

Butterfly Conservation Cornwall Branch: Butterfly Fair & Annual General Meeting 2019

Our Butterfly Fair (aka the Annual General meeting of Cornwall Butterfly Conservation) will be held this year on **Saturday 27th April** from 10am to 4.30pm at St Erme Community Centre, Castle Field, Trispen, Truro, Cornwall, TR4 9BD.

We are back at our regular venue as it suits us so perfectly being accessible for all. The location is super convenient and directions can be found [here](#).

The entry price on the door remains £7 (students £3.50) and this includes pasty lunch, savouries, cakes, tea, coffee & squash. Regular attenders have told us what good value this is and the food is always absolutely delicious.

The day begins with a short AGM covering all aspects of our work in the last twelve months, with informative reports from our Treasurer, our County Butterfly Recorder and our Transect Coordinator. There will also be an opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

There will be many stalls promoting our work and that of some of our valued partner wildlife organisations in Cornwall. We will have lots of new insect related goodies for you to purchase as well as our usual fund-raising raffle with prizes that have all been generously donated.

This year, we are delighted to welcome **Dr Dan Hoare** as our headline speaker.

Dan has always been bewitched by the natural world, from a childhood rearing Garden Tiger 'woolly bear' caterpillars in a jam jar on his windowsills, to an academic career studying behavioural ecology. He first joined Butterfly Conservation on a 3 month contract in 2002 and still hasn't escaped! He has taken roles in the moth conservation team, as South East Regional Officer and as Head of England Conservation, leading work for species including Duke of Burgundy & Pearl-bordered Fritillary. Dan recently gained a



well deserved promotion and will become Director of UK Operations for BC on 1st April. Dan is a very active supporter of all of our conservation work in Cornwall, taking a 'hands on' approach and guiding us in all that we do. His talk will be: **'Saving species: landscape-scale conservation, reintroductions, and bringing species back from the brink'**. This will explain our approach to saving threatened species, how we work at a landscape scale, cover the thorny topic of reintroductions and review some of the evidence for the impact we are making.

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Roger Hooper, long term dedicated CBC & RSPB volunteer will give us a talk called '**Aspects of the Haut-Pyrenees**'. He will combine his love of natural history of all forms with a lifelong following of elite continental cycle racing. Watching birds, butterflies and finding gorgeous alpine flowers on the most famous mountains in Tour de France history was too good for him to do just once, so 2 years later he went back!

Thomas Auld is a Conservation Biology and Ecology student based at the University of Exeter Penryn Campus and is giving a talk on a very topical and concerning subject called '**Sail Against Plastic: A Message from the Arctic**'. Tom's passion for the natural world came very early and in large part to natural history films and spending time outside. He is interested not only in understanding the wonderful world we live in but communicating that to everyone through film and photography. He is currently working on his dissertation, gannet distribution in relation to ocean variables, and was a film-maker and scientist onboard the Sail Against Plastics expedition to Svalbard in 2018.



There will also be a not to be missed musical interlude from regular CBC volunteers **Malcolm Pinch and Hilary Roberts** who will be performing songs that have been inspired by their work with Butterfly Conservation.

Everyone is welcome to our Butterfly Fair, you don't have to be a member. If you have never been before, please come along and bring your nature loving friends or family as you will meet many like minded and fascinating people. We look forward to seeing you there!

Questions about the Butterfly Fair/AGM should go to the organiser Jo Poland: [email](#) or 01872 540371. Prospective new committee members should contact Branch Secretary at least 21 days before the Butterfly Fair/AGM: Alison Norris: [email](#) or 01209 831116.