

THE BRITISH PTERIDOLOGICAL SOCIETY
AGM & SPRING INDOOR MEETING – 30th April 2022
Edge Hill University, St Helens Road, Ormskirk, Lancashire,
L39 4QP



Getting there – Edge Hill University is located just south of the centre of Ormskirk on the A570. It may be reached by car as follows:

Leave M6 at junction 26 and join M58.

Leave M58 at junction 3, taking the A570 towards Southport and Ormskirk.

You should see signs for 'Edge Hill University' when you leave the motorway.

From junction 3 the journey is 2.8 miles and takes approximately 5 minutes.

The campus can also be reached from Preston or Liverpool via the A59.

If using an online route planner or sat nav, please note that the university postcode is L39 4QP.

Please check that the route provided arrives via the main entrance in St Helens Road.

Alternatively enter lat/long co-ordinates 53.558622, -2.875178.

It is a 20-minute walk from Ormskirk station, which is easily reached by train or metro from Liverpool or Preston.

The meeting will be held in the Tech Hub – number 14 in the map overleaf.

Registration – in order that badges etc. may be prepared, please register in advance if you wish to attend. Please do this via e-mail to President@eBPS.org.uk giving your name and address. This will enable us to notify you of any last minute changes.

Scanning Electron Microscopy – demonstrations of scanning electron microscopy will be available between 13:00 and 14:40, over the lunch break (and the AGM for those not attending this). Each session will last 20 minutes and will need to be booked in advance. Please e-mail Biology@edgehill.ac.uk if you would like to attend one of these, stating your preference for time slot. If you do not wish to attend the AGM, please book into the later sessions.

You are invited to bring along a pressed pinna of a fern to be scanned, placed in an envelope labelled with your name and e-mail address, and handed in at registration. Jasmine will attempt to scan them all, and then e-mail the image to you.

Lunch – Tea/coffee and a light lunch will be provided. However, if you wish you can bring your own lunch. You may eat this outside in the campus grounds if the weather permits, or in the venue if that seems more practical.

Merchandise – a selection of merchandise will be available, but if you are intending to buy clothing, please contact the organisers by 23rd April with details of the size you need.

Book sales – a selection of interesting and unusual fern books will be available for purchase.

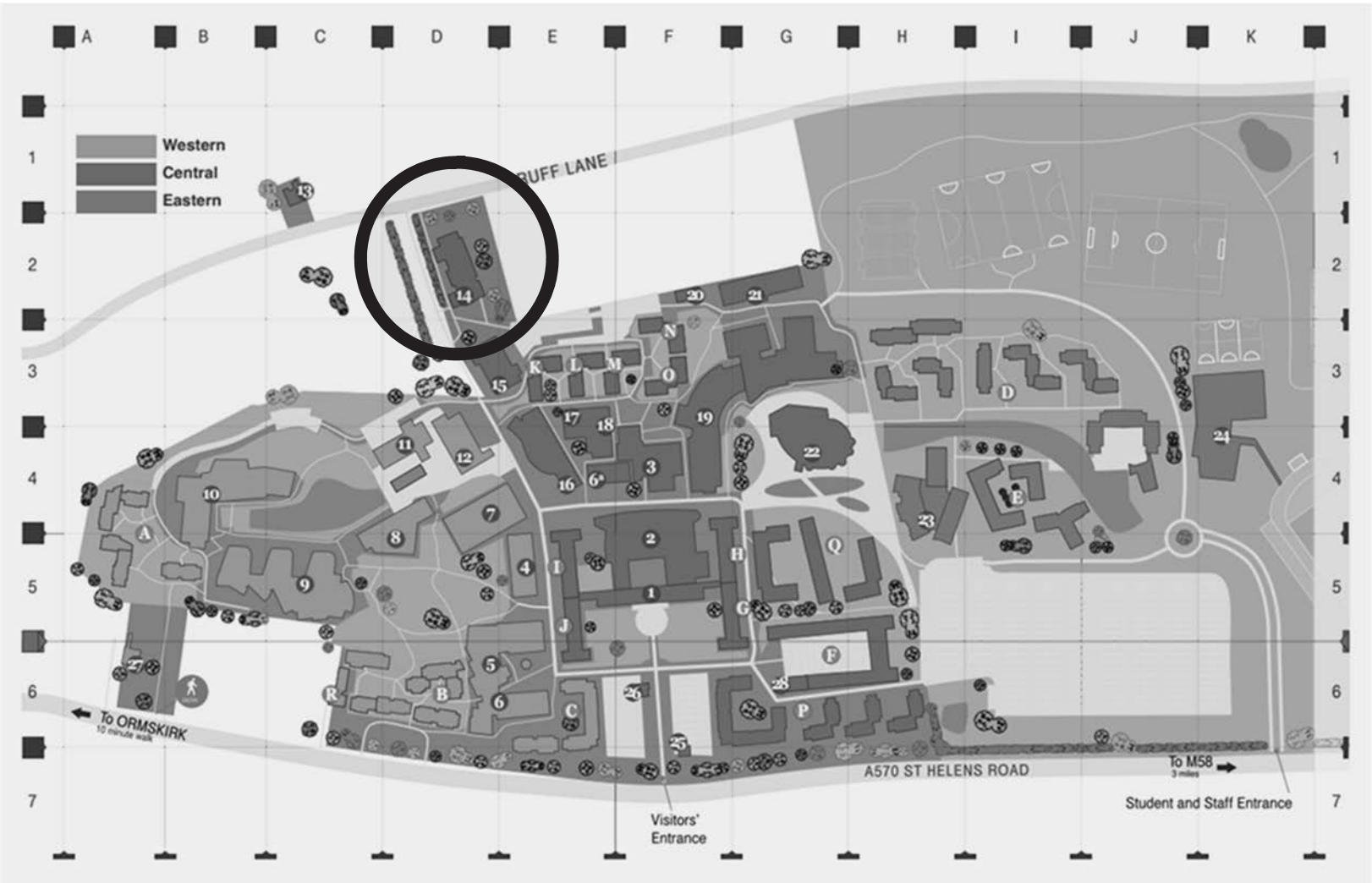
Photographic competition – the results of the online photographic competition will be announced. Please vote online via the BPS website by 28th April 2022.

Surplus spores from the Exchange – a range of spores left over from this year's exchange will be available free to members.

Posters – a set of information posters from BPS members and Edge Hill students will be on display.

Plant Sales – please bring along any spare plants for sale to other attendees.

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PROGRAMME – TAKING PTERIDOLOGY FORWARD

- 09:30 *Registration*
10:00 Welcome from Alison Evans and Paul Ashton
10:10 Sven Batke and Johan Reyes-Chavez The Honduran fern flora
10:50 Fred Rumsey Hybridisation in the British fern flora
11:30 *Coffee and Posters*
12:00 Matthew Bottomley *Cryptogramma crispa*
12:15 Isabelle Cantillon Enthusing the next generation
12:30 Mary Gibby Future fern research
12:45 *Lunch, Book Sales, Merchandise, Demonstrations of Scanning Electron Microscopy*
14:00 AGM
14:50 *Short Break*
15:00 Alison Evans Retiring President's address
15:20 Matthew Reeve Growing water ferns
15:50 Julian Reed What we don't know about cultivars
16:20 Rob Cooke Chairman's closing remarks
16:30 *Tea*
17:00 *Depart*

AGENDA FOR 119th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The latest copy of the BPS *Bulletin* (Vol. 9, No. 2, distributed with this notification) contains the minutes of the previous AGM, relevant to agenda item 2. It also contains the various reports for 2021, relevant to agenda items 4, 5 & 6. Please have your copy to hand.

Welcome by the President.

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of the 118th Annual General Meeting of the British Pteridological Society held by Zoom on Saturday 24th April 2021.
3. Matters arising.
4. Officers' Reports – Hon. Gen. Secretary and Treasurer.
5. Questions on other Officers' Reports – Membership Secretary, Meetings Secretary, Publications Secretary. Senior Editors (*Fern Gazette*, *Pteridologist*, *Bulletin*), Conservation Officer, Website Co-ordinator, Education Officer, Publicity & Communications Officer.
6. Questions on Committee Appointees' Reports – Recorder, Spore Exchange Organisers, Plant Exchange Organisers, Booksales Organiser, Back Numbers of Journals Organiser and Special Publications Sales, Merchandise Organisers, Archivist, Cultivar Registration Working Group.
7. Announcement of President; election of Vice President; election/re-election of Officers; election/re-election of Committee (see over page).
8. Appointment of Independent Examiner (see over page).
9. Awards: J.W. Dyce Prize.
Results of online photographic competition.
Presentation of Honorary Membership for Pat Acock, Alison Paul and Martin Rickard.
Presentation of Outstanding Contribution Award for Michael Hayward.
10. AOB.

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ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2022
(Dates in brackets are dates of original election)

It should be noted that all Officers and Committee members are simultaneously trustees of the British Pteridological Society

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

President. Elected for 3 years. Dr Alison J. Evans (4/2019, retiring). Mr Rob J. Cooke, after a year as President-Elect, will be the new President.

Vice-Presidents. Maximum of 6. Elected for 3 years, eligible for re-election thereafter. Dr Adrian F. Dyer (4/2008), Prof. John Edgington (4/2018), Mr Roger Golding (4/2012), Mr Robert W. Sykes (4/2012).

Dr Alison J. Evans is standing for election.

Officers. Elected for 1 year.

General Secretary	Mr David G. Hill	(4/2016)
Committee Secretary	Dr Sue Dockerill	(10/2020)
Treasurer	Dr Peter Blake	(4/2016)
Membership Secretary	Mrs Ann Robbins	(4/2019, retiring)
Meetings Secretary	Mr Bryan D. Smith	(4/2011)
Conservation Officer	Dr Heather S. McHaffie	(3/2005)
Conservation Officer	Dr Fred J. Rumsey	(3/2005)
Publications Secretary	Mr Martin H. Rickard	(4/2008)
Fern Gazette Editor	Prof. Mary Gibby	(1/2003)
Pteridologist Editor	Mr Alec E. Greening	(4/2010)
Bulletin Editor	Miss Alison M. Paul	(1990)
Website Co-ordinator	Dr Bridget E. Laue	(4/2014)
Publicity and Communications Officer	Position vacant	
Education Officer	Mrs Gillian J. Smith	(3/2016)

Mrs Ann Robbins is standing down as Membership Secretary. Mr Peter Madders has agreed to take over, subject to election.

Mr Laurence N. Sutton has agreed to take on the post of Publicity and Communications Officer, subject to election.

Elected Committee Members. Maximum of 10. Elected for 1 year, eligible for re-election up to a maximum of 5 years. The following Committee members are standing for re-election:

Dr Brian Dockerill (4/2018), Mr Julian P. Reed (4/2018).

Mr E.W. Jonny Lamb and Mr Matthew Reeve are standing for election to the Committee.

Ms Elise M. Knox-Thomas and Dr Barry Wright are retiring from the Committee after serving a 5-year term.

NOMINATIONS

There are vacancies for six Elected Committee Members. Nominations for these (and any other posts) are welcomed and should be sent to the Committee Secretary, Dr Sue Dockerill, (CommitteeSecretary@eBPS.org.uk), if possible 10 days before the AGM (i.e. by 20th April 2022).

APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Mr Barrie Buels is willing to continue as Independent Examiner.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

The non-electable committee appointments are as listed on the inner front cover of the *Bulletin*.