

Essex Moth Group



Newsletter 29 February 2004

I'd like to welcome several new people to the group and hope they enjoy being members. This issue of the newsletter concentrates on last year's recording effort. If you've not yet supplied your records I'd appreciate then as soon as possible.

First, a reminder of our **annual indoor meeting** on Saturday 28 February 2004. This will be at the Venture 2000 Centre at Lawford, easy to find on the A137, near the junction with Cox's Hill and Long Road, Lawford. The meeting is due to start at **10.15am**, *not 11.00am as shown on the web site!* Doors open at 10am. We're asking for a contribution of £5 to cover the cost of the hall, guest speakers and food. The food is always good and worth the money alone. This is always an enjoyable day, but hectic! The programme is being prepared now, but will roughly be:

Start: 10.15am

Morning: Paul Waring (c.10.30am)
Zoe Ringwood (c.11.30am)
Chris Gibson (c. mid-day)

Lunch (12.30pm - one and a half hours; food and drink provided)

Afternoon: Adrian Riley (c. 2pm)
Members' Slides (c. 2.30pm)
Discussion, questions etc. (c. 4pm)

Ends: 5.00pm

Please let Joe or me know if you are coming so that Bob will have an idea of numbers for catering.

You'll also have the opportunity to pick up your copy of *The Moths of Essex*, which has now become a reality (fan-fare; roll of drums...). If you've bought Paul's macro book and Adrian's pug book (or want to buy them on the day), you can have a mass signing session. Also available, free of charge, will be a **CD of images** mostly taken by EMG members. It is our hope to eventually produce a CD of awkward-to-identify-species, so this will be a sort of stop-gap and a way of thanking all those who have contributed material. *Please let me know* (if you've not done so already via email) *if you'd like a copy* and I'll bring one along for you at the meeting. On display will be photographs of the giant Bradwell-on-Sea trap, one of Britain's largest and most famous moth traps. We're hoping that Bob Dewick himself may be able to attend the meeting, which would indeed be a special treat. Many thanks to Joe, Bob and Sue for organising the day - we very much hope you'll be able to come.

Highlights of 2004 - so far!

The first records of 2004 came quickly: Tim Green at Epping trapped mottled umber, winter moth, spring usher and *Ipsolopha ustella* on the first of the month. On 11 January, a Mr. Doughty of Hall Road, Fordham reported the first butterfly of 2004, a peacock. Another peacock was seen by Dave Allen, sunning itself on 24 January at Layer-de-la-Haye. Other common species recorded so far include *Tortricodes alternella*, *Acleris cristana*, march moth, early moth, northern winter moth,

pale brindled beauty, dark chestnut and Satellite. But the highlight so far is *Acleris schalleriana* at Woodford Green, one –possibly three– from 6 to 19 January (Robin Barfoot, Brian Goodey). Only one was critically checked but it is likely that the other two are also *schalleriana*. This is only the third post-1990 site.



Acleris schalleriana, Woodford Green 19 January 2004 (Robin Barfoot)

Highlights of 2003 (as of 1 February 2004)

Records are still being processed, but so far 928 moth species have been recorded, easily our most productive year. No less than seven species were new to the county, over twice our normal rate, and these were *Stigmella aceris* at East Ham N.R. on 30 October, *Calybites phasianipennella* at Epping on 25 August, *Phyllocnistis saligna* at Dovercourt on 22 July, **Balsam Carpet** at Jaywick on 2 July (another at Bradwell-on-Sea on 23 July was new to VC18 South Essex), **red-headed chestnut** at Dovercourt on 9 November, **tree-lichen beauty** at Little Oakley on 22 July (another was trapped at Kirby-le-Soken on 25 July), and **eastern bordered straw** at Maldon on 8 June. All potentially new county species must be seen by at least one other experienced person.

Other new vice-county records were *Caloptilia semifascia* at Stour Wood on 18 July new to VC19 north Essex, **stored nut moth** at Layer-de-la-Haye on 14 June new to VC19, and **rest harrow** at Jaywick on 10 August new to VC19 north Essex (another was recorded at Thundersley on 5 August. Other highlights were two successful attempts to attract **clearwings** by using pheromone traps, the discovery of **festoon** in the south Essex woodlands, and the sheer numbers of **humming-bird hawk-moths**, which seemed to be everywhere. **Convolvulus hawk-moths** and **small mottled willow** were also numerous and **painted ladies** appeared in some impressive swarms. Also notable were the very early dates some species were on the wing, for example a **garden carpet** was trapped by Graham Ekins at Boreham on 26 January, April being the previous earliest date!

Please look through the following list and check your records for accuracy. This will form the basis of the Essex Field Club report, so if there are any omissions, additions or errors please let me know.

7 *Eriocrania chrysolepidella* Friar's Grove, High Woods CP, Colchester, mines on hornbeam, 11 May (Brian Goodey). First records from this site since it was coppiced about ten years ago.

25 *Ectoedemia intimella* Stanway, 7 July (Dave Owen, Brian Goodey). Second post-1990 record

90 *Stigmella tiliae* Layer Marney Towers, 20 August (Jon Clifton). Third post-1990 record

102 *Stigmella aceris* East Ham N.R., 30 October (Colin Plant). **New to Essex**

129 *Incurvaria pectinea* Danbury Common, 18 April (Brian Goodey, Peter Pyke). Third post-1990 record

173 **Festoon** Hockley Woods, eight on 9 July (Don Down, Graham Bailey). First modern records from this area.

264 *Bedellia somnulentella* Dovercourt, three from 22 August to 11 September (Chris Gibson). Third post-1990 site.

281 *Caloptilia populetorum* Colchester, 16 April (Brian Goodey); Epping, Oak Hill Farm, 14 August (Tim Green) Third and fourth post-1990 record.

290 *Caloptilia semifascia* Stour Wood, 18 July (Jon Clifton, John Langmaid). First county record since 1868. **New to vc19 north Essex.**

- 296 *Calybites phasianipennella* Epping, Oak Hill Farm, 25 August (Tim Green). *New to Essex*
- 367 *Phyllocnistis saligna* Dovercourt, 22 July (Chris Gibson). *New to Essex*
- 373 **Currant Clearwing**, 374 **Yellow-legged Clearwing** and 379 **Red-belted Clearwing**. A total of thirty adults of these three species were attracted to pheromone traps in the Thundersley and Hadleigh areas during June by Don Down. Most of us have failed dismally with these lures, so it is good to hear of success.
- 378 **Orange-tailed Clearwing** Langley Upper green and surrounding area, many records from 22 June onwards of adults to lures. First county record since 1983.
- 409a *Argyresthia trifasciata* North Chingford, Tolleshunt D'Arcy, Layer-de-la-Haye and Woodford Green, bringing the total number of sites to eight since its discovery in Essex in 1999.
- 409b *Argyresthia cupressella* Colchester and Stanway, bringing the total number of sites to eight since its discovery in Essex in 1997.
- 422 *Argyresthia albistria* Epping Forest, 10 July (Tim Green). Fourth post-1990 site
- 423 *Argyresthia semitestacella* Epping Forest, Long Running, 21 August (Jon Clifton, Tim Green). The only other post-1990 site is Saffron Walden in 1990.
- 487 *Metriotes lutarea* Friday Wood, Colchester, common, 10 May (Brian Goodey). Two post-1990 sites
- 513 *Coleophora potentillae* Dovercourt, 8 July (Chris Gibson). First county record since 1986
- 521 *Coleophora conyzae* Dovercourt, 8 July (Chris Gibson). Fourth post-1990 record
- 555 *Coleophora follicularis* Frinton-on-Sea, cases on hemp agrimony and fleabane, 16 May (Barbara Lock, Brian Goodey). Second post-1990 record.
- 562 *Coleophora asteris* Rainham Marshes, 19 August (Jon Clifton). Two other post-1990 sites.
- 587 *Coleophora caespitiella* Colchester, 25 May (Brian Goodey). Third post-1990 record
- 664 *Diurnea lipsiella* Epping Forest, 12 November (Tim Green). Second post-1990 site
- 696 *Agonopterix propinquella* Stanway, 1 August (Dave Owen). Third post-1990 site
- 710 *Agonopterix conterminella* Stanway, 7 July (Dave Owen, Brian Goodey). First post-1990 record. The only relatively recent report was at Wickham Bishops in 1980.
- 714 *Agonopterix yeatiana* Boreham, 22 August (Graham Ekins). Third post-1990 site
- 720 *Ethmia bipunctella* Dovercourt, 18 August (Chris Gibson). Third post-1990 record
- 792 *Mirificarma mulinella* Stanway, 1 September (Dave Owen, Brian Goodey). Fourth post-1990 record
- 801a *Gelechia senticetella* Stanway, 1 August (Dave Owen). Fifth post-1990 site
- 815 *Scrobipalpa nitentella* Dovercourt, 11 August (Chris Gibson). Second post-1990 site
- 818 *Scrobipalpa atriplicella* Rainham Marshes, 19 August (Jon Clifton). Third post-1990 site
- 832 *Caryocolum blandella* Stanway, 1 August (Dave Owen). Third post-1990 site
- 843 *Aproaerema anthyllidella* Epping Forest, 29 August (Tim Green). Third post-1990 site
- 856 *Anarsia spartiella* Dovercourt, 8 July (Chris Gibson). Fifth post-1990 site, a species probably increasing: it is known to be resident at Stanway
- 877 *Stathmopoda pedella* Dovercourt, 10 August (Chris Gibson). The only other post-1990 record was at Saffron Walden in 1992
- 894 *Cosmopterix zieglerella* East Ham N.R., 30 October (Colin Plant). Second post-1990 site, the other being Friday Wood in 1990.
- 926 *Phalonidia manniana* Epping Forest, 10 July (Tim Green). Fourth post-1990 site
- 956 *Cochylidia implicitana* Dovercourt, 25 August (Chris Gibson). Third post-1990 site
- 965 *Cochylis hybridella* Stanway, 21 September (Dave Owen). Late record, possibly second brood
- 974 *Argyrotaenia ljungiana* Jaywick, 4 January (Jon Young). Incredibly early
- 977 *Archips podana* Dovercourt, 14 September (Chris Gibson). Late record, possibly second brood
- 979 *Archips crataegana* Epping Forest, 21 and 22 June (Tim Green). Third post-1990 record
- 983 *Choristoneura hebenstreitella* Epping Forest, 30 June (Tim Green). Second post-1990 record
- 985 *Cacoecimorpha pronubana* Colchester, 18 January (Brian Goodey). Incredibly early

- 998 *Epiphyas postvittana* St Osyth, 1 January (Reg Arthur). Another very early record.
- 1014 *Isotrias rectifasciana* Epping Forest, 3 June (Tim Green, Brian Goodey). Third post-1990 site.
- 1018 *Cnephasia communana* Colchester, 25 May (Brian Goodey). Fifth post-1990 record
- 1022 *Cnephasia pasiuana* Stanway, 7 July (Dave Owen, Brian Goodey). Fourth post-1990 record
- 1026 *Exapatte congelatella* Maldon, 15 November (Russell Neave) Second post-1990 record
- 1088 *Pseudosciaphila branderiana* Dovercourt, 8 July (Chris Gibson). Fourth post-1990 site
- 1144 *Epinotia signatana* Dovercourt, 22 July (Chris Gibson). One other post-1990 locality, Saffron Walden in 1996
- 1145 *Epinotia nanana* Dovercourt, 29 July (Chris Gibson). The only other post-1990 site is Saffron Walden in 1990.
- 1168 *Gypsonoma sociana* Epping Forest, 16 and 17 June (Tim Green). Fourth post-1990 record
- 1171 *Gypsonoma minutana* Langenhoe, 7 August (Hugh Owen). Third post-1990 site
- 1242 *Grapholita internana* Danbury Common, 18 April (Brian Goodey, Peter Pyke). First post-1990 record
- 1275 *Dichrorampha flavidorsana* Dovercourt, 22 July (Chris Gibson). One other post-1990 locality, Saffron Walden in 1996
- 1287 *Dichrorampha aeratana* Magdalen Laver, 15 May (Tim Green, Brian Goodey). First post-1990 site
- 1293 *Chrysoteuchia culmella* Dovercourt, 14 September (Chris Gibson). Late record, possibly second brood
- 1403a *Duponchelia fovealis* Dovercourt, 1 September, believed to be a genuine migrant (Chris Gibson). Fifth county record
- 1408 *Palpita unionalis* Ingatestone, 3 June (Graham Smith). Eighth post-1990 record
- 1415 *Orthopygia glaucinalis* Lawford, 1 October (Anne Lansdown) Continuing recent trend of October reports
- 1430 **Stored Nut Moth** Layer-de-la-Haye, 14 June (Peter Pyke, Brian Goodey). *New to VC19*
- 1441 *Onocera semirubella* St Osyth, 31 July (Reg Arthur)
- 1454 *Dioryctria abietella* Jaywick, 30 May (Jon Young). Very early date.
- 1470 *Euzophera pinguis* Lawford, 1 October (Anne Lansdown) Possibly second generation
- 1479 **Indian Meal Moth** Dovercourt, 10 January (Chris Gibson); Layer-de-la-Haye, 8 August (Peter Pyke). Also recorded from Magdalen Laver (Tim Green).
- 1497 *Amblyptilia acanthadactyla* Appeared at Woodford Green on several occasions, Kirby-le-Soken, Jaywick, Epping, Boreham and Abbots Hall. Fourteen post-1990 sites.
- 1575 **Chalk Hill Blue** Gosfield, 29 July (Jean and Colin Davies, Carl Blamire; via Neil Harvey).
- 1591 **Painted Lady** Marks Hall Estate, Coggeshall, 800 on 29 July (Dave Owen). Became a common sight during the summer.
- 1649 **Dusky Hook-tip** Skipper's Island, 18 July (Ray Marsh). Fourth county record
- [1658 **Oak Lutestring** Ingatestone, 31 August 2002 (Graham Smith). Relates to last year but only recently submitted. Fourth post-1990 site]
- 1664 **Rest Harrow** Thundersley, 5 August (Don Down); Jaywick, 10 August (Jon Young). Second and third county records. *New to VC19 north Essex*
- 1681 **Clay Triple-lines** North Chingford, 22 June (Bryon Pateman). New locality
- 1662 **Light Orange Underwing** Friday Wood, Colchester, by car-park, adults flying among aspen, 23 and 30 March (Brian Goodey). Three other localities are known.
- 1688 **Tawny Wave** Copperas Wood, 12 July (Peter Smith); Little Oakley, 16 July (Gerry Slater); Beaumont-cum-Moze, 5 August (Ben Fisher); Dovercourt, July (Chris Gibson).
- 1720 **Gem** Stour Wood, 18 July (Jon Clifton); Jaywick, 5 August (Jon Young); Maldon, 12 August (Simon Wood); Beaumont-cum-Moze, 14 August (Ben Fisher); Rainham Marshes, 19 August (Jon Clifton); Maldon, 23 August (Russell Neave); Langenhoe, 3 October (Hugh Owen); Dovercourt, 3 October and 11 November (Peter Smith).

- 1721 **Balsam Carpet** Jaywick, 2 July (Jon Young). *New to Essex*; Bradwell-on-Sea, 23 July (Stephen & Bob Dewick). *New to VC18*
- 1728 **Garden Carpet** Boreham, 26 January (Graham Ekins). April is the previous earliest date!
- 1894 **Latticed Heath** moderate explosion of numbers: 106 on 17 August at Maldon (Simon Wood) and 41 at Boreham on 19 August (Graham Ekins)
- 1922 **Swallow-tailed Moth** Kirby-le-Soken 30 September (Paul Bergdahl). Incredibly late or possibly second generation.
- 1926 **Pale Brindled Beauty** St Osyth, 1 January (Reg Arthur)
- 1972 **Convolvulus Hawk-moth** Beaumont-cum-Moze, 8 August (Ben Fisher); Theydon Bois, 9 August (Jean Green); Stanway, 9 August (J. Henderson per Dave Owen); Shoeburyness, 13 August (Tim Taylor); Langley Upper Green, 16 and 21 August (Ted Ponting); Kirby-le-Soken, 16 August (Paul Bergdahl); Saffron Walden, 18 August (Allan Beadle); Steeple, 18 August (Don Down); Thundersley, three, 20 August (Don Down); Langenhoe, two on 21 August (Hugh Owen); Old Hall Marsh NR, larva, 23 August (Chris Tyas); Landermere, 24 August (Ben Fisher); Westcliff, 3 September (per Roger Payne); West Mersea, 9 September (Keith Woolsey); West Bergholt, 11 September (Nigel Rayner); Kirby-le-Soken, 18 and 27 September (Paul Bergdahl); Maldon, 21 September (Russell Neave); Bradfield, larva, sometime in September (Ian Rose); Lawford, 1 October (Anne Lansdown); Mashbury, 11 October (Moira Tarrant).
- 1973 **Death's-head Hawk-moth** From six sites in the Southend area (per Don Down and Roger Payne). One of these, at Westcliff, was of a larva in September.
- 1987 **Bedstraw Hawk-moth** Kirby-le-Soken, 5 July (Paul Bergdahl)
- 2030 **Yellow-tail** Stanway, 21 September (Dave Owen). Possibly second brood. Two other September records
- 2040 **Four-dotted Footman** Jaywick, 17 June (Jon Young). Second recent record from north-east Essex
- 2041 **Dotted Footman** St Osyth, 15 and 16 July (Reg Arthur). Three other post-1990 sites.
- 2060 **White Ermine** Basildon, 29 March (Paul Harris). Very early date.
- 2154 **Cabbage Moth** Woodford Green, 24 December (Robin Barfoot). Late or early?
- 2165 **Small Ranunculus** Pitsea, 18 July (Paul Harris); Sewardstone, larvae 31 July and 13 September (Andrew Middleton).
- 2183 **Blossom Underwing** Dovercourt, 29 March (Chris Gibson); EWT Abbots Hall, 6 April (George Catchpole); Frinton-on-Sea, two on 15 April (Barbara Lock); Layer-de-la-Haye, five during April (Peter Pyke).
- 2202 **L-album Wainscot** Jaywick, 12 September (Jon Young); Tillingham, 21 September (A. Malley); Landermere, 28 September (Ben Fisher); Kirby-le-Soken 30 September (Paul Bergdahl).
- 2223 **Toadflax Brocade** Woodford Green, 24 July (Robin Barfoot). Fourth recent site
- 2260 **Dotted Chestnut** Epping, Oak Hill Farm, 10 March (Tim Green). Third county record
- 2261 **Red-headed Chestnut** Dovercourt, 9 November (Chris Gibson). *New to Essex*
- 2275 **Dusky-lemon Sallow** Maldon, 18 and 24 September (Russell Neave); Abbots Hall, 22 September and 3 October (Neil Harvey); Kirby-le-Soken 25 September (Paul Bergdahl); Langenhoe, 10 October (Hugh Owen)
- 2292 **Tree-lichen Beauty** Little Oakley, 22 July (Gerry Slater et al.); Kirby-le-Soken, 25 July (Paul Bergdahl). *New to Essex*
- 2317 **White-spotted Pinion** Langenhoe, five between 31 July and 7 August (Hugh Owen, Joe Firmin et al); Brightlingsea, two 6 - 7 August (David Scott)
- 2323 **Reddish Light Arches** St Osyth, 20 June (Reg Arthur). Second post-1990 record
- 2357 **Large Ear** Kirby-le-Soken, 7 August (Paul Bergdahl, Brian Goodey). Third Essex record.
- 2385 **Small Mottled Willow** Stanway, 8 July (Dave Owen); Epping, Oak Hill Farm, 21 July (Tim Green); Langenhoe, 2 and 5 August (Hugh Owen); Kirby-le-Soken, 3 August (Paul Bergdahl);

Beaumont-cum-Moze, 5 August (Ben Fisher); Maldon, 5, 17 and 18 August (Simon Wood); Landermere, 6 August (Ben Fisher); Dovercourt, 10 August (Chris Gibson); Jaywick, 13 August (Jon Young); Lawford, 15 August (Anne Lansdown); Maldon, 15, 17, 24 and 25 August (Russell Neave); Ingatestone, 10 August (Graham Smith); Boreham, 5 September (Graham Ekins); Great Clacton G Swayne. An exceptional year.

2396 **Rosy Marbled** Epping Forest, 22 June (Tim Green). Third post-1990 record

2400 **Scarce Bordered Straw** Dovercourt, 11 August (Chris Gibson); Lawford, 12 August (Anne Lansdown); Jaywick, 20 August (Jon Young); Kirby-le-Soken 30 September (Paul Bergdahl); Dovercourt, 3 October (Peter Smith)

2403 **Bordered Straw** Wix, 15 June Chris Balchin, Jan Rowland); Dovercourt, four in August (Chris Gibson); Maldon, 12 August (Simon Wood); Jaywick, two on 12 August, 13 August (Jon Young); Boreham, 18 August (Graham Ekins); Maldon, 21 August (Russell Neave). Also recorded at St Osyth, Kirby-le-Soken and Magdalen Laver.

2404 **Eastern Bordered Straw** Maldon, 8 June (Russell Neave, Simon Wood). **New to Essex**

2413 **Silver Barred** Frinton-on-Sea, 2 July (Barbara Lock); Dovercourt, 3 July (Chris Gibson); Copperas Wood, 5 July (Peter Smith)

2428 **Golden Twin-spot** Maldon, 7 September (Russell Neave)

2439 **Gold Spot** Jaywick, 1 August (Jon Young)

2441 **Silver Y** Jaywick, 1,200 on 14 August (Jon Young)

2462 **Mother Shipton** Shoebury Old Rangers, larvae (Roger Payne).

2480 **Buttoned Snout** Mashbury, 19 September (Moira Tarrant), and Margareting, 15 July (Graham Smith). New localities.

Ship-assisted 'migrants' by *Russell Neave*

Whilst on the Portsmouth to Bilbao ferry in June, a friend and I did a check of the outside lights, having seen humming-bird hawk-moth around the boat. This proved quite productive and we found bordered straw, turnip moth, brown-tail, ni moth and scarce bordered straw. The October trip produced humming-bird Hawk-moth (we found five one night, but how many others did we miss?), turnip moth, death's-head hawk-moth, lunar underwing, large yellow underwing, delicate, rush veneer, white point, Blair's mocha, silver y, four dark sword-grass, vestal and a dead female red-veined darter. One wonders how many moths as well as birds arrive "ship assisted".

Bob Dewick's unique service to UK moth recording recognised by *Joe Firmin*

Essex Moth Group's chairman and a co-founder Joe Firmin has organised long-overdue recognition of the unique contribution made by Bob Dewick of Curry Farm, Bradwell-on-Sea, owner and operator of Britain's largest moth trap since 1947 who has systematically recorded moth species for more than half a century.

On 4 November Joe presented Bob and his son Stephen with a copy of *The Aurelian Legacy*, British butterflies and their collectors by Michael Salmon, Peter Marren and Basil Harvey published by Harley Books and kindly donated by Basil as publisher and signed by him as president of British Entomological and Natural History Society and by Joe as chairman of EMG and of Essex Lepidoptera Panel of which Bob, now 92, has been a member since the early 1970s. The presentation to Bob and Stephen was made at the recently refurbished giant trap. Stephen is still working on the trap's rejuvenation. Ian Rose photographed the occasion and also the trap's workings and interior and will be showing slides at EMG's annual meeting at Lawford on 28 February, 2004.

The Dewick trap is brick built and has a catching chamber of 4m square and 2m high with rounded corners. A 400 watt pure mercury-vapour tube is positioned above a cone-shaped chute down which moths travel into the catching chamber. An extractor fan draws air down through the

chute helping to pull in some of the lighter winged species. The air current also forces down a weighted disc which closes the end of the chute when the fan is stopped by a time switch pre-set to operate just before dawn.

Bob is one of the few people giving his name to a species on the British list. The first recorded UK specimen of Dewick's plusia *Macdunnoughia confusa* arrived in the Curry Farm trap in October 1951. Other rarities recorded by the Dewicks, father and son, are the passenger *Dysgonia algira*, purple cloud *Actinotia polydon* and the lunar double-stripe *Minucia lunaris*.

The Latticed Heath in 2003

It was the best year since the explosion of 1997. A total of 1,101 adults from twenty-five sites have so far been reported, peaking in the third week of August when 772 adults were recorded county-wide. This compares with 461 adults in 1998, 134 in 1999, 19 in 2000, 6 in 2001 (the worst year on record) and 39 in 2002. Around 24,000 were recorded in 1997 from twenty-five sites, which included single night catches in some traps of over 1,000 adults! The 2003 results were:

April (second week)	0	June (first week)	0	July (fourth week)	6
April (third week)	10	June (second week)	1	Aug. (first week)	2
April (fourth week)	0	June (third week)	7	Aug. (second week)	1
May (first week)	0	June (fourth week)	1	Aug. (third week)	772
May (second week)	0	July (first week)	2	Aug. (fourth week)	251
May (third week)	0	July (second week)	23	Sept. (first week)	5
May (fourth week)	6	July (third week)	17	Sept. (second week)	0

Programme

Essex Moth Group annual meeting

Date: Saturday 28 February 2004

Time: 10.15am start to 5.00pm, doors open at 10.00am

Venue: Venture 2000 Centre at Lawford (TM094309). Easy to find on the A137, near the junction with Cox's Hill and Long Road, Lawford. Map on the web site. £5 donation requested to cover the expense of hiring the hall, food etc.

Guest speakers will include Adrian Riley (pugs) and Paul Waring (Britain's threatened moths). You'll also have the opportunity to pick up your copy of *The Moths of Essex*.

Herts Moth Group annual meeting

Date: Saturday 20 March 2004

Time: 10.am to 5pm

Venue: Wheathampstead Development Centre, Butterfield Road, Wheathampstead, Herts (TL174133 marked as 'school' on OS map 182).

Guest speakers include Phil Sterling (micros)

Suffolk Moth Group annual meeting

Date: 27th March 2004

Time: 2pm to approximately 5.00pm

Venue: Alder Carr Farm, Needham Market (TM091553). Approaching Needham Market from the A140/A14 junction the farm is clearly signposted. On parking at the farm go through the farm shop to the courtyard and the Barn Room we will be meeting in is opposite. No formal guest speakers this year, but a digital slide projector should be available, so bring along your digital images.

Field Meetings

These have been arranged by Joe and Ian. Please call Joe on 01206 241389 for any alterations/cancellations. Please note you attend these meetings at your own risk

May 19 (Wednesday) Fordham Heath, pond area. Park along Cooks Mill Lane (TL946266) 8.30pm.

May 21 (Friday) Layer Wood, Tiptree. Meet at entrance gate at 8.30pm.

June 16 (Wednesday) Chappel Millenium Green. Meet on village green (TL895284) at 8.30pm.

July 14 (Wednesday) Earls Colne Millenium Green. Park in Colne Stove car park, opposite site (TL848291) 8.30pm.

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