please get in touch if you would like to be involved. I would also encourage you to contribute to our survey of fern hardiness if you are a fern grower, either using the form in the 'Pteridologist' or on our website – search 'Fern Hardiness'.

There are many ways that you can help the Society – attending meetings, writing for our journals, joining our committee, or taking on specific tasks as needed. Our AGM and Spring lecture day will be at the Natural History Museum on 18<sup>th</sup> April next year. It is a great opportunity for you to get to know people and catch up with what is going on, as well as making the most of our book sales and merchandise stall. I hope to see many of you there! If you have any queries or suggestions, please contact me on [president@ebps.org.uk](mailto:president@ebps.org.uk)

With all best wishes for the festive season and a ferny year ahead,

Alison Evans

October 2019

# Meetings Programme 2020

Bryan Smith

Meetings Secretary



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 by email using the contact details shown in the attached "EXTRA DETAIL" note, or on the BPS website under Events. 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.

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, and that they acknowledge the BPS Generic Risk Assessment for Field Meetings. 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 18 April 2020 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
<b>Annual General Meeting</b> – NHM, London. In addition to the main AGM business, there will be several illustrated talks on the theme of tropical and sub-tropical ferns, as well as merchandise and book sales and our own fern photographic competition.	Peter Blake	18 April 2020
<b>BBC Gardeners' World, NEC Birmingham</b> – this is a major gardening (and food) show, and BPS will have a stand to display and promote ferns and the Society. Please contact Gill or Bryan if you wish to help.	Gill and Bryan Smith	18 – 21 June 2020
<b>Plant Societies Weekend, RHS Wisley</b> – 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	20 - 21 June 2020

<b>Cumbria</b> – this will be a weekend meeting either in Eskdale or Borrowdale. Exact details will be available next year.	Robert Sykes	11 - 12 July 2020
<b>BPS Display Weekend, RHS Wisley</b> – following the continuing successes of displays in previous 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	18 - 19 July 2020
<b>Seattle, USA</b> – a chance to spend a week visiting botanical gardens, private gardens and native fern sites in the north-west of the USA. Early booking through Julian Reed is strongly advisable.	Sue Olsen	1 - 14 August 2020
<b>Southport Flower Show, Southport</b> – 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	20 - 23 August 2020
<b>Scotland, Rarities and Specialities</b> – this will be the second part to last-year's trip. Exact details will be available next year.	Roger Golding	29 August - 3 September 2020
<b>Fern Cultivars in the South-East</b> – a weekend meeting to see fern cultivars in Riverhill Himalayan Gardens and in members' gardens in South-east England.	Julian Reed	12 – 13 September 2020
<b>South Devon</b> – a weekend meeting to include ferning around Bovey Tracey. Exact details and dates will be available next year.	Martin Rickard	Late- September 2020
<b>Autumn Indoor Meeting, Staffordshire</b> – our theme for this year's finale will be restoring Victorian ferneries with a number of talks and possible site visits. Exact details and dates will be available next year.	Shaun Barton	October or November 2020

## 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 group meetings. For details of additional meetings in the following areas, please contact the regional organiser, or see their programmes on the BPS website. 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](mailto:Cornwall@eBPS.org.uk)

**East Anglia:** Peter Blake, 14 Mill Hill Road, Norwich, NR2 3DP. 07710417715  
[EastAnglia@eBPS.org.uk](mailto:EastAnglia@eBPS.org.uk)

**Manchester & North Midlands:** (pro tem) Mike Canaway,

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[NorthWales@eBPS.org.uk](mailto:NorthWales@eBPS.org.uk)

**North West England:** Robert Sykes, 1 Moss Howe, Crosthwaite, Kendal, Cumbria, LA8 8BW. Tel: 01539 568321 [NorthWest@eBPS.org.uk](mailto:NorthWest@eBPS.org.uk)

**Scotland:** Bridget Laue, 50 Liberton Brae, Edinburgh, EH16 6AF. [Scotland@eBPS.org.uk](mailto:Scotland@eBPS.org.uk)

**South East:** Julian Reed, 19a Northdown Road Kemsing TN15 6SD.

[SouthEast@eBPS.org.uk](mailto:SouthEast@eBPS.org.uk)

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

**Wessex:** Josephine Basil, 14 Royden Lane, Boldre, Hants. SO41 8PE. [Wessex@eBPS.org.uk](mailto:Wessex@eBPS.org.uk)

**Yorkshire:** Barry Wright, 130 Prince Rupert Drive, Tockwith, York, YO26 7PU.

Tel/Fax: 01423 358791 [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 or see the website for a list of meetings.

## FURTHER FERN EVENTS 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 run fern-specific courses for the public, and courses in 2020 are planned at Rhyd-y-creunu, Blencathra and Preston Montford. 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. Further details will be available on the FSC website.

### Other Courses

BPS members will be leading a 1-day fern course at Rouken Glen Park, south of Glasgow on 23 July 2020. Further details will be available on the Park's website.

15th to 17th July 2020, Pteridophyte Symposium 2020 - Ferns in Focus  
São Paulo, Brazil. <https://fernsinfocus2020.com>

25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> November 2019, 15.30-19.30. Fern identification course (free) at the Botany Unit Department of Biodiversity, Ecology and Evolution, 4th Floor, Annex Building (B) Faculty of Biology, University of Madrid (Universidad Complutense de Madrid).  
<https://www.ucm.es/helechos/curso-identificacion-1>

## 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, the Code of Conduct and the Generic Risk Assessment. 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 the codes and acknowledge the risk assessment. 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.

## DETAIL FOR MEETINGS

### **BBC Gardeners' World, NEC Birmingham, Thursday 18 – Sunday 21 June 2020**

This is a major gardening and food show with a large attendance throughout the week. We last had a BPS stand here in 2010, and have decided that this will be the venue for our display at a major show in 2020. If you would like to help out (and get free access to the show!) please contact Gill or Bryan.

**Leaders:** Gill and Bryan Smith. Contact: Gill at [education@ebps.org.uk](mailto:education@ebps.org.uk) or Bryan at [meetings@ebps.org.uk](mailto:meetings@ebps.org.uk)

### **Plant Societies Weekend, RHS Wisley, Saturday 20 – Sunday 21 June 2020**

For several 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. If you would like to be involved in helping or loaning ferns, please contact Jude.

**Leader:** Jude Lawton. Contact: [judelawton@btinternet.com](mailto:judelawton@btinternet.com)

### **Cumbria, Saturday 11 – Sunday 12 July 2020**

This will be a weekend meeting either in Eskdale or Borrowdale. Exact details will be available next year.

**Leader:** Robert Sykes. Contact: [NorthWest@eBPS.org.uk](mailto:NorthWest@eBPS.org.uk)

### **BPS Display Weekend, RHS Wisley, Saturday 18 - Sunday 19 July 2020**

We began these annual weekend events in the main glasshouse at Wisley during the BPS 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year, and have repeated them every year since – with growing success and popularity. To accommodate the rest of the BPS Meetings programme, the 2020 event will be in July, a little earlier in the year than previously. 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](mailto:julianreed@waitrose.com)

### **Seattle, USA, Saturday 1 – Thursday 13 August 2020**

This will be a major fern tour of the north-west USA, taking in botanical gardens, private gardens and native fern sites. Transport will be by coach and accommodation will have been booked in advance, so you will be required to make non-refundable payments in advance. Sue Olsen has planned a mouth-watering programme and further details can be obtained from Julian Reed as the liaison point. Early booking is very advisable.

**Leader:** Sue Olsen. Contact: Julian Reed at [julianreed@waitrose.com](mailto:julianreed@waitrose.com)

### **Southport Flower Show, Thursday 20 - Sunday 23 August 2020**

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](mailto:mhayward123@blueyonder.co.uk)

### **Scotland, Rarities and Specialities, Saturday 29 August – Thursday 3 September 2020**

This will be the second part to last year's meeting to see rare and special ferns in Scotland. Exact details will be available from Roger next year. 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](mailto:rg@rogergolding.co.uk)

### **Cultivars in the South-East, Saturday 12 – Sunday 13 September 2020**

The Cultivar Group will be organising a weekend meeting with visits to see fern cultivars in Riverhill Himalayan Gardens and in members' gardens in Kent and East Sussex. This co-incides with the RHS Wisley Flower Show (8 - 13 September) so you could add this to your itinerary!

**Leader:** Julian Reed. Contact: [julianreed@waitrose.com](mailto:julianreed@waitrose.com)

### **South Devon, Late-September 2020**

This will be a weekend, possibly based around Bovey Tracey, with possible visits to Buckfastleigh and Chudleigh Rocks. Exact details and dates will be available next year.

**Leader:** Martin Rickard. Contact: [h.m.rickard@btinternet.com](mailto:h.m.rickard@btinternet.com)

### **Autumn Indoor Meeting, Staffordshire, October or November 2020**

Our theme for this year's finale will be restoring Victorian ferneries with a number of talks from people with practical experience in this area. The meeting will be held on a Saturday, and it is possible that a visit to a local site will take place on the Sunday. Exact details and dates will be available next year. Shaun Barton is organising, but preliminary contact should be made through Roger Golding.

**Leader:** Shaun Barton. Contact: Roger at [rg@rogergolding.co.uk](mailto:rg@rogergolding.co.uk)

### **FORWARD PLANNER FOR 2021**

We have some ideas for meetings in 2021 and these include, in the UK:

**East Anglia**

and abroad:

**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.uk](mailto:Meetings@eBPS.org.uk)

# Spore Exchange 2020

Brian and Sue Dockerill



The 2020 Spore List will be available from the 1<sup>st</sup> January and the Spore Exchange will take orders from then until the 31<sup>st</sup> 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 the separate section for how this operates.

## **Accessing the Spore List**

You will be able view and/or download the list directly from the website from the 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:Spores@eBPS.org.uk)

Lists requested in this way will also be sent on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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. This is our preferred method for those able to do so. 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, the list is entirely dependent on our fantastic donors. Please consider joining their ranks - donations are gratefully received at any time. If you need any help or encouragement, 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](mailto:Spores@eBPS.org.uk).

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**BPS Spore Exchange Scheme 2020 - Request for the Spore List**

**Name**.....

**Address**.....

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**Please send to:- Brian and Sue Dockerill, 19, Westfield Road, Pontypridd, CF37 3AG, United Kingdom**

## Short Viability Spore Exchange 2020

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](mailto: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 primarily an on-line system accessed via the Members area of the website. A list of available ferns can be found from <http://ebps.org.uk/ferns/growing/the-plant-exchange-scheme/> and clicking on the 'Ferns available' link on the far right of the screen. If there is something you are interested in, you will need to follow the additional instructions on the main Plant Exchange page.

If you don't have access to the BPS website then please contact us, Brian and Sue Dockerill, at 19, Westfield Road, Pontypridd, 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

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](mailto:PlantExchange@eBPS.org.uk)

## Education Team Update

Gill Smith



This year, Society Promotional banners have been sent out to nearly all of the 11 BPS Regional Organisers – If you are asked to give a talk or join in with a local show or event, please contact your Regional Organiser to arrange to use the Pull-up Banner to advertise the Society. Also there are 8 different handouts or leaflets available to use at these events – contact Gill Smith on [education@ebps.org.uk](mailto:education@ebps.org.uk) to arrange for a supply to be sent to you.

The Education Sub-Committee are looking for clear, sharp photos to use on **NEW POSTERS** – subjects should include field meetings, ferns in gardens or photos at events. Please don't think that your photos will not be good enough – we are always amazed at the quality of photographs taken by our members! Again, please send to Gill Smith on [education@ebps.org.uk](mailto:education@ebps.org.uk).

## Merchandise

Gill and Bryan Smith

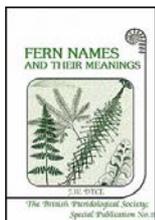
We still have a small supply of 2020 Calendars left – they make good Christmas presents and are highly decorative for hanging in your own home – order NOW! Use the website link below before stocks run out!

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



# BPS Special Publications

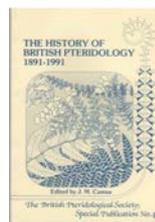
**This list is for current (October 2019) stock and supersedes all previous lists. For postage rates see order form.**



**SPECIAL PUBLICATION No. 2.** Fern Names and their Meanings. **2nd edition** of J.W. Dyce's book, extended and extensively revised by John Edgington (2016). Price £5, plus postage.



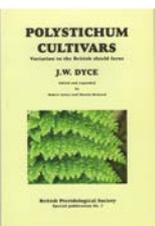
**SPECIAL PUBLICATION No. 3.** The Cultivation and Propagation of British Ferns, by J.W. Dyce (1991), 41 pages. Price £5, plus postage.



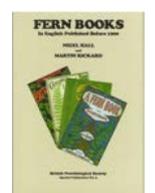
**SPECIAL PUBLICATION No. 4.** The History of British Pteridology, edited by J.M. Camus (1991), 127 pages. Price £4, plus postage.



**SPECIAL PUBLICATION No. 5.** (SALE ITEM!) - The British Pteridological Society, Abstracts and Reports, 1894-1905 (1991), 245 pages. Price £4, plus postage.



**SPECIAL PUBLICATION No. 7.** Polystichum Cultivars by J.W. Dyce, edited and expanded by Martin Rickard and Robert Sykes. Price £15, plus postage. **2nd Edition with Colour Plates (2017).**



**SPECIAL PUBLICATION No. 9.** Fern Books in English Published Before 1900. Nigel Hall and Martin Rickard (2006). Price £15, plus postage.



**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. 2008. Price £2.50, plus postage.



## **SPECIAL PUBLICATION No. 11.**

This CD contains volumes 1-9 of the British Fern Gazette along with a listing of British ferns by E.J. Lowe.

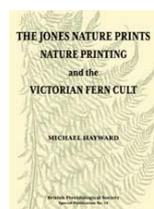
Dr Hayward has hand-edited the files to allow accurate searching with Adobe Reader, and the original photographic illustrations have been enhanced. I am sure that this will be an essential and very useful addition to all Fern Society members' collections. 2013. Price £15, plus postage.



## **SPECIAL PUBLICATION No. 12.**

**Who found our ferns?** by John Edgington (2013) tells the story of the discovery of Britain's pteridophytes from Saxon times to the present. The lives of those who noticed, collected

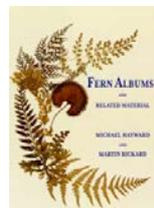
and described our ferns, horsetails, quillworts and clubmosses are interwoven with accounts of how, where and when they found them. Includes historical accounts supplemented by recent taxonomic research of 85 taxa that grow wild in Britain and Ireland, or have done so in the past, with details of almost all records before 1724, or later for subsequent discoveries. Price £15, plus postage.



## **SPECIAL PUBLICATION No. 14.**

Col. Jones produced 48 sets of Nature Prints of varieties of British ferns, issued 1876-1880, each with around 300 sheets. This study by Michael Hayward (2015) is based on the 12

surviving sets of prints and the large archive of prints held by the BPS. For the included CD, the text that accompanied the prints has been digitised and formatted as a searchable file, together with around 380 high resolution images of the prints and images of the original text sheets. Price £20, plus postage.



## **NEW! SPECIAL PUBLICATION**

**No. 15.** Fern Albums and Related Material covers the production of the albums of pressed ferns that became extremely popular in the second half of the nineteenth century, particularly

in Britain and New Zealand. This attractive book by Michael Hayward and Martin Rickard (2019), with over 400 illustrations, will appeal to fern lovers and anyone who has an interest in this period of Victorian history. Patrick Brownsey writes: *this book will undoubtedly become the standard reference point from which further research is launched.*

Price £25, plus postage.

New BPS Special Publication  
**Polypodium cultivars and species**  
by Martin Rickard

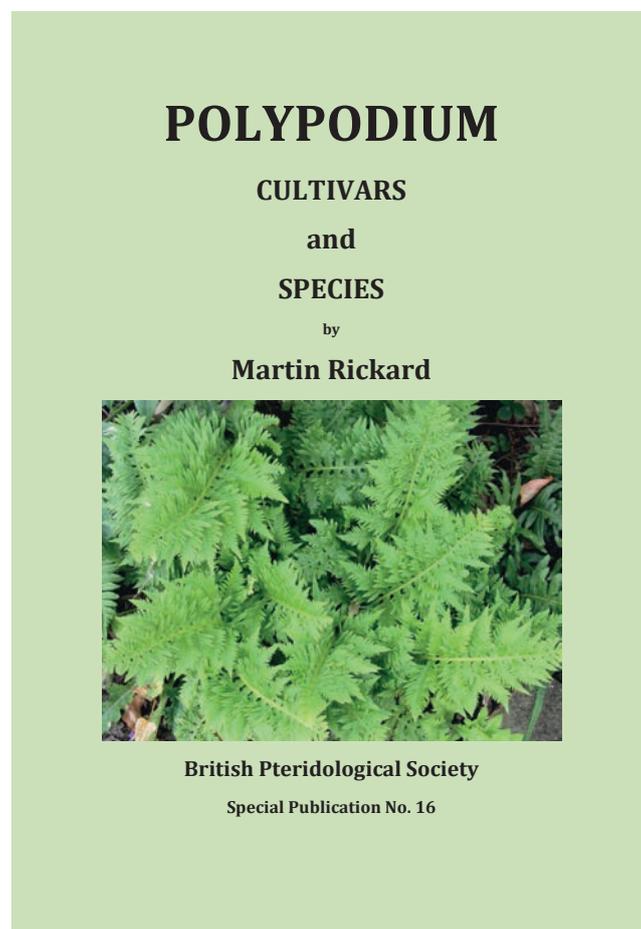


We are excited to announce the release of Martin Rickard's new book, a comprehensive study of the genus *Polypodium*. In his book, Martin gives well-written descriptions of each species and cultivar worldwide, illustrated with excellent photographs. A great addition to a burgeoning fern literature home library.

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# BPS Photographic Competition 2020

Bryan Smith



## 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 again three classes in the 2020 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](mailto: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 2020' and sent to:

**Bryan Smith**  
**Rookwood, 1 Prospect Road**  
**Oulton Broad, Lowestoft**  
**NR32 3PT**

Entries sent by post will only be returned to entrants if a suitable stamped addressed envelope is included.

**Closing date for entries:** 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020

**Judging:** entries will be judged by members at the 2020 AGM; each member will be allowed to cast two votes in each class, one for 1<sup>st</sup> and one for runner-up. The votes will be totalled at the AGM and the winners announced.

***Whilst all possible care will be taken of the photographs received, The Society cannot accept responsibility for the loss of, or damage to, entries sent through the post or subsequently handled by its members***

# The Pteridologist

Alec Greening

Editor



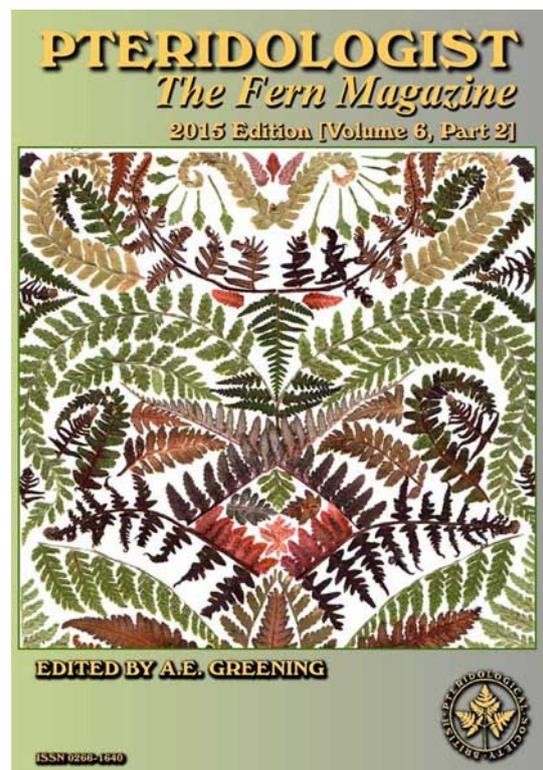
The *Pteridologist* always needs you!

Do you have an idea for an article for the 2020 *Pteridologist*? What we always need are horticultural based articles and interesting fillers that could be about anything 'ferny'.

Are you growing unusual ferns in your 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?

For help or advice please get in touch with the editor, Alec Greening, at [alec.greening49@gmail.com](mailto:alec.greening49@gmail.com). However your articles need to be sent to Chris Evans, the receiving editor, on [receiving@ebps.org.uk](mailto:receiving@ebps.org.uk)

Articles must be submitted by the end of February 2020.



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Ann Robbins

Membership Secretary



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**Payment is due on 1<sup>st</sup> January or 1<sup>st</sup> February 2020.**

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