

Members Day 2023

**14th October at the Boniface Centre, Crediton
Doors open at 9:30 for a prompt start at 10am
Boniface Centre, Church Lane, Crediton, EX17 2 AH**

Schedule for the day

- 9.30 Doors open
- 10.00 Welcome from the Chair followed by the AGM
- 10.45 Coffee and biscuits: provided by Trustees
- 11.15 **Talks from Max Anderson, Moths as Nocturnal pollinators and The Lives of our Lycaenid Butterflies**



Max works for Butterfly Conservation as a landscape officer in the Southwest, which primarily involves managing the reserves and working with partner organisations to improve the condition of some priority landscapes for our most threatened butterflies and moths. Max spends much of his spare time monitoring and researching lepidoptera in order to learn more about their behaviours and needs, which can then be used to guide any management advice. In his first talk, Max will talk about some of the research he did on nocturnal pollination of Brambles during his PhD. He will then give a second talk to share some of his insight into the lives of some of our most elusive Lycaenid butterflies, which includes the use of new and innovative monitoring methods.

- 12.30 Lunch: **Please bring your own packed lunch**



• 1.30 **Talk from Audrey Compton: The Teignbridge Wildlife Wardens Scheme**

Audrey started farming in 1969 and has always been very aware of the conflicts between mainstream farming and

wildlife. In 1990 she retrained in Wildlife Conservation and then worked as a Teignbridge Ranger for 15 years. During that time, along with her husband John, she bought Deer Park Farm, which has wonderful wildlife. They spent the next 23 years trying to help the wildlife, both on the farm and by working with many different organisations. Audrey was a founder-member of Action on Climate in Teignbridge, and leads their Ecology Group. In 2020, she started the Wildlife Warden Scheme (<https://www.actionclimateteignbridge.org/>), with volunteer WWs helping their Parishes to become more wildlife friendly in many different ways. Together they provide training and support, so that WWs can do the projects that they want to do - it's a great success and they now have nearly 120 WWs!

- 2.45 Tea and cake: Provided by Trustees
- 3.15-3.45 **Talk by Roger Hamling: A visit to Bystock and then off to the Pub!**



Rog and Liz Hamling have lived in East Devon for 35 years and are enthusiastic amateur naturalists. They are interested in many areas of wildlife including birds, bats, butterflies and moths, dragonflies and botany. They have been involved with practical heathland management and wildlife monitoring for Devon Wildlife Trust the RSPB and Amphibian and Reptile Conservation. They are also members of Butterfly Conservation and the British Dragonfly Society. The talk for the 2023 Member's Day has been produced by Rog and Liz and will be given by Roger. Devon Wildlife Trust's Bystock Pools nature reserve is a small area (2.1%) of the East Devon Pebblebed Heath National Nature Reserve, and yet, more than half of the UK's butterfly species have been recorded. The talk takes a look at the reserve and its butterfly guests. A drinker moth then leads them astray.

- 4.00 Close of day