

Huntingdonshire

Moth & Butterfly

Group

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—SPRING SIGHTINGS—

There have been a handful of butterfly and moth sightings so far this spring, including numerous **Commas** in Brampton Wood on March 23rd. **Light Orange Underwings** were also seen in the wood during late March and early April. The **Holly Blue** is on the wing, with a number of sightings, as is the **Speckled Wood**, with one being seen in the centre of Cambridge in the first week of April.

Summer Trips

Two trips are proposed for this summer:

The first is to see the **Large Heath**, at Crowle Waste on Sunday June 9th.

The second is to Durlston Country Park, to see the **Lulworth Skipper**, on Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th August. Also to be seen in the area would be **Adonis Blue** and the **Grayling**. As this trip necessitates an overnight stay during the peak holiday season, accommodation will need to be booked early. Contact Peter by the end of May if you are interested.

...and 2003?

Looking further ahead, two suggestions have been made for 2003

Eastern France, with a four day trip, and to see the **Large Blue** in Britain on its' best site. This needs to be booked in advance, but bookings are not yet being accepted for 2003 (This year is already fully booked). More on this in later newsletters.

WINTER SCHEDULE

We hope to continue holding our Winter meetings at Hinchingsbrooke Country Park, despite the fee being raised from £15 a night to £24, which we cannot afford. As things currently stand, we will probably be able to have the room for the lower sum in exchange for some moth trapping in the park and on other sites. Should this not be possible, we will need a new venue for 2002-2003, and suggestions are welcomed. An update on this situation will be published in the next newsletter.

Provisional dates are as follows:

Wednesday October 2nd 2002

Wednesday December 4th 2002

Wednesday February 12th 2003

Wednesday April 9th 2003

As always, we need speakers for the first three meetings. Contact Barry if you are able to contribute.

National Moth Night

This year's event takes place on the night of Saturday June 15th, with the target moth being the **Concolorous**.

Hu.M.Bu.G will be trapping at Woodwalton Fen, and you should contact Barry if you intend to come. The aim is to trap as many sites on the reserve as possible. This means an early start, 8pm, with switch-on time in mid June anticipated at around 11pm.

Editor Wanted

I have decided that seven years producing this newsletter is enough, and will not be continuing with it after this year.

Therefore if this newsletter is to be produced into 2003 and beyond, we will need a new editor. If you fancy having a go, contact Barry.

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Quiz

Bill Meek's entertaining quiz was won by myself, and I will be spending the next twelve months trying to devise questions which will live up to Bill's high standards.

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