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Bedfordshire & Northamptonshire Butterfly Conservation

Welcome to this edition of newsletter. What a difference a few weeks make with our weather. Many of our Spring butterflies are now on the wing and some very early sightings for several species. The AGM is just around the corner and takes place this year at the Forest Centre at Marston Vale in Bedfordshire. Details can be found on page 14. Please come along and support our branch and don't forget your pictures for the photographic competition!

The Wood White project is now in its second of a three year term and having seen first-hand the work that Sharon Hearle is achieving on this project, I can say that we are in very capable hands. The latest news on the work being carried out can be found on page 12.

Thanks for everyone that has helped out on our winter work-parties over the past few months. Most of the work targeted was achieved despite the awful weather we experienced over the winter. Let's hope the butterflies appreciate all our efforts! Finally, Ian Kimsey is standing down as our Treasurer after 10 years of service. I would like to thank Ian for all his hard work in this important role. I would also like to welcome David Sowerby who takes over from him.

Andy



Thanks to Caron Tustin for sharing her hidden talent with us. She said "Over this dank, wet winter (although I know we have been very lucky here) I have made up for missing the butterflies by cross-stitching my own. I enjoyed sewing them."



Situated at the south-west corner of Barnack village, west of Peterborough, Barnack Hills & Holes represents almost half of the remaining limestone grassland in Cambridgeshire. Over 300 kinds of wild plant have been found here, including eight species of orchids. It is a fantastic place to see Chalkhill Blues as well as Green Hairstreaks, Marbled Whites and day-flying moths.

There are three car parks and dogs are welcome on leads – our Jack Russell loved it there. The site is

Open Access Land and a public footpath crosses the southern boundary of the Reserve and is always open. The hilly nature of the site means that it is **not suitable** for wheelchair access. There are no facilities available on site, but there is a pub and a post office shop in the village.

When we visited it was right at the end of the usual flight season for Chalkhill Blues (early July to end August) but we were treated to many butterflies on the wing, egg-laying, feeding on dog dung and nectaring. The Chalkhills ranged from pristine to those that had obviously had a very hard life indeed!

We were also lucky enough to see Brown Argus, various Whites, Common Blues and an abundance of six-spot burnet moths.

Below: The highlight was this quite small Chalkhill that seemed to enjoy taking up salts from my hand – it was a very hot day after all!



Male Chalkhill Blue



Brown Argus



My Wife Sally likes to have a late holiday in the sun before the Winter sets in properly, so we often book a half term break somewhere it is likely to be much warmer than in the UK. Often it is Ibiza or Majorca, but this time a request came to try Croatia. It had been receiving good reviews from travellers, particularly the area around Cavtat (pronounced savtat) which is near Dubrovnik. We duly organised a trip through the Internet to travel at the end of October, and as I often do, looked up what kind of wildlife we may encounter there. I do this for birds, but this time my main interest was in the butterflies. Of course it was very late in the season, but the weather had been good and luckily was to hold up warm and sunny all the time we were there. The temperatures were in the high seventies daily with blue skies. Much of our time was taken up entertaining and hopefully educating our fourteen-year-old son Matthew. This is a truly beautiful country with a spectacular coastline. Dubrovnik City with its fortified walls truly deserves its UNESCO designation. However there were still a few opportunities to seek out likely spots to find any late season butterflies.

First we took a walk around the small peninsula where Hotel Croatia is located. We followed a winding path through wooded slopes, which drop steeply down to the sea. Soon noise above our heads alerted us to the presence of Black Squirrels. They seemed quite tame, and entertained us with their agility and cheeky antics. Where the sun broke through I was please to find a basking Wall in fairly good condition. We found this butterfly quite regularly in this locality. Also we found the first of many Speckled Woods, another more common butterfly. As we came directly below the hotel, the trees gave way to low scrub. The vegetation broke up the otherwise bare rocks on the slope, and this had been planted in some places by the hotel to make a garden. Straight away we found butterflies here. First a Clouded Yellow flew past, followed by a Swallowtail. There were many Clouded Yellows to be found in the area. They were very active in the warm sunshine, and with patience often approachable for photos when feeding. There were still quite a lot of

plants in flower for the time of year. The local people we spoke to said it was exceptional to have such fine weather so late in the season, virtually in November. At this point a small butterfly sorely tormented me, I thought was a member of the Blue family. (Choosing words carefully here.)

It was in the cultivated area, moving rapidly from flower to flower and stopped only briefly. I didn't recognise it at all, but being used to making mental field notes of sighted birds, built a picture in my mind of blue / brown wings in flight, and at rest a turquoise underwing with uniform reddish brown spots. There were two black spots at the bottom end of the lower hindwing, and the butterfly was about the same size as a Common Blue My Wife was quick enough to get a couple of shots of a resting specimen with wings closed. On a later trip I managed to get a shot of a resting specimen with wings open. Both of these were needed for eventual identification.

I looked carefully at all images on the LCD screens of the cameras, and when we returned home pored over my books and Internet images.

Completely stumped due to my lack of experience, it was only when the images were clearly displayed on our home computer that I was able to confidently identify these lively little gems as Long Tailed Blues, close inspection revealing the tails.



*Long Tailed Blue*

The second opportunity to seek out local wildlife came a few days later, when we decided to walk to the nearby village of Cilipi along the hillside footpath. At the beginning we passed a piece of waste ground, which had been colonised by (I think) Ragwort,

though I stand to be corrected on that. The significant thing was that the Clouded Yellows loved it.



*Clouded Yellow*

The walking was quite difficult underfoot with large stones making the surface quite uneven. We were also aware of the danger of basking snakes. There are two venomous types locally found so we were being very careful. The path ascended quite steeply in places, and we were soon puffing in the heat. However the insects were very active, and while Jungle Formula kept the flies away we saw a very large praying mantis jump from the maquis scrub on to the path ahead of us. He seemed to be indifferent to our interest and slowly wandered off into the undergrowth. Shortly afterwards we were aware of a large plain, mid brown coloured snake rapidly disappearing into the bushes. We have no idea yet what it was, but it was not patterned like the venomous types. As we approached the summit there was quite a lot of butterfly activity. In the heat of the day they were very active and it was difficult to follow them in flight, never mind identify them. I was pleased to find a Brown Argus in nice condition, and after great persistence decided that a small plain brown butterfly, which had been darting about was in fact a Skipper, as it rested in characteristic Skipper pose. I tried to get a decent photo to give me a chance to identify it later, but despite many efforts only managed to get one in focus. It took much searching through books and Internet when we got back home, to finally identify the butterfly as a Mediterranean Skipper.



*Mediterranean Skipper*

As we came to the summit, a very large butterfly took off from a bush and did its best to imitate one of those planes on nylon line that whizz around toyshops at Christmas. Quite a sight as he saw a rival off his territory. I had not seen anything like it outside of a tropical house at the zoo.

Fortunately, it came down quickly to a favourite perch and was approachable with care. The photos taken allowed us to later identify him as a Two Tailed Pasha, or Foxy Emperor.



*Two Tailed Pasha*

We had a great time in Croatia. A welcome break in a warm place before Winter, and a fine place to enjoy all kinds of wildlife. While the birds were surprisingly scarce, we were glad to find Firecrest and Black Redstart. We would love to go back there sometime, and can recommend it to any one interested in butterflies. I imagine it will be quite spectacular at the height of the flight season.

After one of the most dreadfully wet Decembers' and Januarys' that I can remember, February 2014 turned out just as soggy. My dear late father George, a life time Hertfordshire country-man, used to say "its fill-dyke February" at just such times.

In recent years the Sharpenhoe Clappers work-party has been twice blighted and postponed due to adverse weather conditions; so, despite the twice weekly storms & deluges of the 2013/4 winter, I was desperately keen to get the event on as planned.

After two postponements to bad weather I finally agreed with the National Trust's warden Jon Powell to meet him on site on Thursday 13th, a surprisingly nice day, in order to meet some of his senior NT colleagues and to undertake my risk assessment.

The ground conditions were as wet as I expected them to be and the muddy paths to the areas where the NT asked us to work were in my opinion, just about passable with a little care, however, more importantly, the two slopes where the party were going to be asked to work were safe. So then, in consultation with the meteorological office's medium-term weather forecast (a dry sunny day on Sunday – after another storm passing), I sent a message to Stuart Pittman that I had declared the event "on".

Friday 14th 's night-time storm was fearsome, although the only family casualty was a pane of glass in my mother's greenhouse, I read in my weekend paper that folk in the west of the country had fared much worse than us (108mph winds in North Wales).

Saturday 15th was a miserable damp day but, fortunately, Sunday 16th dawned clear and sunny and my spirits were lifted as I knew the event was going to go ahead. However, I mused, who would bother to turn up for an outdoor in this awful winter?

It turned out my fears were unfounded, as faithful regulars, Peter, Graham and Keith arrived. Greg put

in an appearance with the power tools, which was great, but had to leave as Sky TV had moved QPR's football fixture with Reading and he wanted to go and see it. I wondered later, if with hindsight of a 0-3 home reverse, he really should have stayed with us and the enjoyed the sunshine and outdoor exercise instead.

The party moved off to the small meadow near the seat where the Green Hairstreaks are found in May and began to clear the small tree re-growth from this area. We used the bon-fire site on the adjacent triangular meadow where the Chalkhill Blues are found in big numbers in August. A little later the NT's Deputy Warden Rose and her intern joined us. With Rose taking over the brush-cutting duties, we soon cleared the area of scrub. We placed a sign near where we were working and Rose, Keith & I had several conversations with interested passers-by on why & how we were working.

Having cleared our primary working site of scrub we returned to the meadow by the car-park and, as directed, cleared the south east corner of significant scrub re-growth.

The BC sign was more prominent in this location and, having a greater footfall from the car-park than before, many more people were interested in what was going on. Although it did slow Rose in her strimming duties it was good publicity for both the NT & BC. We took lunch, when Rose had to leave, and afterwards finished the job.



Sharpenhoe Transect Time Series

	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	
Small Skipper		69	57	46	<b>53</b>	121	index 145	index 170	194	218	195	<b>222</b>	236	177	66	159	128 Small Skipper	
Essex Skipper		26	20	17	<b>9</b>	46	52	57	<b>63</b>	<b>68</b>	52	52	53	41	20	34	44 Essex Skipper	
Silver-spotted		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 Silver-spotted	
Large Skipper		49	17	38	43	31	33	35	37	39	31	64	32	45	15	51	34 Large Skipper	
Dingy Skipper		21	37	33	28	19	27	35	43	51	73	48	41	5	19	13	23 Dingy Skipper	
Grizzled Skipper		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 Grizzled Skipper	
Brimstone		162	52	106	49	130	116	102	87	73	103	77	49	47	89	56	86 Brimstone	
Large White		142	<b>12</b>	36	30	<b>335</b>	276	228	179	130	195	66	107	146	59	144	245 Large White	
Small White		529	<b>76</b>	227	149	601	512	423	334	245	<b>868</b>	270	179	209	125	194	243 Small White	
Green-veined		92	28	159	57	137	118	99	79	60	131	56	60	19	47	78	105 Green-veined	
Orange Tip		7	6	20	<b>27</b>	10	11	11	12	12	21	7	8	7	16	<b>6</b>	13 Orange Tip	
Green Hstreak		12	<b>8</b>	23	18	42	40	39	37	35	33	19	32	19	<b>109</b>	51	20 Green Hstreak	
Purple Hstreak		3	1	0	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	4	2	1 Purple Hstreak	
Small Copper		0	3	2	6	1	1	1	0	0	5	3	2	1	0	0	0 Small Copper	
Small Blue		10	3	2	4	2	3	4	5	6	13	14	8	2	12	12	6 Small Blue	
Brown Argus		34	<b>6</b>	57	<b>87</b>	66	67	69	70	71	86	57	29	15	40	33	24 Brown Argus	
Common Blue		514	<b>123</b>	263	<b>940</b>	275	326	377	428	479	316	831	272	232	355	443	346 Common Blue	
Chalkhill Blue		<b>4848</b>	2455	2229	2790	1084	1277	1471	1664	1857	1326	1186	838	<b>567</b>	1192	1904	1221 Chalkhill Blue	
Adonis Blue		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 Adonis Blue	
Holly Blue		3	4	11	12	6	12	12	17	23	28	6	10	21	9	1	2	34 Holly Blue
Duke of Burgundy		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 Duke of Burgundy
Red Admiral		11	46	37	9	9	10	11	11	12	13	58	9	14	18	9	4	4 Red Admiral
Painted Lady		5	1	2	1	161	121	81	40	0	21	112	14	4	25	1	3	3 Painted Lady
S Tortshell		37	11	12	13	16	17	18	18	19	29	35	21	10	11	27	46 S Tortshell	
Peacock		91	7	6	26	81	68	55	42	29	12	46	41	84	100	47	75 Peacock	
Comma		16	17	19	18	47	40	32	25	17	12	29	18	4	7	10	2 Comma	
Dark Green Frit		<b>371</b>	142	307	255	282	255	228	201	174	229	170	60	160	24	14	<b>2</b> Dark Green Frit	
Speckled Wood		109	114	157	112	223	184	145	106	67	186	78	107	149	129	160	115 Speckled Wood	
Wall Brown		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>	2	0	3	5	15	24	<b>25</b> Wall Brown	
Marbled White		874	534	<b>370</b>	377	494	509	524	539	554	640	687	628	<b>889</b>	570	855	389 Marbled White	
Gatekeeper		137	<b>66</b>	77	76	277	430	582	735	<b>887</b>	712	766	772	802	613	629	563 Gatekeeper	
Meadow Brown		1821	1259	816	<b>607</b>	1149	1238	1326	1415	1503	1501	1898	1437	1585	1273	<b>2134</b>	1824 Meadow Brown	
Ringlet		383	222	238	268	<b>393</b>	337	282	226	170	205	420	249	266	188	174	<b>109</b> Ringlet	
Small Heath		189	120	134	157	<b>103</b>	182	262	341	420	344	<b>496</b>	128	182	190	417	353 Small Heath	
Clouded Yellow		6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	6	0	4	0	2 Clouded Yellow	
<b>Total</b>		<b>10571</b>	<b>5447</b>	<b>5444</b>	<b>6223</b>	<b>6134</b>	<b>6407</b>	<b>6681</b>	<b>6954</b>	<b>7227</b>	<b>7364</b>	<b>7750</b>	<b>5462</b>	<b>5677</b>	<b>5336</b>	<b>7683</b>	<b>6075</b>	

Over the last few years one of the regular winter work parties in Northamptonshire has been to manage an area of Blackthorn in Fermyn Woods Country Park known as the Thicket. The work is done to help and encourage the rare and very elusive Black Hairstreak butterfly to prosper and spread throughout this area. Blackthorn is the larval foodplant of the butterfly and is very plentiful in the vicinity.

There are two areas of management that are being targeted in the Thicket, one to young and developing Blackthorn bushes and the other to older Blackthorn trees.

The younger bushes grow in very dense clumps, mainly by means of sucker growth and will take over the whole area if not kept in check. An open area around the edges is maintained, leaving the middle section to mature, this allows flowers and brambles to grow in the open section and in turn attract the butterflies to nectar on them.



Black Hairstreaks will spend most of their time as butterflies in the tops of mature Blackthorn trees which unfortunately gets to a certain height, about five metres, then will twist, die off and fall over, so to maintain habitat and to give the trees a few more years of life they are cut and laid like a hedge. This drastic action gives the tree a new lease of life, sending up new shoots along the trunk and from the roots. This “mature tree” will still be used by the butterflies.



*Top: Before clearance*

*Bottom: shows the opened up area, the Blackthorn bushes on the left hand side being south facing and very sheltered.*



*Mature trees are laid like a hedge. Brush is laid over the cut and along the trunk to stop deer grazing the new regenerating shoots.*





*Above: Female Black Hairstreak*  
*Below: Volunteers working in the Thicket*



*Blackthorn bushes are easy to spot in the Spring supporting a mass of white flowers over the whole bush.*

The small colony of Black Hairstreaks in the country park has existed and been recorded for a number of years. In some years owing to its elusive nature, it is not seen at all.

Proof that the management seems to be working has been rewarded with sightings of this butterfly in areas where our work has been done. The branch is indebted to Mick Groom who shares his experiences gained from working at Glapthorn on their management days and also to the rangers at the Country Park who always find time to help out at our events.



## Spotting the Brown Argus - Help please

Many of you will know David Newland who is author of *Discover Butterflies in Britain* and co-author of *Wildguides Britain's Butterflies*. David gave a presentation on looking for butterflies at one of our AGMs. Last summer, in his garden in Ickleton, Cambridgeshire, he noticed a couple of Brown Argus with noticeable white haloes around the forewing spots. Other sightings have come to light in Essex and Suffolk and Andy Wyldes and Doug Goddard have certainly photographed it in Northants.

*Below: Normal Brown Argus with black forewing spot*



David is interested in finding out the distribution of any sightings of this variation in the species and determining any localised populations where there are a number of individuals with full or partial haloes or indeed the extent of its range where they do not occur. If any members do find Brown Argus with these markings, could you please send details, preferably with a photograph, to David by email ([denewland@gmail.com](mailto:denewland@gmail.com)). Please inform your county butterfly recorder at the same time.

*Brown Argus with white halo around the forewing spot*



# NORTHANTS BUTTERFLY RECORDING 2014

Since the publication of the Millennium Atlas, the National recording scheme has produced five-yearly updates on the status of butterflies in this the British Isles in 2005 and 2010. This represents the most thorough monitoring of trends of any taxonomic group. 2014 is the final year for records before the publication of a further update in 2015. It is vital that we receive as full coverage as we can to make this as meaningful as possible. Please send in all of your records as you can via the enclosed recording form or by email to your county recorder.

## Species for which all records are required in Northants

Dingy Skipper      Grizzled Skipper      Green Hairstreak  
White-letter Hairstreak      Black Hairstreak  
White Admiral (outside Rockingham Forest, Yardley Chase and Salcey Forest and the Silverstone Woods)  
Silver-washed Fritillary and Purple Emperor (away from traditional sites)

## Species for which there are gaps in known distribution for 2009-2013

Essex Skipper in West and North Northants  
Brown Argus, Brimstone and Orange-tip in West Northants  
Purple Hairstreak in South and West Northants  
Small Heath in South Northants

## 10 Km Squares for which there are few records

**SP53** (round Brackley),  
**SP54, SP64, SP74** (between Middleton Cheney to Towcester and east of Towcester)  
**SP65** (round Daventry) and **SP66** (Great Brington area)  
**SP57** (Kilsby/Lilbourne) and **SP67** (West Haddon/Naseby)  
**SP97** (north of Irthlingborough), **SP98** (between Geddington and Brigstock), **SP99** (south of Wakerley and Fineshade), **TLO7** (east of Raunds)

Please include names of sites and Grid References with all sightings.

Douglas Goddard



## Woodland Ride Clearance & Mick George Community Fund

Sharon Hearle

The Northants Wood White Project has been extended to Hardwick Wood near Wellingborough thanks to a grant from Mick George Community Fund and match funding from the Bedfordshire and Northamptonshire branch. This grant was awarded in October 2013 and thanks to fast organisation the work has already been completed and involved over 1.5 kilometre of ride clearance at Hardwick and Sywell woods. At Hardwick Wood the main rides were very overgrown and only five Wood Whites were seen in 2013 at a couple of locations where there was a break in the canopy. These rides have now been cleared back to the ditch bank to expose the ditches and already the main track has dried out considerably and primroses were evident there in late March.

*Hardwick Wood ride after clearance*



*Butterfly Orchid at Sywell Wood in 2013*

Hardwick was well known for its orchids in the past and it will be interesting to see if this flora re-appears over the next few years. Butterfly Orchids were found again in Sywell Wood after clearance in 2013. Hardwick Wood is only half mile from Sywell wood where a much larger population of Wood White can still be found. Ride widening work has also been completed at Sywell wood over the last couple of years thanks to SITA Trust funding. Hardwick and Sywell woods are managed by the Forestry Commission with no public access but the ride clearance can be viewed from a network of public footpaths. It is hoped that that the Wood Whites will continue to thrive in the improved habitat at these woods.



*Sharon Hearle and Doug Goddard burning the last of the brash in Sywell Wood in March 2014*

# BUTTERFLIES of NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

By Douglas Goddard & Andy Wylde

**\* Probably your last chance to purchase this book which to date has raised over £2000 towards branch funds.**

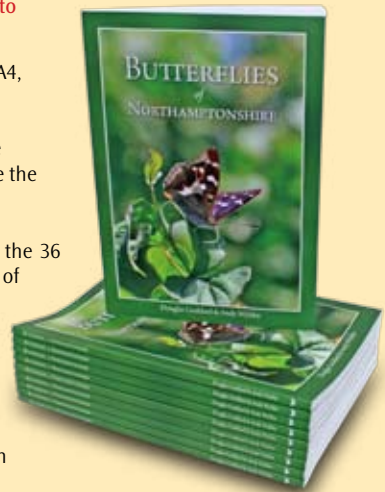
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# Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May AGM & Member's Day

The branch **AGM, Photographic Competition & Member's Day** this year will be held at the **Forest Centre at Marston Vale** in Bedfordshire. Proceedings will commence at 1.30pm with a guided walk (about an hour) in the vicinity of the venue to see Spring butterflies which will hopefully include Grizzled & Dingy Skippers and Green Hairstreaks. The AGM will start at 3.00pm followed by our guest speakers and the photographic competition, aiming to finish by 6.00pm. Refreshments will be available from the centre's cafe.

The Speakers this year will be Douglas Goddard and Bryan Holden whose talk is entitled BB and his Butterflies.

The venue is situated off the A421 at Marston Moretaine, from the M1, Junction 13, and along the A421 towards Bedford. From Bedford take the A421 towards Milton Keynes, the centre is signposted from the A421. **Grid Ref:TL004417**

Entries for the photographic competition (prints only) may be submitted in advance to any committee member (see back page) or brought on the day. Entry is open to all branch members.

Could last year's trophy winners please contact Stuart Pittman regarding return /engraving arrangements.

There will be four categories:

- **The Chairman's Shield** The Best British Butterfly in the wild.
- **The Don Askew Memorial Shield** This includes Branch Activities, Field Trips, Winter Work parties, Sales Events, Members etc.
- **The Butterfly Conservation Shield** The Best Picture of a Butterfly or Moth in its early stages (egg, caterpillar, pupa etc)
- **Best British Moth Shield** Best Picture of a British Moth.

## Rules for the photographic competition

- No more than 6 entries per category per entrant.
- All pictures to have been taken in the last year.
- An entry fee of £0.50p will be charged per picture entered and no larger than A4 in size.
- Every entry must show name/initials of entrant on the reverse.
- Digital images must not be enhanced by computer manipulation.
- Committee accepts no liability for loss or damage to entries.
- Winning entries are to be available for publication on the branch website and in the Branch Newsletter.



## 2014 Northants Field Trips

**Tuesday evening, 6th May** Twywell Hills and Dales. Roosting butterflies and caterpillar crawl. Searching for roosting Grizzled and Dingy Skippers in the early evening and then looking for caterpillars of grassland species as it gets dark. Torch and good footwear will be needed. Meet in the main car park at 6.30pm. Grid Ref. SP938772 Leaders Andy Wyldes and Doug Goddard.

**Sunday 18th May** Twywell Hills & Dales for Spring butterflies including Grizzled & Dingy Skippers, Green Hairstreaks. Meet in the main car park Grid Ref. SP938772 10.30am. Leader Andy Wyldes.

**Tuesday 20th May** Fermyn Woods Country Park Looking for Spring butterflies. Joint meeting with Desborough Wildlife Group. Meet at the Skylark Cafe in the park. Grid Ref. SP952848 11.00am Car park fee. Leader Doug Goddard.

**Saturday 14th June** Salcey Forest. Joint meeting with the Cambs/Essex branch to look for Wood Whites. Meet by the cafe in the main car park on the Quinton Road Grid Ref: SP795515 10.30am. Car parking fee. Leaders David Chandler/Doug Goddard.

**Sunday 22nd June** Glapthorn Cow Pastures Searching for Black Hairstreaks. Park in the lane opposite the wood entrance. Grid Ref. TL006903. 10.30am Leader Doug Goddard.

## 2014 Bedfordshire Field Trips

**Sunday May 25th** Totternhoe Target species: Duke of Burgundy and Small Blues. Meet at Knolls View, Totternhoe, near the gates. 11.00 am start. Leader Greg Herbert Grid Ref.SP977225

**Thursday 26th June** Butterflies and Orchids at Yelnow New Wood. Meet at 11.00am at Colworth Sports Field Car Park - at end of Yelnow Lane - turn right at the road barrier. Leader Ian Kimsey Tel: 01234 781763 Grid Ref: SP9759

**Saturday 9th August** Sharpenhoe Clappers Target species Chalkhill Blue and other summer butterflies Meet in the NT car park at 10.30am Grid Ref. TL064296 Leader David Chandler.

Please check website for any changes



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