



MEETINGS PROGRAMME 2009

<p>Saturday 21st March (10.00 am)</p>	<p>Silverdale (Explorer Map OL4 1:25000) Meet in Warton Crag main quarry car park at 10 a.m. SD491724</p> <p>An opportunity to enjoy the evergreen ferns in the Silverdale limestone. This will include among other species a large colony of <i>Polypodium cambricum</i>, <i>Polystichum aculeatum</i>, <i>Polystichum setiferum</i> and several aspleniums. Hopefully we will be able to identify some of the polypodiums. We will be covering a distance of approximately five miles, a packed lunch will be required.</p> <p>(Packed lunch)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Leaders: Roy & Denise Copson</p>
<p>Saturday 23rd May (11.00 am)</p>	<p>Glasgow Botanic Gardens (G.R.)</p> <p>The Botanic Gardens is known internationally for its impressive glass houses and extensive tropical and temperate plant collections from around the world. The newly restored Kibble Palace greenhouse is full of exotic ferns, but the real gem of the place is their filmy fern house which is not normally open to the public. We hope to be through by 1 p.m. when either cafes etc. are available locally or a packed Lunch.</p> <p>Alistair & Jackie Wardlow have kindly invited us to Tea at 92 Drymen Road, Bearsden, Glasgow G61 2SY – it takes about half an hour to get there and some time to enjoy their ferns.</p> <p>It is essential that we have numbers well in advance for the Botanic Gardens and so that Jackie can prepare for the invasion! Car sharing to be encouraged.</p> <p>(Packed lunch) Leader: Frank McGavigan</p>
<p>Saturday 13th June 10.00 am</p>	<p>North Lakes Odyssey Grid reference: NY149346 (Explorer map OL4)</p> <p>Why not spend a few hours in the quiet countryside of N. Cumbria looking at ferns and horsetails? We will start with the flower-rich site of Blindcrake Gill with its colony of the intriguing Dutch Rush (<i>Equisetum hyemale</i>), a horsetail with stems so rough it was once used for scouring pans. Next we will move on to admire the stunning Giant Horsetail (<i>E. telmateia</i>) with its pure white stems up to 3ft high and the delicate Wood Horsetail (<i>E. sylvaticaceum</i>) with its drooping branches. Later we will walk through the spectacular gorge of the Howk with its limestone</p>

	<p>flora before finally having a good look at the uncommon hybrid fern <i>Polystichum x bicknellii</i>, growing with its parents at Thackthwaite Wath Bridge. This will be a day mixing driving with walking in order to take in a variety of sites so shared transport would be a good idea, particularly as parking spaces will be in short supply. Meet at Blindcrake, south of the A595 Carlisle-Cockermouth road, parking on the left-hand side of the minor road that runs due south from Blindcrake. NY149346.</p> <p>Packed lunch required and note time Leader: Mike Porter</p>
<p>Saturday 4th July 10.30 am</p>	<p>Tilberthwaite Valley Grid reference NY306010 Explorer Map OL7 1:25000</p> <p>Meet at Tilberthwaite Gill Car Park. Ample parking for many cars. A gentle stroll through the undulating stony lanes and footpaths of the Tilberthwaite Valley with optional skirmishes of short duration! We will be walking for just over 5 miles with a pub at the half way point! An area new to the BPS offering complex geology, stunning terrain with fantastic views, and an insight into the industrial past of the Lake District. Visiting old quarries and mine entrances we hope to find many typical ferns of the area with a chance of some rarities.</p> <p>Stout footwear is needed - packed lunch or pub - or both!</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Leader: Alec Greening</p>
<p>Saturday 5th September 10.30 am</p>	<p>Gaping Gill Grid ref: SD746692 Explorer Map OL2</p> <p>Meet Clapham village (just off the A65), polypodies and <i>Asp.ceterach</i>. We take the lakeside path (small toll to pay about 50p) with typical woodland ferns including some <i>D.affinis</i> variants identified by Ken Trewren. Then into the limestone for other species. Higher up, the gorge of Trow Gill is reached - <i>Polypodium cambricum</i> and <i>P.x font-queri</i>. Going up as far as Gaping Gill. The scenery is pretty spectacular.</p> <p>Packed lunch required</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Leader: Bruce Brown</p>
<p>Saturday 3rd October</p>	<p>Annual General Meeting at Holehird Gardens, Windermere</p> <p>The usual fare of frond stretching talks and stimulating company.</p> <p>There will be plant sales, displays and competitions for ferns in pots and for the best photographs.</p> <p>Further details will be sent out in September.</p>

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