



Huntingdonshire Moth & Butterfly Group

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Sightings, rumours of sightings, sales, wants and exchanges should be sent to :—
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Wicken Fen

There will be a number of moth trapping events at Wicken Fen this year, at which Hu.M.B.G. members are welcome.

Friday 30th April 1999

Friday 4th June 1999

Friday 2nd July 1999

Friday 30th July 1999

Friday 3rd September 1999

All events begin at dusk and continue until "late". Contact Adrian Colston on 01780 470778 if you are interested in any of these dates, so that he can send you a permit for the fen.

Summer Trips

A trip to see the **Marsh Fritillary** at a site near Salisbury has been arranged for Sunday 6th June. Contact Peter Rowlings on 01480 890784 (e mail peter_rowlings@stand-prod.com.) if you would like to go.

It is also proposed to visit Bentley Wood in Hampshire on Sunday July 25th to see, amongst others, the **Silver Studded Blue**, the **Grayling** and the **Silver Washed Fritillary**. A possible July alternative may be to see the **Large Blue** in Somerset, if arrangements can be made. Details will be published in the July newsletter ahead of the trip.

National moth trapping night

Saturday 17th July 1999

The aim of this event is to promote moth recording by having as many traps as possible running nationally. It is expected that Hu.M.B.G.'s contribution will be an all night trap at Monk's Wood. Despite there being a light trap run there every night for many years, the wood as a whole has not been well recorded, and it is expected that there will be new records on the night (if it doesn't rain). There are apparently prizes for the rarest migrant, the record of greatest conservation value and the most unusual trapping site. Photographic proof required! Contact Barry on 01480 475689, or by e mail on barry@eynesbury27.freemove.co.uk for further details.

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Enclosed with this newsletter is the current Hu.M.B.G. membership list. As you will see, several members now have e mail addresses. If you have an e mail address you would like published, send to Barry, or the address at the top of this page for inclusion in a future newsletter. A Hu.M.B.G. website is currently under discussion. Details when available.

SPEAKERS WANTED

So far we have no speakers for our winter meetings. We need three, for October, December and February (April is Members' night, as usual). If you have been to any interesting sites and would like to give a presentation, or know someone who would be willing to, contact Barry.

Thanks to all those who have supplied information for this newsletter.

For Sale

A full set of 50 cigarette cards depicting British Butterflies (1927) by W.D. & H.O. Wills. Each card has a description on the reverse. Very good condition, expertly framed, the asking price is £110. Contact Mr. J. Robson, 2 Granham's Road, Great Shelford, Cambridge CB2 5LQ, telephone 01223 843201.

Quiz Result

Bill Meek's inventive and entertaining quiz, requiring a knowledge of Greek mythology, cinema and European football (also butterflies and moths) was won by Andrew Booth, who will therefore be setting next year's questions.

● The next newsletter is due for publication in July. Information should be sent to the address at the top of the page.