



You are invited to your annual Members' Day on Saturday 28th March 2020 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
- 1115 - 1120 Welcome and introduction
- 1120 - 1145 Branch Annual General Meeting - see agenda below**
- 1150 - 1310 **"Greenwood Park and the Small Blue Project" – Malcolm Hull**  
*Malcolm will update the progress of this exciting branch funded project*
- "Five years of butterfly records 2015 - 2019" – Andrew Wood**  
*A review of the latest recording period for the Butterflies of the New Millennium Recorders Project*
- "Wider Countryside Butterfly Survey" – Zoë Randle**  
*Zoë will provide an overall UK summary of the 2019 results and a summary of the WCBS in Herts & Middlesex in 2019 including Branch coverage and results.*
- "Big City Butterflies" – May Webber**  
*May will talk about her year working with the Big City Butterflies Project*
- "Butterfly Behaviour" – Andrew Middleton**  
*For the last few years Andrew has been filming some of our specialist butterfly species with some remarkable footage which he will show us today.*
- 1310 - 1410 **Lunch break - A selection of vegetarian and non-vegetarian sandwiches will be provided during the lunch break (donations requested).** However, we apologise, but if you have a particular dietary requirement please bring your own lunch. **A presentation of Members' photos will be shown during the lunch break – please contact Andrew Wood (email: [zoothorn@ntlworld.com](mailto:zoothorn@ntlworld.com)) if you want to show some images (not entered in the competition).**
- 1410 - 1510 **"Making the best of the built environment for butterflies and moths" – Phil Sterling**  
*Phil was the principal ecological adviser to Dorset County Council for 25 years, and was involved in habitat creation on the back of a number of large-scale developments. For 4 years he managed the teams who maintain the county's road verges, and began the transformation that is leading to more wildflowers on the verges delivered at lower cost to the public purse. He moved to Butterfly Conservation in 2018 to establish 'Building Sites for Butterflies', a national programme encouraging creation and management of grasslands for wildlife in the built environment. The programme is showcasing habitat creation such as achieved along the Weymouth Relief Road in Dorset, where regular monitoring is demonstrating colonisation of many species of butterflies and moths since the road opened to traffic.*
- 1510 - 1540 Break - tea and cake
- 1540 - 1630 **"The Atlas: Mission Accomplished" – Zoë Randle**  
*Zoë co-ordinates the Wider Countryside Butterfly Survey and the National Moth Recording Scheme for Butterfly Conservation. Her most recent achievement was being the lead author on the Atlas of Britain and Ireland's Larger Moths, a landmark publication and the first of its kind. In a previous life she did a PhD on how management for Large Blue butterflies benefits other rare species. She also worked on the Farm Scale Trials of GM crops, and researched Oak Gall Wasps and their parasitoids.*
- 1630 - 1655 Raffle and photo competition results
- 1655 - 1700 Closing Remarks

**Please note the final order of the programme may change – any alterations will be made to this website version.**

**Branch Annual General Meeting**  
**Saturday 28th March 2020 at 11:20**  
**Welwyn Civic Centre, Prospect Place, Welwyn, Hertfordshire, AL6 9ER**

**2020 Agenda**

- 1. Apologies for absence**
- 2. Minutes of the last AGM – 23 March 2019**
- 3. Matters arising**
- 4. Chairman's Report**
- 5. Treasurer's report and Adoption of Accounts for 2018/19**
- 6. Membership Secretary's report**
- 7. Millhoppers Pasture Report**
- 8. Election of branch officers**
- 9. Future of Branch Newsletters** – should the default be for electronic distribution, with members actively opting to receive paper copies, rather than the other way around? The committee would like to hear members' views.
- 10. Any other business**

**Previous AGM Minutes**

The minutes from the 2019 AGM can be read here:

[http://www.hertsmiddx-butterflies.org.uk/events/AGM\\_minutes23.03.19.pdf](http://www.hertsmiddx-butterflies.org.uk/events/AGM_minutes23.03.19.pdf)

If you would like to receive a paper copy please contact Liz Goodyear (01920 487066)

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**A printable version of the programme is available at this link:**

[http://www.hertsmiddx-butterflies.org.uk/events/Members\\_day2020.pdf](http://www.hertsmiddx-butterflies.org.uk/events/Members_day2020.pdf)

## 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 although there will be another group using the carpark at the beginning of the day. 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 301 runs to Welwyn Church 3 times an hour from Welwyn Garden City Bus Station 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 St Albans, Hatfield, and Stevenage at the same frequency up to 1800 hrs.

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 23 2019 to March 26 2020. **Closing date Thursday 26 March 2020.**

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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