



**BRITISH PTERIDOLOGICAL SOCIETY – SOUTH-EAST REGIONAL GROUP.
MEETINGS PROGRAMME 2011**

Dear Member

The programme for the South-East group of the BPS is below. It includes joint meetings with the East Anglia group (who are of course always welcome at any meeting!). I am hoping that this mailing is going out to all BPS members. If you would like to be included in the mailing list, please let me know, whether or not you live in the south-East.

As always all members (and their friends) are invited, and we particularly welcome new members.

Saturday February 26th 10-10.30a.m. Indoor joint meeting with the East Anglia group.

Leader Tim Pyner

Tim has been kind enough to host this meeting at his home, 182 Southchurch Boulevard, Southend-on-Sea, Essex, SS2 4UK

This meeting will consider some of the current issues/problems in pteridology. Topics will include:

The <i>Asplenium</i> triangle	(Pat Acock)
Division of the “ferns” into 37 families	(Pat Acock)
Holttum and beyond; current classification of the <i>Thelypteridaceae</i> (possibly)	(Tim Pyner)
<i>Dryopteris affinis</i> update	(Roger Golding)
<i>Equisetum</i> – brief update	(Pat Acock)

Of course there will be the opportunity to see Tim’s amazing garden.

Saturday 11th June 2011. 10.30 a.m. Noar Hill, and Selbourne, Hampshire

Leader: Andrew Leonard

Noar Hill (SSSI) is one of the Hampshire Wildlife Trust’s best reserves. Situated on the East Hampshire hangers, just south of Selbourne, Noar Hill is a 49 acre jewel in the landscape and an important wildlife refuge., famous for orchids and butterflies. However our main interest will be *Ophioglossum vulgatum*. After lunch in Selbourne we shall explore the “zig-zag path” cut by the famous naturalist Gilbert white and his brother John in 1752. There is a fine collection of *Polystichums* and potential hybrids. Time may permit exploration of the many sunken lanes in the vicinity.

Saturday 9th July 2011. 10.30 a.m. Joint meeting with the East Anglia Group: Ferns of central London. Leader: John Edgington

Members may remember John’s last guided tour of the ferns in urban London. You will be amazed at the number of common and uncommon native species and aliens which thrive in “the smoke”. Starting point to be decided – please make sure you are on the mailing list!

Saturday 17th Sept. 2011. 10.30a.m. Specialist meeting on fern varieties. Leader: Julian Reed

Mark Border, 118 Westfield Lane, St. Leonards-on-Sea, East Sussex, TN37 7NQ has kindly agreed to host a meeting at which fern varieties will be considered and discussed.

Saturday November 5th 2011. 10.30 a.m. Autumn meeting at Pat Acock’s house, 13 Star Lane, St Mary Cray, BR5 3LJ.

Pat has kindly agreed to host our popular end of season meeting, where in the afternoon, we will see some presentations of members’ ferning exploits over the year. In the morning we will visit one or two ferny sites in the vicinity. There will of course be the opportunity to see Pat’s extensive and beautiful collection of ferns (and of course horsetails).

You can either indicate your interest in all these meetings on the attached form and E-mail or send it to me, or just simply E-mail (Paul@ripleyconsulting.co.uk). Further details, including maps and directions will be sent about 2 weeks before each meeting.

We look forward to seeing you.

Pat Acock/Paul Ripley

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I am interested in the following meetings; please send more details. Details will be sent by E-mail unless specifically requested, nearer the time.

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Saturday 17th Sept. 10.30 a.m.	Fern varieties – Mark Border's house, 113 Westfield Lane, St. Leonards-on-Sea, E. Sussex TN37 7NQ		
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