



**Yorkshire Fern Group
Meetings Programme 2012**

<p>Saturday March 10th 10.30am</p>	<p>Bingley, Belbank</p> <p>Meeting place – park on Altar Lane, Bingley SE 103393 Food – packed lunch Footwear - boots</p> <p>Directions to Altar Lane from Bradford: take the A650 Bradford to Bingley road, don't take the Bingley bypass but continue on the B6265 and on the north side of Bingley take the B6429 Harden Road towards Harden, St. Ives – cross over the river and after about 100yds turn right on to Altar Lane (the 3rd turning on the right) and park on the edge of the lane. We will walk up the Harden Road only about a quarter of a mile. The site is just off the road – there are boulders and it is slippery so boots needed.</p> <p>This is the original site for the Killarney fern discovered in 1724 – extinct by 1785 – although gametophytes were found by Fred Rumsey and are still there. The last sporophytes were seen in 1785 until Jesse's find last year. There appear to be 3 plants with 2 or 3 fronds only about 50mm long. The plants were still there when Jesse checked them in November, although there were no further new fronds, just the immature fronds, which are not as dissected as mature fronds, but interesting as this is the original site.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Leader – Jesse Tregale</p>
<p>Saturday May 26th 10.30 am</p>	<p>Moonwort surveys</p> <p>Meeting Place - Bridge Inn Car Park, Grinton Near Reeth (SE (44) 046 984) or lat/lon 54.381521 -1.929198 (for Sat Navvers). Landranger 98 OL30</p> <p>Food - Pub grub (Bridge Inn) or pack-up Going - easy on roadsides but a bit hilly in places and exposed (warm clothes and waterproofs) Footwear - Anything comfy</p> <p>The plan is to do more of the detailed monitoring of the Moonwort and Adder's</p>

	<p>tongue colonies and concentrate on the quadrats in the afternoon.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Leader - Barry Wright</p>
<p>Saturday June 16th</p>	<p>Bio-blitz at Yorkshire Museum</p> <p>A joint venture with the Museum, OPAL, and YNU plus affiliated organisations. It is likely that we will do a guided fern walk in the morning, and have a display table in the afternoon. No details available yet, but if you are interested in taking part please contact Alison Evans, who will send you further information when it becomes available.</p>
<p>Sunday June 17th 10.30am</p>	<p>Swindale</p> <p>A joint meeting with the North West Group, details to follow.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Leader – Robert Sykes</p>
<p>Saturday July 14th 10.30am</p>	<p>Lincolnshire woodlands and Binbrook Nursery</p> <p>Meeting place: Osgodby Wood. Park on the verges beside the minor road to Osgodby village from the A46 north of Market Rasen, about half a mile west from the A46 towards the village at TF 094926. For those travelling a long distance, good clean public toilets and free parking are to be found in Market Rasen, two miles south of the meeting. Coming from the west, turn right opposite the market square.</p> <p>Food: Packed lunch at the Fern Nursery, where Neil will provide tea, coffee and snacks.</p> <p>Footwear: boots.</p> <p>Osgodby Wood has an interesting history being part old woodland, part pre-war plantation, and part post-1950 plantation. As well as a rich fern flora it has a fascinating ecology with the several different sections each showing a different grouping. How and why this should be so is quite illuminating and should form a major addition to the interest of the day, especially from an ecological point of view.</p> <p>From here we will go to have lunch at Neil’s nursery at Binbrook, TF 211941, where we will be able to look round the nursery and garden.</p> <p>In the afternoon we will visit the nature reserve at Linwood Warren, TF 134877. Going into Market Rasen on the A631 Willingham road take the first left, keep turning left and go past the back of the racecourse. The warren is in the wood on the right opposite the golf course – it has large wooden gates set back from the road. Here we may be joined by members of the Lincolnshire Trust, and we should find a couple more ferns not at Osgodby, plus clubmosses and lichens (reindeer moss) for which the site is well known as perhaps this plant’s most southern location. There may also be adders, badger setts, sheep, dragonflies,</p>

	<p>birds, heather, and all sorts of general wildlife interest.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Leader – Neil Timm</p>
<p>Saturday August 11th 10.30am</p>	<p>How Edge Scar, Upper Swaledale</p> <p>Meeting place: Ravenseat Farm, Upper Swaledale, NGR NY862033 Footwear: Boots. Waterproofs and warm clothing appropriate for an upland area. Food: packed lunch.</p> <p>An exploratory visit to an under-recorded area where there are reports of <i>Dryopteris oreades</i>, <i>Phegopteris connectilis</i> and <i>Gymnocarpium dryopteris</i> amongst other ferns. There is a well-defined footpath but to find the more interesting plants may necessitate some scrambling over steep ground. How Edge Scars is a series of scars and a gorge with relict woodland that will not have changed much since the Neolithic era according to local archaeologists. The trees include Aspen, Juniper, Hazel and Willows including <i>Salix caprea</i> ssp <i>sphacelata</i>, as well as enormous tufa formations.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Leader – Mike Canaway</p>
<p>September 20th – 23rd</p>	<p>Northumberland National BPS Meeting</p> <p>The following is taken from the BPS Autumn mailing. Please contact Rob Cooke directly if you wish to attend.</p> <p>The plan is for a long weekend, meeting up on the Thursday night. We hope to visit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hareshaw Linn (which we visited on our last national trip to Northumberland, at Bellingham) to see <i>Asplenium trichomanes</i> ssp. <i>pachyrachis</i> and a lot of other ferns in the wood. • the Northern Whin Sill at Cawfield (the northern scarp side of the whin at the Roman Wall), probably meeting at Cawfield (NY713665) where there is extensive parking and walk east to Thorny Doors (NY722669) which provides good access to the north side. This is rich locally, but the active could proceed eastwards for another two miles to Windshields. Species should include <i>Dryopteris oreades</i>, <i>D. carthusiana</i>, <i>D. affinis</i>, <i>D. borrieri</i>, <i>D. cambrensis</i> and possibly <i>D. expansa</i>. We should also see <i>Huperzia</i>, <i>Cryptogramma crispa</i>, <i>Oreopteris limbosperma</i>, <i>Phegopteris connectilis</i>, and <i>Asplenium trichomanes</i> ssp. <i>trichomanes</i>. • a recently discovered clubmoss site at Upper Allendale which has four clubmosses in quantity. <p>At least one of the days is likely to be held jointly with the Northumberland Natural History Society. We will be based in Hexham, which is roughly in the middle of the three sites. For those who wish to do something else, there may be a garden visit. Also, Cawfield is one of the better preserved Roman forts on Hadrian's Wall, and Hexham is not without its charms.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Leader – Rob Cooke</p>

<p>Saturday 13th October from 10.00am</p> <p>AGM 2.00pm</p>	<p>Annual General Meeting</p> <p>10.00 Classroom open to set up plant sales, and discuss topics of interest over a cup of coffee.</p> <p>10.30 Activity to be arranged</p> <p>12.30 Lunch, Harrogate Arms.</p> <p>14.00 AGM</p> <p>15.30 Tea, members' slides, plant sales</p> <p>AGM meeting place – Learning Centre at the RHS Gardens, Harlow Carr, Harrogate.</p>
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General notes about meetings

Meetings are open to all members and their guests. We ask that all attending meetings sign the declaration regarding safety and conduct at meetings. Copies of the articles will be available at meetings. Members and guests should not be put in danger, but are expected to be responsible for their own safety and to respect the countryside.

All meetings will go ahead despite inclement weather, so please dress appropriately. Some of the walking can be strenuous. Please bring any drinks and snacks you require with you. If possible please let the meeting leader know a few days in advance if you will attend so that they know to wait for you if you are a little late. If you do miss us, try my mobile 0770 333 7861, or try phoning 01282 843070, or leave a message on the same number.

Plants can be taken to any meeting to be sold to other members on the usual 50-50 basis of half the sale price going to the grower and half to group finances.

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Annual membership fee £2.00 per address.

Payable at the AGM to the Secretary/Treasurer (please make cheques payable to the 'Yorkshire Fern Group'). New members are always welcome, so 'spread the word' and get them to contact Bruce Brown.

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