

**BRITISH PTERIDOLGICAL SOCIETY
EAST ANGLIA GROUP**

MEETINGS PROGRAMME 2009

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Dear Member

The 2009 East Anglia group programme is laid out below. I would encourage as many members to attend as possible and also to invite family and friends for what always is good day out.

If possible please let me know if you will be attending the meeting before the day.

If you have any queries or if I can be of any assistance do not hesitate to contact me.

Saturday 13th June 2009. Hampstead Heath, London – Joint Meeting with South East BPS group.

Leader: Howard Matthews

Meeting Place: Wildwood Road, London NW11 Grid Ref: TQ262872

Time 10.30 a.m.

Lunch: Picnic

20 species of ferns have been recorded from Hampstead Heath in recent years. Meet at the southern end (between Hampstead Way and Wildwood Rise) of Wildwood Road, London NW11. There is free roadside parking in the vicinity. Toilets are a 5 minutes walk away. If anyone wants to come by public transport, the nearest Tube station is Golders Green, a 15 minutes walk, so please contact the leader to arrange a lift from there. The Heath covers a surprisingly large area, so there will be a fair bit of walking on the day, and be aware that it can be rather wet underfoot. You will need to carry a packed lunch.

Saturday 27th June 2009. Broaks Wood, Gosfield, Essex and Willow Cottage, Cowlinge, Suffolk

Leader: Tim Pyner

Meeting place: Broaks Wood Car Park (Entrance from A1017 Hedingham Road)

Grid Ref: TL/784316

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Lunch: Picnic or pub

This is an ancient woodland with a mixed geology and habitats owned by the Forestry Commission. We should see a varied assortment of ferns.

In the afternoon Barrie Stevenson has kindly invited us to visit his wonderful cottage and garden. Barrie's garden and fern collection is superb and I encourage members to attend if at all possible.

Saturday 8th August 2009. Lound Lakes, Lound, nr Lowestoft, Suffolk

Leader: Bryan Smith

Meeting Place: The Barn Visitor Centre, Grid Ref: TG/513004

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Lunch: Picnic or pub

This is an Essex and Suffolk Water reservoir site. It is a County Wildlife Site and we expect to see a good range of ferns. We will be led by Holly Berwick, the site warden, and we have volunteered to provide her with a list of species and locations. Pillwort has been recorded here in the past so we will be keeping a lookout for suitable habitats. The site managers are considering a possible re-introduction project so hopefully we will be able to give some useful advice.

Saturday 10th October 2009. Autumn Indoor Meeting, Oulton Broad, Suffolk

Meeting place: Rookwood, 1 Prospect Road, Oulton Broad, Lowestoft NR32 3PT

Time: 12:30 p.m.

Gill and Bryan Smith are kindly hosting our Autumn meeting again. Please bring photos, ferns and any interesting ferny items. **Please note the early start.**

Saturday 30th January 2010- Winter Indoor Meeting, Thurlow, Suffolk

Meeting place: The Old House, Little Thurlow

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Mary Hilton has once again kindly agreed to host our mid-winter meeting.

Well known fern expert Fred Rumsey of the Natural History Museum will be giving an as yet untitled presentation.

Light refreshments will be served.