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**BRITISH PTERIDOLOGICAL SOCIETY – SOUTH-EAST REGIONAL
GROUP.
MEETINGS PROGRAMME 2009**

Dear Member

The programme for the South-East group of the BPS is below. It includes a joint meeting with the East Anglia group and I've also included details of a National weekend meeting which will be based in our area. As always all members (and their friends) are invited, and we particularly welcome new members. Plenty of willing help with identification (possibly too much!) is always to hand.

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

Howard Matthews, who knows more about London's ferns than anyone will be leading this meeting. Hampstead Heath covers a big area and some traveling will be involved. If some come by car some car-sharing could save time and effort. More details nearer the event.
Meet 10.30a.m. at the southern end (between Hampstead Way and Wildwood Rise) of Wildwood Road, London NW11.

Friday July 3rd – Sunday July 5th 2009. National BPS meeting, based near Rye, East Sussex

Please come and represent the South-East region at this National meeting. It will be based near the historic and picturesque town of Rye, so plenty of opportunities for some sightseeing. We'll see some of the rarities of the Dungeness area, visit the famous Sissinghurst Castle gardens, set up by Vita Sackville-West and now managed by the National Trust and then cover the best sites in the High Weald (*Hymenophyllum*, *Dryopteris aemula* etc.)
Those staying near Rye for the weekend will meet on Friday evening at the centre hotel XXXXXXXX and you may like to join everyone. Thereafter meeting points will be on the detailed meeting programme, available from myself.

Saturday September 19th 2009. South Harting, West Sussex

Andrew Leonard is leading this meeting to a beautiful wooded area on and under the South Downs, an area we have not visited for some time. It's *Polystichum* country, and we hope to see *Polystichum x bicknellii* apart from a variety of woodland species, and ferns growing along the sunken lanes of this area.
Meet 11.00a.m. at the National Trust car park at Harting Down, Grid Ref. SU 791 181 (car park charge for non-members).

Saturday October 24th 2009

Ecclesbourne Glen, Hastings, East Sussex and end of season talks/presentations

We haven't been to Ecclesbourne Glen (or we may possibly go to Fairlight Glen) for some years. These fascinating ferny combs are a feature of the coast east of Hastings. The gametophyte of *Trichomanes speciosum* has been found here. Who knows - the sporophyte may appear as it has elsewhere. Karen and Steven Munyard have then kindly offered to host our end of season presentations and talks – and their garden is fascinating too.
Meet 10.30a.m. at XXXXXXXXXX.

Please indicate your interest in all these meetings on the attached form. Further details, including maps and directions will be sent about 2 weeks before each meeting.

We look forward to seeing you.

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Please E-mail or return the form to the address below. A s.a.e. would be appreciated if you require information to be sent by post.

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I am interested in the following meetings. Please send me details nearer the time.

Date and time	Details	Preferred method of notification (letter – please enclose s.a.e. – or E-mail)	I would like to attend (√)	I would like (to) help with transport (√)
Saturday 13th June; 10.30a.m. (Joint with East Anglia BPS group)	Hampstead Heath, London			
Saturday 4th July to Sunday 5th July BPS National Meeting	Rye, and other sites, East Sussex.	Use the centralized meetings system or this form for more details		
Saturday 19th September; 11.00a.m	South Harting area, West Sussex.			
Saturday 24th October; 10.30a.m.	Ecclesbourne Glen and Hastings, east Sussex			

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