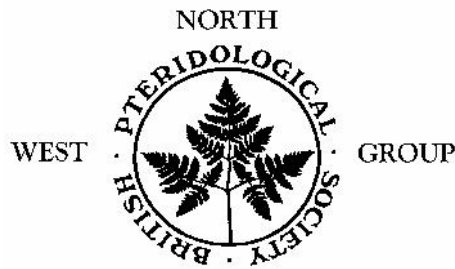


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Dear Members of the North West group,

I wrote last year that I was expecting my two *Dicksonia antarctica* might well be dead after the harsh frosts. Well they survived and did well last summer with 12 plus fronds on each. So I have done the same this winter. The two soggy mounds of nice oily fleece lie there in the rain and I wonder how things are underneath!

Once again I am so grateful for the generosity and enthusiasm of the leaders of our days this year. You will see that at present there is no event for May as I have no volunteer for it and no proposals. If you would like to organise one let me know and I will happily email folk with details and generate letters given notice.



*Dryopteris ?*

If you have yet to pay your subscription of £2 (such a bargain) cheques payable to **NW Fern Group**, for membership of the North West Group for this year, please send it off as soon as possible to Frances Haigh at the above address telling her who you are!

I will write again in September with details of the AGM. In the mean time think hard about taking on the role of secretary as I will be retiring then and it is unreasonable to expect those who do much of the leading and those who have done the job in the past to feel that they should do it. I have suggested it to one or two but I don't like arm twisting. We have a large membership but few who volunteer – it is not an onerous job.

So please complete the paperwork and return the bits to me and if appropriate money to Frances.

Yours retiringly

Peter Champion  
Hon. Secretary

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