



Butterfly Conservation

Saving butterflies, moths and their habitats



HERTFORDSHIRE & MIDDLESEX BRANCH
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You are invited to your annual Members' Day on Saturday 24th March 2018 at Welwyn Civic Centre, Welwyn, Hertfordshire, AL6 9ER

Don't forget the photographic competition which is free to enter. Full rules below and there will be prizes!

- 1100 - 1115 Doors open - tea and coffee will be available (*please note the slightly later time*)
- 1115 - 1120 Welcome and introduction
- 1120 - 1145 Branch Annual General Meeting**
- 1150 - 1230 **Members' images (*not entered in competition*)**
- 1230 - 1300 **"Meet the new team at Millhoppers" – Chris Hilling, Peter Mellitus, Paula Reid and Christine Ridley**
An update on the recent work undertaken at our Branch Reserve and to hear all about the plans for the future
- 1300 - 1400 Lunch break and mingle – tea and coffee will be available during the interval
- 1400 - 1510 **"Saving the Small Blue in Warwickshire" – Mike Slater**
Mike Slater is a member of the Warwickshire Branch of Butterfly Conservation. He has an enthusiastic skill in obtaining funding and engaging with landowners of brown field sites. Thus ensuring the best possible management is in place for some of countries rarest species such as the Small Blue as well as Grizzled and Dingy Skippers.
- "Small Blues in Hertfordshire" – Andrew Wood and Malcolm Hull**
A brief report on the recent survey and conservation work in Hertfordshire
- 1510 - 1540 Break - tea and cakes including a **special birthday cake to celebrate Butterfly Conservation's 50th Birthday**
- 1540 - 1630 **"Brown Hairstreaks in Surrey" – Bill Downey**
Bill Downey is Transect Co-ordinator for the Surrey & SW London Branch (VC17) of Butterfly Conservation and Species Champion for the White-letter Hairstreak. He is part of a group that has searched proactively for the Brown Hairstreak for the past three years, which has changed the understanding of its distribution in VC17. Bill will also talk briefly about White-letter Hairstreak.
- "Brown Hairstreaks in Middlesex" – Andrew Wood and Malcolm Hull**
A brief report on the recent survey and conservation work in Middlesex
- 1630 - 1655 Raffle and photo competition results
- 1655 - 1700 Closing Remarks

Please note the order of the programme may change – any alterations to timings will be updated on this website version.

HOW TO GET TO THE MEMBERS' DAY

By Road

Welwyn Civic Centre (TL232160) Prospect Place, Welwyn, Hertfordshire (AL6 9ER). There is plenty of free parking available on site. The carpark is situated behind the hall.

By Public Transport

Trains run from Kings Cross and Finsbury Park (Victoria and Piccadilly line interchange), Potters Bar and Hatfield to Welwyn Garden City (4/hour) and from Royston, Baldock, Letchworth, (2/hour) and from Hitchin and Stevenage (4/hour). Please check for engineering work before travelling.

A Welwyn Garden City plusbus ticket purchased with a rail ticket will give full use of all bus journeys between Welwyn Garden City and Welwyn.

At Welwyn Garden City Arriva 300/301 run to Welwyn Church 3 times an hour from outside **John Lewis*** in Bridge Road, under 5 minutes walk from the railway station (in the Howard Centre). From Welwyn Church it is only 2/3 minutes walk back to the Civic Centre. This route also connects Welwyn to Hemel Hempstead, St Albans, Hatfield, and Stevenage at the same frequency up to 1800 hrs.

**Please note this is a correction to the information in the paper version.*

Centrebus 314 runs every two hours between Welwyn Garden City and Hitchin via Welwyn Church

Photo Competition

Entry is free and digital images can be emailed to Andrew Wood for free printing

You can still send prints un-mounted printed on good quality photographic or inkjet paper between 7x5 inches and A4 size.

No more than 10 entries per person overall which can be made in the following categories:

- UK Butterflies
- UK Moths
- Butterflies and moths photographed outside the UK
- Moth/Butterfly behaviour
- Non adult stages

Photographs must be of wild insects, not captive bred stock.

Entries should not have been digitally enhanced, apart from cropping/re-sizing.

All pictures must have been taken in the period March 25 2017 to March 23 2018.

The entrant must be a member of Butterfly Conservation and photographs must be their own work.

Entries must be clearly labelled with the entry category.

Entries will only be returned if an SAE is supplied, or collected in person at the Members' Day.

Copyright remains with the photographer, however by entering, entrants acknowledge that the Branch will be allowed to use any photograph (with accreditation) in branch publications and web pages.

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