THE BRITISH PTERIDOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The Society was founded in the Lake District in 1891 and soon became the focal point for fern enthusiasts throughout the British Isles. Today it continues to provide a wide range of information about ferns, through its website and forum and by publishing regular journals, leaflets and books, and organising formal talks, informal discussions and outdoor meetings. The international membership includes those interested in gardening, natural history and botany, both amateur and professional. It is a friendly society run on a voluntary basis.

The OBJECTS of the Society are to promote all aspects of pteridology by encouraging the appreciation, conservation, cultivation and scientific study of ferns, horsetails, clubmosses and quillworts through publications, meetings, the provision of grants and other appropriate means.

The Society is affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society and Plant Heritage (NCCPG), and supports recording and conservation activities with other botanical societies.

Website: www.eBPS.org.uk
Forum: www.fernforum.net/bb

Patron: HRH The Prince of Wales

Registered Charity No. 1092399

HOW TO JOIN

SUBSCRIPTION RATES

Full Personal Members	£25
Optional Members (not receiving the *Fern Gazette*)	£21
Student Members (full-time students)	£12.50
Family Members (spouse/partner; do not receive separate mailings)	£2.50
Subscribers (universities, libraries & other institutions, including agents acting on their behalf & trade agents)	£42

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Full members, students, and subscribers – Europe £10, Rest of World - £12 airmail, £6 surface mail.

Optional members – Europe £6, Rest of World - £8 airmail, £4 surface mail.

Subscriptions are due on 1st January annually in advance. New members may join at any time of year. If joining after 1st November, subscriptions will last until 31st December of the following year.
Cheques should be made payable to 'The British Pteridological Society'. **Standing order** forms are available from the address below or via the BPS website. Credit card payments can only be made through **PayPal,** for which you will need an e-mail address. Add 5% to cover PayPal costs. Other methods of payment for overseas members are an **International Girobank Order in Sterling**, or **directly through bank** accounts using either BIC – NWBKGB2L or IBAN – GB06 NWBK 538116 82258813. If you are not able to pay in Sterling, please add £5 to cover our bank costs.

Applications for membership should be sent with payment to:

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Membership Secretary,
The British Pteridological Society,
Springfield House, Salterforth Road, Earby,
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*I/We wish to join the British Pteridological Society as a *Full / Optional / Student / Family member / Subscriber and enclose £..... in payment of my subscription (+ airmail *yes/no) for the year ending 31st December 20.....

Payment method: *Cheque / Standing order - form enclosed / PayPal - please send me a PayPal invoice (ensure e-mail address is given below and that 5% is added to total payment) / International Girobank Order in Sterling / direct bank transfer.

Surname ..... First name & Initials .....

Title (Dr/Miss/Mr/Mrs etc.).....

Family Member: Title ..... First name & Initials ..... Surname .....

Address .....

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Tel. No. (home/work) ** .....

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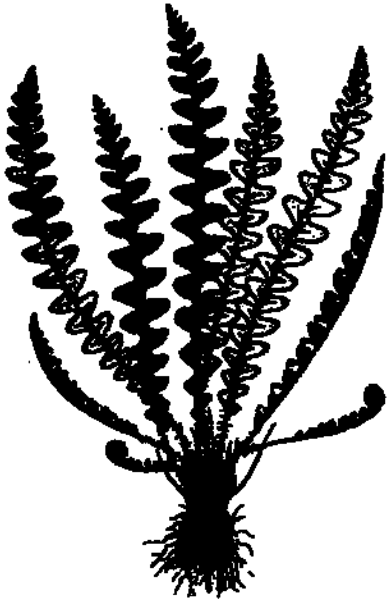

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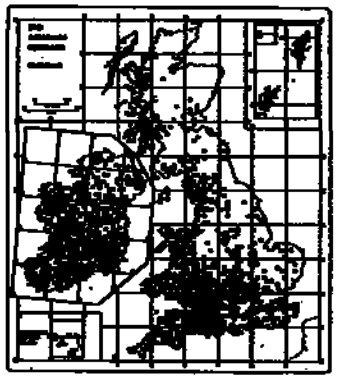

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Cultivation

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

PUBLICATIONS

All members receive the **PTERIDOLOGIST**, which contains a wide range of articles of interest both to growers of ferns and their varieties and to other fern enthusiasts, and the **BULLETIN**, which reports the Society's activities.

The **FERN GAZETTE** contains scientific articles on many aspects of ferns, horsetails, clubmosses and quillworts worldwide. Members not wishing to receive the *Fern Gazette* pay a reduced subscription.

MEETINGS

During the winter **INDOOR MEETINGS** are held, with talks, exhibits and informal discussions. In the summer there are **GARDEN VISITS** and **FIELD MEETINGS** (day, weekend and week) in fern-rich parts of the country and overseas, to see, record and study ferns in the field and to enable those with little or no previous experience to become more familiar with species in their natural habitats. Academic meetings are held from time to time, including international symposia.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

A **SPORE EXCHANGE** receives a worldwide selection of fern spores from various sources and distributes them to members.

A **PLANT EXCHANGE SCHEME** offers the opportunity to obtain species and varieties of hardy and greenhouse ferns that are not readily available from commercial nurseries and enables good homes to be found for surplus plants.

A **BOOKSALES SERVICE** gives members the opportunity to acquire old fern books not easily obtainable through normal sources, as well as new books hot off the press!

REGIONAL GROUPS give opportunities for meeting with other fern enthusiasts in your own area.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS provide opportunities for members with similar interests to share ideas and experiences.

The **BPS FERN FORUM** enables experts and enthusiasts around the world to exchange information on all aspects of ferns.

The **BPS ON-LINE NEWSLETTER** ***Fern World*** is published several times a year.

A **READING CIRCLE** passes the *American Fern Journal* among interested members.

A variety of **MERCHANDISE** is available to members, including polo shirts, sweatshirts, fleeces, ties, mugs, bags, notepaper and greetings cards.

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