

Essex Moth Group

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A brief newsletter to remind everyone that our annual meeting will be held on Saturday 26 February 2005 at the usual place, the Venture 2000 centre at Lawford, near Manningtree, starting at 10.30am.

The centre is easy to find on the A137 near the junction with Cox's Hill and Long Road. We are asking for a contribution of £5 to cover the cost of hall hire and food, etc.

Guest speakers include Tony Davis (Butterfly Conservation and the Pyralid & Plume recording scheme) who will give a talk on pyralids, and Jeff Higgott (Uk Leps - www.ukleps.co.uk/), whose speciality is digital photography.

Please let Joe know if you're coming so that catering arrangements can be made:

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We have a backlog of digital images, some of important local captures from recent years and in order to display these Marion and I have purchased a digital projector.

If you have any images you wish to show please bring them to the meeting on a CD or floppy disk. Ideally, if you have the facility, a slide show using Powerpoint would be perfect. Please let me know before hand how long your set will last for (or how many images you are bringing) as we'll need to plan things out time-wise.

Even better, send me the images before hand and I'll put them into Powerpoint and have them on the lap top ready for the meeting.

The CD we put together last year was in the end distributed to some 50 - 60 people and since then has grown as more images have been received. If you found it useful and would like a copy of version 2 let me know. I probably won't have time to have it ready for the meeting but will try for sometime in spring.

Basil and Annette Harley have decided to retire and production of MBGBI, which began in the mid-70s, will hopefully pass on others for completion. In this thirty years they have given us a fighting chance of identifying some of the hardest and smallest moths, for which we are eternally grateful. So, Basil and Annette, much heartfelt thanks for what you've achieved and enjoy your retirement. Perhaps Basil can dust down his trap!

It's that time of year when records start pouring in, but listed below are some of the highlights since the previous newsletter.

127 *Emmetia angusticollella* Jaywick, mines 13 October (Jon Young)

173 **Festoon** Thundersley, 12 July (Don Down)

174 **Triangle** North-east woodland, larva 18 September (Peter Winter). First county breeding record

366a *Cameraria ohridella* Waltham Abbey, 24 September (Mark Hanson); Epping Forest, Whipps Cross, 1 October (Robin Barfoot); Hylands Park, 3 November (Mark Hanson); Writtle College, 5 November (Martin Heywood). Mines in good numbers at these locations. **New to Essex.**

379 **Red-belted Clearwing** Colchester, 26 July (Don Down)

537 *Coleophora kuehnella* Hockley Woods, 4 August (Graham Bailey, Brian Goodey). Fifth post-1990; first since 2000

555 *Coleophora follicularis* Hockley Woods, 13 July (Graham Bailey, Brian Goodey). Fourth post-1990 site
746 *Chrysoesthia drurella* Stour Wood, 16 July (Tony Davis)
772 *Carpatolechia fugitivella* Jaywick, 31 August (Jon Young). Third post-1990 record
907 *Dystebenna stephensi* Stour Wood, 16 July (Tony Davis). New to vc19; second post-1990 record
1225 *Pammene obscurana* Epping Forest, 28 May (Jon Clifton, Tim Green et al). First record since 1983
1753 **Striped Twin-spot Carpet** Felsted, 18 May (Graham Geen). Second county record; new to VC19
1771a **Cypress Carpet** Woodford Green, 6 November (Robin Barfoot)
1973 **Deaths-head Hawk-moth** Rowhedge, larva (George Catchpole); Great Bentley, September (T. Sawkins, Joe Firmin)
1990 **Striped Hawk-moth** Steeple, 15 June (C. Harding)
2057 **Garden Tiger** Canvey Island, four on 26 July and three on 6 August (Don Down)
2194 **White-point** Little Oakley, 15 August (Gerald Slater); Canvey Island, 3 September (Don Down)
2195 **Delicate** Dovercourt, 28 October (Chris Gibson)
2202 **L-album Wainscot** Jaywick, 4 and 30 September (Jon Young)
2275 **Dusky-lemon Sallow** Jaywick, 8 October (Jon Young)
2292 **Tree-lichen Beauty** Little Oakley, 5 August (Gerald Slater)
2295 **Marbled Green** Frinton, 25 & 29 July and 5 September (Barbara Lock)
2400 **Scarce Bordered Straw** Steeple, 26 August (C. Harding); Dovercourt, 19 October (Chris Gibson)
2428 **Golden Twin-spot** Dovercourt, 16 September (Chris Gibson); Frinton-on-Sea, 12 October (Barbara Lock, Reg Arthur); 21 October (Jean Green, Tim Green)

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