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Good news on the chrysalis which had attached itself to the petrol can lid which was used on our Northants Workparty outings last winter. A male Large White butterfly emerged on the 19th of May. Left pic shows the chrysalis the day before emergence, the wings visible through the casing, and the right pic shows his wings dry and ready to go!



Two sugars please!



The staff at the cafe at Fermyn Woods Country park had an unexpected visitor on 22nd of July. A Purple Emperor flew into the kitchen area and posed for pictures. Park Warden Pete Burdett commented that word had obviously got around on how good the food is there! Volunteer worker Jade Mickley has kindly sent a picture of the event.



Keep a lookout for Clouded Yellows which are now appearing in our region. This summer migrant is being seen in better numbers at the moment than in the last few years.

My thoughts can turn to Butterflies quite easily when I admire the artwork of Hertfordshire artists like Eileen Soper who was able to capture a whole scene on her Medici 1960's postcard series with remarkable detailed back grounds of hop pickers e.g. on her delightful Comma, or the superb Fenland backdrop to her Swallowtails on milk parsley.



Another Hertfordshire great was of course the late Gordon Beningfield with his equally superb pastels of butterflies as depicted in a must have book on Butterflies published in 1978. I was extremely lucky to acquire an elephant folio copy of this very limited edition book of 250 signed by the artist with large plates.



Another well known butterfly name is that of L.Hugh Newman well known to children in the 1950's as a member of BBC's "Children's Hour"; "Nature Parliament" who produced a book with a series of six tremendous illustrations originally for a lovely little tome entitled "Butterflies on the Wing" the artist N. Creina Glegg was indeed a special talent whom I have not come across since. Six postcards were produced by Edmund Ward although ten exist in the book.

Finally I would like to mention A. J. Blackie a sort of pre-war version of Beningfield from the 1920'-30s who illustrated six cards again in minute detail, published by C.W Faulkner with butterflies depicted as ethereal creatures of woodland glades and sunlit meadows



Right:
White Admirals
L.Hugh Newman

Frohawk a colossus in the butterfly world also produced quite a few butterfly and moth postcards published by the British museum natural history dept with all elements of the life cycle depicted. These are keenly sought after by the collector and I have only secured sixteen myself, although there must be more.



A childhood memory and welcome visitor



My favourite butterfly and frequent visitor, the Comma

Despite 2012's weird weather I have "ticked off" several new species – as newcomers we are a long way off seeing all the British species but, one day, will eventually join that club. This year we saw a White Admiral at Fermyn Woods, it was gone before I could turn the camera back on but just seeing my first one was memorable.

Thanks to the great branch book "*Butterflies of Northamptonshire*" we discovered the joys of visiting Twywell which provided us with many highlights including my first Ringlet, Marbled White, Essex Skipper and Brown Argus; not to mention the always delightful Common Blues.



Two highlights from several trips to Twywell Hills & Dales

We also discovered the fabulous National Trust site of Lyveden New Bield where they have a wild flower meadow and were inundated with Meadow Browns. Now to many of you this may not seem exciting but I had never seen any until this summer and we had the most marvellous day, eating ice-cream by the pond watching Meadow Browns, Large & Small Whites and the occasional Brimstone. I also saw dozens of six-spot burnet moths which has triggered more interest in our moth species.

We were also lucky to be visited by Painted Ladies in September – one even landed on my fingers.



Lyveden New Bield was a definite 2012 butterfly highlight



Surprise visitor who used scabious to re-fuel in September

Despite the weird weather we have had a great 2012 butterfly-wise and we will be off hunting butterflies again in 2013



A big thank you to Martin Dove from Northampton for sharing with us the above pictures of mating Peacocks on 6th May, which, believe it or not, is a rarely witnessed event for such a widely observed species of butterfly. Richard Fox from BC head office said that out of all the thousands of records of this butterfly over the years, only twenty-four are of mating pairs. Martin describes the event as follows: "After flying around together, they took a few minutes to settle into position on the underside of an arris rail close to a fence post, where they were almost invisible in the deep shade. Of course it is not apparent in the photos because of the flash. They started mating at 15.55pm and remained motionless for at least 90 minutes but had flown off before two hours had passed."

It was not a good year for moths despite a promising start in March, which was warmer than usual. April was then cold and wet, followed by a cool, wet May and a generally cool, wet summer. Many recorders reported that it was the poorest year for moths that they had ever experienced – a pattern repeated over most of the UK. At least three field trips had to be cancelled due to poor weather and the continuing cold weather had an effect on the number of species caught. On the last moth group meeting of the year at Chicksands Wood on 29th September, the moths were outnumbered by moth-ers, with only three individuals of one species, Common Marbled Carpet, deigning to land on the sheet with nothing in the traps.

During the year we ran lights in the field at the following places – Chicksands Wood, Flitton Moor, King's Wood Heath & Reach, The Lodge (RSPB Sandy), Marston Thrift, Marston Vale Country Park and Upper Alders.

We now have people running traps in 36 gardens across the county and are picking up new trappers every year. Some of these also run portable traps in good habitat in their own locality.

Unfortunately there were no new county records this year, the first blank year since 1994, but some of the more interesting records are listed below.

Narrow-bordered Five-spot Burnet: For the second year running the yellow form *citrina* was found at Whipsnade Heath. A singleton was netted on 10th July and two individuals were photographed on 13th July, one very fresh and one worn. The worn individual was likely to be that recorded on 10th (Derek Girvan).

Small Eggar: An adult trapped at Bromham on 30th April (Mike & Marg Harrison) was the first time an adult had been recorded since 1998, when one was trapped at Oakley. There is only one further record of an adult in the database, which is mentioned in the Victoria County History (1904).

Vestal: One came to light at Biggleswade on 18th August (Lionel Burgess).

Gem: A female turned up in the Cockayne Hatley RIS trap on 23rd October (Ian Woiwod).

Dark Spinach: Amazingly there were six records of this scarce species in 2012, the first multiple records since two in 2006. The records were: Biggleswade 22nd July (Steve Blain); Bromham 8th August (Mike & Marg Harrison); Lower Stondon 11th August (AMB & MGB); and Bromham (Peter Almond), Leighton Buzzard (Andy Whitney), and Studham (Charles Baker) all on 18th August.



Dark Spinach

Photo Melissa Banthorpe

Pinion-spotted Pug: This is a smart pug, and it was great to have a record of this rare species in the county in 2012, with one coming to light at Biggleswade on 8th May (Peter McMullen).



Pinion-spotted Pug

Photo Melissa Banthorpe

August Thorn: Again there was only one record this year, from a Luton garden on 25th July (Andy Grimsey), the same site as 2011's sole record.

Convolvulus Hawk-moth: One was found and photographed at Grange Nursing Home at Luton on 18th September (Merv De Winter).

Lime Hawk-moth: The earliest ever record of an adult of this species in the county was of one found on floodlit astroturf at Sandy Upper School this year, during a RSPB five-a-side football match on 19th March (Will George). The next adult record in the year being at Bromham on 21st May (Mike & Marg Harrison).

Eyed Hawk-moth: In England this species is usually univoltine, and its normal flight period in the county is from mid-May to mid-July. It was therefore surprising to have one come to light at Biggleswade on 14th October (Lionel Burgess). It is a very late record and the previous latest date recorded in the county to this was 5th August in 2006. The next latest record in 2012 was 17th July.

Garden Tiger: A sighting of two in a Bidwell garden on 23rd July (Don Green) during the day was the only record this year.

Jersey Tiger: One in a Kempston garden on 22nd August (Martin Palmer) was only the third county record of this species.

Scarlet Tiger: A singleton was trapped at Leighton Buzzard on 4th July (Andy Whitney) and one was reported flying during the day at Aspley Heath on 21st July (Joan Greenwell).

Dotted Rustic: This was the surprise moth of the year. It has cyclical swings between high and low population numbers and recently it has been in a low in the county but the occurrence of six records in 2012 gives hope that it may be on the rise again. There have been relatively few records since 2000, and the last was thought to have been one trapped at Turvey Abbey in 2006. However, a further record from 2010 at Leighton Buzzard came to light in 2012.

This is a moth that, in southern Britain, emerges in late June to July, aestivates, and then reappears in late August to September. It may be that the cold, damp summer of 2012 encouraged more flight in July; records or lack of them, from subsequent years may confirm this.

All but one of the records for 2012 came light-traps as follows - Lower Stondon 9th July (AMB & MGB), Leighton Buzzard 10th July (Andy Whitney), Luton 15th July (Andy Grimsey), Biggleswade 25th July (Steve Blain) and Biggleswade 30th July (Lionel Burgess). In addition, wings from two individuals were found amongst detritus collected from under a Brown Long-eared Bat roost at Maulden on 14th September (collected by Sue Raven, and determined by MGB). This is usually collected once a year in the autumn so the exact date of the records is unknown.

Beautiful Yellow Underwing: A singleton to a garden light trap in Heath & Reach on 25th May (MH) was a pleasant surprise, and confirmation that the species is still present in the area, as it was last found nearby at Shireoak in 1979. In addition to the adult record, two larvae were found during a Beds Invertebrate Group field meeting to the old heath at The Lodge (RSPB Sandy) on 11th September (Rosie Earwaker).

Blossom Underwing: The third county record of this species was trapped at Bromham on 23rd March (Mike & Marg Harrison).

Wormwood: Singletons were recorded at Bedford on 17th July (David Roche) and Upper Caldecote on 24th July (Matt Burgess).

Chamomile Shark: There were two recorded this year – Biggleswade 8th May (Lionel Burgess) and Potton 9th May (Will George).

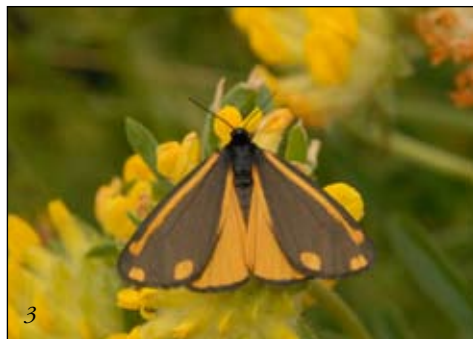
Toadflax Brocade: There were eight records of adults this year but more importantly a single larva was found in a Luton garden on 1st October (Hugh & Jenny Griffiths). This is the first larval record of the species for the county.

Small Mottled Willow: One was trapped at Upper Caldecote on 9th August (Matt Burgess); the second-year running this species has been caught there.

Scarce Bordered Straw: A larva found on shop-bought carnations in Luton on 7th February (Diana & Mick McCarrick) was the first larval record for the county and the only record of the species this year.



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Chairman's Shield

1. Winner of Best British Butterfly: Paul Fisher with male Wood Whites.
2. Runner up of Best British Butterfly: Andy Lumbard with a female Orange Tip.



Best British Moth Shield

3. Winner: Andy Banthorpe and a Cinnabar moth (*Tyria Jacobaeae*) ab. *flavescens*
4. Runner up: Drinker moth by CM Collier.



Butterfly Conservation Shield

5. Winner of Best Early Stages: Emma Whitfield and a pupating Burnet moth.

6. Runner up: Andy Banthorpe with a *Depressaria Daucella* caterpillar on *Oenanthe Crocata*.

Don Askew Memorial Shield

7. Winner of Branch Activities: Aidan Whitfield with our branch field trip to Bison Hill.

8. Runner up: Andrew Thorpe and a Purple Emperor on a big toe!

Northamptonshire Butterflies and the effects of Summer 2012

The first four months of the year continued to be dry with hosepipe bans being imposed, but there then followed the summer of 2012 which was the wettest for a century. The year as a whole was the second wettest ever. This inevitably had an adverse effect on our butterflies.

Table of Emergence Dates

This illustrates how until the end of April, species were emerging on time or even early compared with the previous year. In fact, the date for the Green Hairstreak was the earliest ever in the county by a day. From May onwards however, emergence dates were up to a month later than normal as species which had overwintered as caterpillars or eggs had their development hampered by the cold, wet conditions.

Species	2012	2011
Small Skipper	30/6	11/6
Essex Skipper	12/7	4/7
Large Skipper	9/6	19/5
Dingy Skipper	22/4	20/4
Grizzled Skipper	20/4	20/4
Wood White	11/5	25/4
Clouded Yellow	10/8	25/7
Brimstone	23/2	8/2
Large White	6/5	6/4
Small White	15/3	21/3
Green-veined White	19/3	6/4
Orange-tip	26/3	27/3
Green Hairstreak	15/4	16/4
Purple Hairstreak	9/7	11/6
White-letter Hairstreak	7/7	10/6
Black Hairstreak	19/6	25/5
Small Copper	12/5	22/4
Brown Argus	22/5	25/4
Common Blue	22/5	28/4
Holly Blue	29/3	29/3
White Admiral	4/7	11/6
Purple Emperor	9/7	23/6
Red Admiral	11/1	8/2
Painted Lady	18/6	6/4
Small Tortoiseshell	2/3	9/2
Peacock	11/2	24/2
Comma	11/3	7/3
Silver-washed Fritillary	4/7	11/6
Speckled Wood	26/3	6/4
Marbled White	27/6	11/6
Gatekeeper	12/7	1/7
Meadow Brown	20/6	1/6
Ringlet	25/6	7/6
Small Heath	16/5	25/4

Flight periods became more protracted as the Summer wore on and a number of species, which would normally have finished flying much earlier, lasted into September. These included the first record for that month for the Purple Emperor (2nd) while Silver-washed Fritillary (1st), Purple Hairstreak (7th) were other notable late flyers among 23 species recorded in September.

Recording and Distribution

Adverse weather also has a detrimental effect on butterfly recording. Recorders are unable to visit sites in favourable conditions and the number of records submitted and the scale of species seen is lower:-

2012 – 3599 records from 246 tetrads, 7.6 species per tetrad

2011 – 4891 records from 302 tetrads, 8.3 species per tetrad



Butterflying 2012 style!

The table below details the number of tetrads recorded for 2012 compared with 2011. Reductions in range do not necessarily mean extinction of colonies but a temporary inability to survey some sites because of the weather, though only six species were recorded in more tetrads than in 2011: the Large Skipper, Purple Emperor, Silver-washed Fritillary, Marbled White, Ringlet and Small Heath. Of these, the Silver-washed is continuing the recent expansion of its range. The Purple Emperor was seen in woods in the north-west of the county not previously surveyed and these were records of single specimens. It was also seen in six different sections of Yardley Chase, showing wider dispersal in a recently colonised location.

Species	2012	2011
Small Skipper	41	43
Essex Skipper	8	11
Large Skipper	74	70
Dingy Skipper	10	13
Grizzled Skipper	11	14
Wood White	16	18
Clouded Yellow	2	3
Brimstone	94	106
Large White	126	203
Small White	150	203
Green-veined White	84	132
Orange-tip	60	70
Green Hairstreak	5	7
Purple Hairstreak	14	28
White-letter Hairstreak	7	16
Black Hairstreak	4	4
Small Copper	34	54
Brown Argus	12	43
Common Blue	54	101
Holly Blue	60	99
White Admiral	13	13
Purple Emperor	19	11
Red Admiral	118	209
Painted Lady	20	24
Small Tortoiseshell	92	147
Peacock	121	193
Comma	108	121
Silver-washed Fritillary	21	19
Speckled Wood	81	128
Marbled White	38	23
Gatekeeper	116	169
Meadow Brown	125	125
Ringlet	114	79
Small Heath	21	18

The Marbled White was seen in a number of new sites and even recorded in gardens in 2012, leading to a much wider distribution than the previous year. Perhaps it was forced to wander more widely to find suitable grasses on which to lay its eggs during the drought the previous year (pure hypothesis on my part). The Ringlet no doubt found the damper conditions this summer more to its liking and showed a good increase while greater participation in the WCBS survey boosted the Small Heath's distribution.

The Dingy and Grizzled Skipper and Green Hairstreak, though down in the number of tetrad records, all appeared in reasonable numbers as a result of three previously good springs. Indeed, the Dingy Skipper was recorded in Fineshade Wood, a new site, and on the Yardley Chase MOD site for the first time since 2005. Good numbers were also present at Collyweston Deeps. The Wood White also appeared in two places well away from known colonies, in Geddington Chase and more unlikely habitat at Twywell Hills and Dales. It too benefited from previous good seasons with counts of 41 in Sywell Wood (28th May), and, in June, 50 in Salcey Forest (6th), 21 in Bucknell Wood and 31 in Hazelborough South Block (13th), 29 in Yardley Chase (14th) and 32 in Wicken Wood (17th). A much later emergence meant that no second brood was recorded. It is likely that 2013 will see a reduction in numbers of these spring species as a result of a poor egg-laying season after several good years

The Black Hairstreak had a poor year, with a maximum count of 5 at Glapthorn and the wet July led to fewer sightings of White-letter and Purple Hairstreaks. In 31 site visits in the WCBS survey not a single Brimstone was seen. The dire weather had the greatest effect on the Brown Argus, Common Blue and Small Copper. It is likely that the 2011 drought withered their larval foodplants in late summer and 2012 was not conducive to a recovery. The Small Heath in contrast enjoyed a good emergence during a brief spell of better conditions at the end of May. These multi-brooded species can bounce back quickly given a good summer but this may take a little time.

It was another poor year for immigrant butterflies, with only two Clouded Yellow records: two in Rushden on 10th August and one near Lowick on 27th September. Painted Ladies were seen mainly as singletons and the number of records may have been exaggerated by their breeding and release by local schools. The Red Admiral could be found in good numbers around ivy blooms in late September, along with reasonable numbers of Commas. Peacocks were well down in numbers. The Small Tortoiseshell was still present in 92 tetrads which was well down on the previous year's distribution but gives some grounds for optimism that its decline is not terminal.



Small Tortoiseshells - holding on!

The long-term effects of extreme conditions of 2012 will depend on the summer weather in the next few years. It is likely that the number of eggs laid by most species was much lower than normal and the adults will be fewer in numbers in 2013. Winter flooding will also have destroyed many caterpillars hibernating low down in the vegetation. This was the worst year I can remember in my 26 years of recording the county's butterflies. We can only hope for warmer drier days to allow some recovery.

Future Recording

I would like to extend many thanks to everyone who sent in records for the past year. The fuller records for this and previous years can still be assessed through the links on the Branch website. It will be particularly important to monitor and report sightings in 2013 in order to assess the longer-term trends for species, especially the rarer butterflies and declining ones such as the Small Tortoiseshell, in the light of weather extremes. Please make a special effort to send in records of all species, even the common ones, during the coming year.

Douglas Goddard

We would like to issue a warm welcome to the following new members who have joined our Branch since the publication of the last newsletter

Mrs G. Battersby	Brackley	Sandra & Mike Kirby	Milton Keynes
Christopher & Patricia Carpenter	Dunstable	Miss Emily Maskell	Bedford
Peter Deary	Letchworth	Martin & Marie McClure	Luton
Bob Gill	Northampton	Dennis McQuillan	Brackley
Miss Lisa Green	Northampton	Mrs Angela Peacock	Barton-le-Clay
Dr Mark Gurney	Sandy	Rob & Julie Pearson	Bedford
Neil Hagley	Whetstone, Leics	Mrs Jennie Taylor	Bedford
Matthew Higgs	Leighton Buzzard	Susan & Mark Thacker	Blunham, Beds
Graham Hobbs	Northampton	Dr Rae Webster	Little Houghton
Phil Hollis	Amphill	Ian Wright	Raunds
David James	Northampton		

We look forward to meeting you at some of our future events.

Saturday 29th June

After overnight moderate rains the day of the field trip dawned a cool 15 degrees, essentially dry, with high cloud. I arrived on site just before ten in the morning to see the first of the members of the BC local branches and the BNHS arrive,

I had to re-work the planned route into two stages because the start time had been publicised as 10 o'clock and 10.30 am in different places, but this discrepancy caused no major problems as I was ably assisted by Peter Glenister and Dave Tyler. I certainly needed their help managing the throng as thirty four people turned up for the guided walk, which is a great turnout for a weekend field trip.

Although still a little cool for butterflies, we first took the early arrivals into Moleskin to look for Small Blue and were rewarded with a single sighting and, as a bonus, a late Dingy Skipper. Common Blues were also seen. I then left Peter & Dave to bring the party back to the car-park where I returned to greet the half-past tenners! Whilst waiting for the main party I talked about the transect data I record on the site and some of its anomalies, like finding both the usual brown and the blue form female Common Blue on Sharpenhoe.

At 10.40 am we all set off to try and see our target species the Dark Green Fritillary. I was quietly concerned as we walked towards Smithcombe hill because, having reconnoitred the site four days earlier, I found to my chagrin that, because of the cold spring, no Dark Green Fritillaries had emerged yet. However my hopes were raised as the clouds began to part and warm sunshine began to bring the site alive with butterflies. We first saw Speckled Wood, then Small Heath and a Large Skipper. We stopped to look at the Skylarks on the way in the setsaside field area. We talked about the local geology and the historic iron-age hill fort and the Roman rabbit warren remains found on the clappers hilltop.

Arriving at the chalk grassland meadow where the Dark Green Fritillaries breed on the violets found there, we walked along the top path but, other than more Common Blues, did not find our quarry. It

was breezy so I was not too concerned as I knew that as we dropped down to the lower more sheltered reaches of the site we would be more likely to find active butterflies. Arriving at the base of the hill we found more Common Blues and pleasingly some fresh Meadow Browns. Then, amongst the myriad of colourful wild flowers in a band of Kidney Vetch, there were four Small Blues flitting around who, unlike the one seen on the steep slopes of Moleskin, were in an easier place for people to see and take photographs. The party spread out. Some people were looking at the orchids, I was told there were five flowering in the meadow: Early Purple, Common Spotted, Pryamidal, Twayblade, Fragrant and Bee. Other folk were looking for moths and several day flying moths were seen including: Blackneck, Mother Shipton, Burnished Brass, Latticed Heath and Silver Y. Then, just as I was getting a little concerned that I was not going to deliver the target species to my large audience, we spotted four or five newly emerged male Dark Green Fritillaries. These fresh-looking fritillaries were not too active yet and afforded good photographic opportunities to those who wanted to take pictures. We continued to wander along the base of the hill and saw Small White, Green Veined White, a Comma, a Red Admiral and, most pleasantly for late June, a late, albeit a tad tatty, female Orange Tip. Walking back up to the top of the hill the party gathered at a fork in the path.

It now being early afternoon the party split with some following Peter Glenister to the Clappers wooded hilltop to hunt for the rare yellow birds-nest orchid and those others with afternoon appointments following me back to the car park. On the way back to the cars I was told of other sightings not yet reported to me that included a late Brimstone, a Large White and a Brown Argus

Sixteen different species were seen on the day and over one hundred & ten butterflies in total. A truly splendid day in the field.

IN SEARCH OF SPRING BUTTERFLIES AT TWYWELL AND BRIGSTOCK MAY 12TH 2013

Arranging field trips to coincide with the flight periods of key butterflies has become something of a nightmare during the past two years of poor spring weather. Eight of us, including Andy Wylde and myself, ventured out on a cool morning to Twywell Hills and Dales. Our first port of call was a hawthorn hedge where the first Green Hairstreaks had appeared in the week before. A little gentle tapping of the bushes induced a couple of spiralling flights above us but improved brightness made this unnecessary and all members of the party had good views, particularly of the butterfly lying almost horizontal to expose the maximum wing area to the sun in order to warm up. We moved on to the gullies in the Whitestones area. A little sun brought pristine Green Hairstreaks in to full view and six in total were seen. The diminutive Grizzled Skipper put in an appearance - seven was the count for these, and towards the end a couple of Dingy Skippers were located, the first for the site in 2013. The only other species seen was Green-veined White, skulking in the grass.

This was not the most inspiring butterfly day, but at least the three target species had been seen and photography was relatively easy. As we moved on to Fermyn Woods Country Park in the afternoon, with the hope of more of the same, the party diminished and so did the number of butterflies, only two roosting Grizzled Skippers being found as the weather deteriorated yet again.



Pristine Green Hairstreak at Twywell

WOOD WHITES IN HAZELBOROUGH SOUTH BLOCK JUNE 15TH 2013

It is some considerable time since we organised a field trip to the south of Northants as in the past these have been poorly attended and the area is not as rich as Rockingham Forest for example. It was therefore very encouraging to see 15 members attend this field trip, an opportunity to meet those from Brackley and Daventry who send in records. Oxfordshire and Beds were also represented. The aim was to see the work done as part of the Wood White Project and look at how the population was faring.

The day was one of sunny intervals, rather breezy with frequent showers and as we began rain gear had to be donned. The first species seen was a male Orange Tip roosting, photogenic on some bracken and a Drinker moth larva. Andy Wylde and I had located a roosting Wood White and we were able to show the target species, a new one to some of the party. As we moved on to a small glade with some ragged robin a couple more were located, then some more, one of which obligingly laid an egg on meadow vetchling. More put in an appearance as the weather brightened at times and 24 were seen altogether, with the enchanting courtship ritual being witnessed several times and further eggs being laid. The newly cleared section of the route was not as fruitful as anticipated, but the wind direction may have been a factor and in time this will undoubtedly bring its reward. A couple of Common Blues put in an appearance, one of the first Large Skippers of the season, a Speckled Wood, a rare sight in its first brood, while Large and Green-veined White completed the species list. The Wood White has done surprisingly well this year in Northants and this was a satisfying visit to one of its best sites in the county.



Winter Work Party Dates 2013/14

Please check website for any changes to events

Bedfordshire

Date	Time	Location	Grid Reference	Contact Name	Contact No.
Sunday, October 20 th 2013	10.15 am.	Whipsnade Bison Hill	TL000185	Greg Herbert	01582 663784
Sunday, November 17 th 2013	10.15 am.	Totternhoe	SP986224	Greg Herbert	01582 663784
Sunday, December 8 th 2013	10.15 am.	Meet in car park in centre of Sharnbrook village (Church Lane & High street), then short drive to site.	SP995596	Ian Kimsey	01234 781763
Sunday, January 19 th 2014	10.15 am.	Totternhoe	SP986224	Greg Herbert	01582 663784
Sunday, February 16 th 2014	10.15 am.	Sharpenhoe & Moleskin	TL064296 Meet in the main car park	David Chandler	01923 253793

Northants

Date	Time	Location	Grid Reference	Contact Name	Contact No.
Sunday, October 20 th 2013	10 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Fermyn Woods Country Park Work - Scrub clearance in the main park	SP952848 Park behind the Skylark Cafe	Doug Goddard	01604 408670
Sunday, November 10 th 2013 <i>To be confirmed</i>	10 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Twywell Hills and Dales Scrub clearance on the Whitestones Transect	SP938772 Meet in the main car park	Doug Goddard	01604 408670
Sunday, January 19 th 2014 <i>To be confirmed</i>	10 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Twywell Hills and Dales Scrub clearance on the Whitestones Transect	SP938772 Meet in the main car park	Doug Goddard	01604 408670
Sunday, February 9 th 2014	10 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Sywell Wood - Scrub clearance for Wood White Project	SP823702 Meet in lay-by on A43	Doug Goddard	01604 408670
Sunday, March 16 th 2014	10 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Fermyn Woods Country Park Scrub clearance in the main park	SP952848 Park behind the Skylark Cafe	Doug Goddard	01604 408670

Please ring before 9 a.m. on the day if weather conditions are looking unsuitable. If unable to attend all day, your participation for a morning or even a couple of hours would be welcome. Where car parking charges normally apply, free parking will be arranged with the wardens.

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