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**2013 A.G.M. & Members Day with
2013 Events Guide
Special Issue**

**Celebrating our 20th Anniversary
1993 - 2013**

OUR 20TH ANNIVERSARY 1993 to 2013 AGM/CONFERENCE

Saturday 16th March 2013

**St. Erme Community Centre
Castle Field, Trispen, Near Truro, TR4 9BH**

Programme

10.00 Sign in and purchase an all day food and drink voucher for **£3.00** per person. Meet and mingle with other members and friends and look at the many stalls and displays.

11.00 AGM AGENDA

- (1) Chairman's Report
- (2) Minutes of previous AGM and matters arising - *The minutes of the 2012 AGM, held 28th January 2012 are contained in this edition of the Butterfly Observer and also on line at www.cornwall-butterfly-conservation.org.uk*
- (3) Treasurer's Report and approval of the annual accounts
- (4) Election of Officers - *one third of the Branch committee members in seniority rotation and any members co-opted onto the committee since the previous AGM shall retire and be eligible for re-election. See page 12 for details.*

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(5) Transect Coordinator's Report – Jim Barker

(6) Conservation Officer's Report - Paddy Saunders

12.00 A CONSERVATION CONVERSATION! An informal talk about the start of Butterfly Conservation in Cornwall in 1993, led by Phil Harris. What has been achieved in our first 20 years? Audience participation invited and encouraged!

13.00 Lunch The feedback from last years AGM was unanimous – a long lunch break to catch up with friends and have a good look at the stalls and display stands.

14.30 HOW TO BUILD A BUTTERFLY HAVEN. Looking to the future, an inspirational talk from Dr Dan Danahar. Biodiversity & Conservation (Brighton & Hove) Officer of Sussex Branch of Butterfly Conservation.

15.30 Raffle Draw Ensure you get your tickets during the day.

16.30 A great day ends! St Erme Community Centre bar will be open if you wish to stay longer.

AGM - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Lunch/Refreshments

We have listened to what you told us last year! On offer there will be pasties (vegetable, cheese or meat), a variety of filled sandwiches, quiches, sausages (veggy and meat), salad and an amazing selection of delectable home-made cakes and buns. There will also be tea, coffee and squash. All you have to do is purchase a voucher for £3.00 per person and you can tuck in. You are welcome to bring your own packed lunch.

Raffle

We have been given many generous and interesting prizes for this years raffle, our sincere thanks to everyone who has donated. Please buy tickets, all the money raised will go directly towards our conservation work in Cornwall.

Stands

This year we have lots of interesting stands displaying and selling Lepidoptera related items that may be of interest to you. Atropos Books will be one of those having a space and they have kindly offered to bring any specific book from their range to the AGM, if they are contacted in advance, via their website www.atroposbooks.co.uk. Lee Slaughter and Andrew Carey will have many collectible books, including Frohawks, New Naturalists and butterfly books for sale.

Your help needed!

We are still looking for a couple of committee members to help us with our work to conserve butterflies & moths in Cornwall. We currently also have a vacancy for a Health & Safety Officer. We meet around six times a year and often hold events, carry out conservation work, offer surveys or give talks where we need lots of help. All of the committee are volunteers, and are a happy and friendly group. We usually meet at Cornwall Wildlife Trust HQ at Allett. If you would like to know more about what is involved, please speak to any committee member.

MEMORABILIA REQUEST:

It's 20 years since we began!

Following a meeting of enthusiasts in late 1992 it was decided to form a regional branch for Cornwall of Butterfly Conservation. Cornwall's branch was duly launched on 9th June 1993 at Lucket by Dr Jeremy Thomas amongst hundreds of Heath Fritillary butterflies at the Duchy of Cornwall Nature Reserve. This was followed by a fascinating illustrated talk in the evening on the life history of the Large Blue butterfly in Britain at Truro Museum.

Have you got any photographs, press cuttings, articles, pamphlets or any other item from the last 20 years that would

interest members? If so, would you consider lending them to us just for the AGM day?

We plan to have a small display and would be very grateful if you would bring things on the day clearly labelled with your contact details. If you haven't got anything, don't worry, just bring your memories to share!

1. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Hello Everyone, I am sure you do not need to be told about the abysmal weather for butterflies that we experienced in 2012!, but there does seem to have been a silver lining for a few species such as, Meadow Brown, Gatekeeper and Ringlet, which have bucked the trend and been seen in increased numbers.

Your committee have had a busy year in 2013 with some new ventures, including a first for CBC - a stand at the Royal Cornwall Show in June.

A tremendous amount of organisation went into preparing and operating this event, and we are indebted to Jo Poland and her helpers for their dedicated and time consuming input.

Unfortunately the show was be-devilled by the weather, as were most events countrywide.

Nevertheless, it was great to see CBC being promoted in this way. We also held more Social events for members, their families and friends, with the final event being a Wildlife Quiz, held at St Erme Village Hall in November.

After battling bravely with illness for some time, CBC lost one of its most devoted and stalwart members in 2012, Steve Hoskin. Steve had been involved with CBC in several guises over many years.

We also lost a previous secretary and co-author of the CBC Butterfly Atlas, Professor John Wacher. May they Rest In Peace.

Our field trips were particularly well supported during 2012. Many thanks to Lee Slaughter for continuing to organise these outings and to all those who volunteered to lead the field trips.

Membership has continued to increase which helps us to maintain and operate the branch and provide facilities for us all, and we currently number 324 as at the end of January, at 270 addresses, and this figure does not include children listed as "and Family."

We have had some changes in our committee members during the year and have been very lucky to secure the services of a new secretary, treasurer and Press Officer. Amanda Scott as Secretary, Peter Tyler as Treasurer, Andrew Carey, the new Press Officer and Newsletter Editor, Rowena Castillo Nicholls as membership secretary and Leon Abbott as committee member will, I am sure prove great assets to the branch.

We must not forget to record our thanks to Keith Wilson, who stepped down from his post as Membership Secretary during the year, and also Dave Spencer who stood down as Treasurer. Many thanks Keith and Dave!

Committee meetings are held as necessary during the year, but the amount of business requiring our attention seems to have increased considerably. This means committee members giving up more of their time to keep the Branch operating smoothly and I thank them wholeheartedly for their dedication and support.

2. Minutes of Cornwall Butterfly Conservation AGM held on Saturday 28th January 2012

1. Apologies were received from Steve Hoskin, Dick Goodere, Sue Netherton, Tony Bertenshaw, Sarah Brennan, Bill Sowerby, George Davis, Pauline Burton and Hilary and David Phillips.
2. The minutes of the AGM held on the 22nd January 2011 were accepted as a true and accurate record and there were no matters arising.
3. Phil Harris, our Chair, opened the meeting by thanking two long serving members of the Committee, Maggie Goodere and Paul Browning who had stepped down as Branch Secretary and Treasurer respectively. Paul will continue as a member of the Committee and is also helping with a number of conservation projects including Goss Moor and Trelusback.

Phil reminded us that the last year had been very successful with the implementation of a new website and forum thanks to Shaun Poland, a substantial increase in fund raising due to the efforts of a team led by Jo Poland and a large increase in membership. The branch achieved the biggest increase by any branch of Butterfly Conservation and we now have 22% more members than the year before. This was achieved by members of the branch helping on promotional stands and by the branch putting more emphasis upon conservation work and friendship.

A considerable amount of conservation work had been carried out at Bunnys Hill, thanks to the kind assistance of Mr and Mrs Jackson who are the main landowners, Trelusback, Porkellis Moor and work has also been planned

for Goss Moor. Phil thanked the many volunteers including students from Newquay, Duchy and Falmouth Marine colleges. Some of these students were also helping at our AGM together with three students from Tremough (Falmouth). Members and/or students have also helped at sites owned by another charity at Garras and arrangements have been made to help the Cornwall Wildlife Trust at Breney Common.

The field trips have been well attended with record numbers of members and members of the public. Phil thanked the field trip leaders and made special mention of Lee Slaughter who has arranged the field trips every year since the branch was started in 1993. Phil also thanked the Committee and members who had worked hard and successfully during the last year. Phil closed the meeting by announcing he was stepping down as Chair after five years in office and wished the new Chair every success. The Chair's Report was then adopted by the meeting.

4. Paul Browning presented the accounts for the financial year ending 31st March 2011 and explained that since the year ended Branch funds had been used to buy equipment and training for three operators, a laptop and other equipment to allow us to give talks or presentations when we are asked for them. Paul added that £507 had been found towards the cost of equipment by successful fund raising. The accounts were then adopted by the meeting. A copy of the accounts is attached.

5. Election of officers. There being no other proposals the following were confirmed by the meeting:-

Chairman: Philip Hambly,
Treasurer: Dave Spencer,
Secretary: Keith Wilson.

In accordance with our rules one third of the Committee stood down by rotation. There were no other proposals, Phil Harris, Lee Slaughter, Paul Browning, Jo Poland and Shaun Poland were re-elected.

6. Jim Barker then gave an interesting talk about the results and methods used for recording butterflies and moths.
7. The AGM was then closed by Phil Harris



Often the first butterfly we see each year in Cornwall, the Red Admiral overwinters without hibernating, and can often be found when the the temperature gets to 10 degrees C or better, frequently associated with ivy.

Accounts for year 1/4/2010 - 31/3/2011

Receipts		Payments	
From Head Office		Costs of generating funds	
Subscriptions	£1,079.55	Purchase of Equipment	£279.79
Grants		Conservation	
Donations		Site Mngement (Trelusback)	£102.56
Others		Tools	£207.94
Direct Receipts		Plant Purchase (Trelusback)	£60.00
Donations	£401.75		
Sales Income	£255.00	Membership Costs	
Fundraising (Raffle)	£60.00	Branch Newsletter	£659.80
Fundraising (Talks)	£45.00	Mailing appeal	£63.88
Bank Interest	£31.36	Management & Administration	
Butterfly Atlas Royalties	£96.76	Three Books (Gifts)	£30.00
Returned Over-payment	£4.12	Debtors: Natwest Bank	£27.50
Total Receipts	£1,973.74	Total Payments	£1,461.47
Balance c/f at start of year	£3,951.74	Balance c/f at start of year	£4,464.01
TOTAL	£5,925.48	TOTAL	£5,925.48

End of minutes.

3. Treasurer's Report to 2013 AGM

I took up the role of Treasurer late in the current financial year, so am unable to provide a full and in-depth report for the period 2011-2012. In it's place I offer these brief notes, culled from an overview of the cash book and my brief experience of the role.

Throughout the year income and expenditure were at reasonable, healthy levels. Income was derived in the main from member's subscriptions, with substantial

additional income from fund-raising, donations and sales of stock. Expenditure went towards conservation activities and equipment and training, some travel and expenses for volunteers and investment in further saleable stock, providing a solid base for future income.

We ended the financial year in a strong position, with a healthy balance available for up-coming activities.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR PERIOD 01/04/2011 TO 31/03/2012

RECEIPTS

RECEIPTS FROM HEAD OFFICE

SUBSCRIPTIONS	1344.13
GRANTS	
DONATIONS	
OTHER	50.27

DIRECT RECEIPTS

AGM INCOME	566.34
FUNDRAISING (GENERAL)	380.00
DONATIONS	361.50
SALES INCOME	370.50
TALKS	356.00
ATLAS ROYALTIES	33.08
REFUNDS	29.50
BANK INTEREST	2.66

TOTAL RECEIPTS 3493,98

BALANCE B/F 31/03/2011 4464.01

TOTALS 7957.99

PAYMENTS

PAYMENTS TO HEAD OFFICE

VAT
INSURANCE
OTHER

BRANCH PAYMENTS

PURCHASES

PURCHASE TOOLS/EQPT	1364.42
PURCHASE IT EQUIPT.	984.31
SUNDRIES	75.25

EXPENSES

POSTAGE/STATIONERY	107.89
PRINTING/LEAFLETS	83.57
REFRESHMENTS/CATERING	250.94
NEWSLETTER	294.55
TRAVEL/EXPENSES	101.13
TRAINING/LICENCES	560.00
HIRE CHARGES	357.00
AGM COSTS	458.20

TOTAL PAYMENTS 4637.04

BALANCE C/F 31/03/2012 3320.95

4. Election of Officers

In accordance with our rules, *one third of the Branch committee members in seniority rotation and any members co-opted onto the committee since the previous AGM shall retire and be eligible for re-election.*

This applies to the following committee members: *Jim Barker, Paddy Saunders and Adrian Spalding*, who are all willing to stand.

The following co-opted members are also willing to continue to serve in the roles they have been fulfilling: *Andrew Carey, (Newsletter & Press Officer) Rowena Castillo Nicholls, (Membership Secretary) Amanda Scott, (Branch Secretary) Pete Tyler (Treasurer) and Leon Abbott. (Committee)*

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5. Transect Coordinators Report (or These Boots are Made for Walking)

So... lets walk .. a transect, a timed count, a square.... It's very good exercise and the information collected is invaluable. There are six species that have not been counted on any of our 19 transects walked in 2012:

Grizzled Skipper
Dingy Skipper
Purple Hairstreak
Pearl bordered fritillary
Marsh fritillary
Grayling

There are also four species that are only found on one or two:

Silver-studded Blue

Brown Argus

Marbled White

Heath Fritillary

(we know the Heath Fritillary only occurs in those two transect locations)

Surprise, surprise all of these species are under threat and need our help. Counting them won't actually Conserve them but it will enable us to judge whether or not they are declining or increasing and how any conservation work is helping.

What can be done about it? Walking a transect is a big commitment; once a week, every week you can, for six months or more. A couple of other options are far less

intensive and just as useful: Timed count done just once or twice a year and a single species transect, once a week during the flying period of the butterfly; a couple of examples: Purple Hairstreak in Godolphin Woods in July-august and Green Hairstreak in May-June between Porth Chapel & St Agnes Head. The Green Hairstreak has appeared on a few transects but in very small numbers. If neither of these two schemes appeal then we can also offer a 1Km square to be walked twice a year or your very own 10k square in our OwnaSquare scheme. So if you can help please get in touch with me:

Jim Barker Tel: 01736 794134,

email: jimfrances@talktalk.net or come and see me at the AGM.

Similarly if anyone has any OwnaSquare records from 2012 could you please email them to me, post them to me or bring them to the AGM and GIVE them to me.

WANTED ... a Cornwall Champion for the WCBS

The Wider Countryside Butterfly Survey (WCBS) has now been running for three years and Cornwall is without a Champion to co-ordinate it. The previous Champion was not successful, ending up with only one square occupied.

Anyone interested in applying for this post, please contact Jim Barker (01736 794134 or jimfrances@talktalk.net) for more information. The scheme is run by the head office of Butterfly Conservation so it is not absolutely necessary for the Champion to be a member of the local committee.

6. Conservation Officer's Report - Bunny's Hill 2012.

CBC has a number of ongoing conservation projects. Many members will be familiar with Bunny's Hill, and other reports have detailed the record attendance on our field meetings there. We are also working with the owners to protect the site and conserve priority species particularly the Pearl bordered fritillary.

This winter we had a scrub bashing day on Bunny's Hill. We hope to carry out a couple more this year. We opened up a few more clearings, building on the areas we cleared last year. The plan is based on scrub cutting on a 5-10yr rotation in areas with favourable micro-climate for the frits, and to maintain connecting rides between cleared areas. Last years cut compartments had a really good regeneration of violets coming up. The first few years will be when the cut areas should be at their best for both the small pearls and the pearls, before scrub or thicker bracken becomes more dominant, what we would be hoping to encourage is bare hot ground with abundant violets and a small amount of bracken litter for the larvae to curl up and wait until its warm enough to come out, then to sunbathe on the bare ground to warm up further to eat violets.

This year I did see at least one frit exploring the cut areas. Unfortunately as you will have experienced we had a very poor season, sheltered colonies such as Gooseham and Murrayton managed to peak before the bad weather set

in and did OK, but Bunny's Hill struggled as the site is quite high up on Bodmin Moor and the frits fly later than the previously mentioned sites. None of the days I went on counts were optimal, even when the sun was out the temperatures were poor, Full counts haven't all been collated yet, but the highest count I had was about 2 or 3! I was surprised despite the poor weather of 2012 the 2011 season was quite good and I expected a few more to emerge. This both highlights the vulnerability of the site and also maybe is a indication of the additional difficulties facing isolated colonies in a fragmented landscape. Myself, Phil Harris and The Duchy college Rosewarne have been doing some work in partnership with the Forest authority in Cardinham woods with a long term view to creating suitable habitat for natural expansion of pearls and possibly small pearls. The site we have been working on is within the flight distance of Bunny's Hill.

The work we have been doing is very much in infancy. We are continuing to work at Bunny's and are working with the kind help of the very supportive landowners to pursue long term security of the site, but the plan should hopefully also include working in partnership on peripheral sites to boost long term resilience of the colony.

I am really keen for members to contact by email with records and to join work-parties! Also I apologise to two members who I spoke to who I have mislaid their email address ! I also I have a list of lepidoptera and a timed count form to download at:

<http://kernowecology.co.uk/bunnyshill.html>

Social Media

We now have our own Facebook page, thanks to Rowena, and it can be found here:

<https://www.facebook.com/CornwallButterflyConservation?ref=stream>

Cornwall Branch

Launching a new range of greeting cards

A series of 5 cards depicting British Butterflies in their natural habitat have been produced from original paintings by one of our members, Barry Ofield . The paintings were created using mixed media and have been reproduced as blank greeting cards 8 x 5 inches in size, as depicted below. Prices include envelopes and can be obtained from:

Jim Barker, Tel. No. 01736 794134 or

e-mail: jimfrances@talktalk.net

The cards can be purchased individually at a price of £1.25 or as a set of 5 cards for £5.00 (p&p will be charged at cost.)

Except for production costs all the proceeds will go to Cornwall Butterfly Conservation as the artist is not charging any royalties for the use of his original paintings. The cards depict the following species:

1. Marbled White.
2. Silver Washed Fritillary.
3. Comma & Painted Lady.
4. Peacock & Red Admiral.
5. Speckled Woods.



Please support Butterfly Conservation and your local branch in this exciting new project

Cornwall Butterfly Conservation Butterfly Field Meetings 2013.

Compiled by Lee Slaughter (Field Trip Organiser)
since 1993.

*Celebrating 21 glorious SUMMERS of
butterfly & moth meetings across Cornwall:
1993 - 2013.*

**Saturday 20th April – 10:30am – Murrayton Monkey
Sanctuary, Millendreath, nr Looe.**

This is a special early visit to the Millendreath to Seaton coastal foot path to search for Britain's earliest flying Pearl-Bordered Fritillary butterflies. Yes; you can see the Pearl-Bordered Fritillary in April in Cornwall given reasonable weather! This unique habitat, some of which is an ancient landslip, provides the ideal microclimate needed for this species to be on the wing up to 3 weeks earlier than elsewhere in Cornwall so don't miss this opportunity to see this for yourselves.

Walking boots are a must due to steep terrain and bring food & drink too! Access is through strictly private land at Murrayton Monkey Sanctuary which will be closed so all attending should be ready to be guided through to the cliff path by the leader at 10:30am from the Monkey Sanctuary car park. Pearl-Bordered Fritillary, Brimstone, Speckled Wood, Green-Veined White, Small Copper, Holly Blue, Orange Tip & possible Dingy Skipper will hopefully be seen today.

Leader - **Paddy Saunders**. Meet at map ref - **SX285546**; Murrayton Monkey Sanctuary Car Park. For full details and directions phone Paddy Saunders on **01503 262567**.

**Sunday 5th May – 10:30am – Perransands/Penhale Sands,
nr. Perranporth followed by guided visit to military area of
Penhale Sands dunes at 1:00pm.**

Perransands/Penhale Sands now seem to hold Cornwall's last remaining colonies of Grizzled Skippers which although highly localised will hopefully be found in suitable looking habitat amongst this vast dune complex. We hope to possibly find the special aberration called

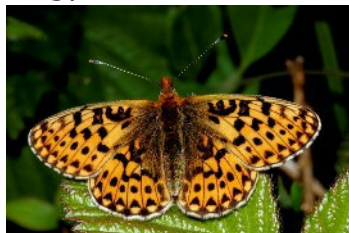
'*taras*' which is sometimes found at this locality amongst some of the Grizzled Skipper colonies. Other species which should be found include Brown Argus, Wall Brown, Dingy Skipper, Common Blue, Small Copper and Orange Tip. Bring a packed lunch to eat on Perransands so those who wish to continue onto the military controlled area of Penhale Sands can meet back at the lay-by opposite the turning to Rose village at 1:00pm to be given instructions by Dave Thomas as to how to proceed to enter the military area of Penhale Sands accompanied by him. This is only the 2nd time we have ever been able to arrange this in 20 years so if you are seriously interested in attending this guided walk at 1:00pm in the military controlled area then you will need to phone Dave Thomas to put your name down in advance no less than 24 hours before commencement of this trip.

Leaders – **Paul Browning** (Perransands 10:30am) and **Dave Thomas** (Penhale Sands military area 1:00pm). Meet at map ref – **SW774553** in lay-by on edge of road opposite the turning to Rose village by entrance to footpath onto sand dunes for the 1st part of trip at 10.30am and also for those who are only attending the afternoon trip to the military controlled area at 1.00pm. For details and directions phone Paul Browning on **01736 763677** or Dave Thomas on **01726 861093** to book your place to the military area in the afternoon.

Saturday 11th May – 2:00pm – Bunny's Hill nr Cardinham, Bodmin Moor.

Bunny's Hill is an easily accessible site and is one of the best places in Cornwall to see the Pearl-Bordered Fritillary butterfly at close quarters. Much habitat conservation work is being carried out at this site to ensure the continued existence here of both Small Pearl-Bordered Fritillary and the rarer Pearl-Bordered Fritillary. There have been many of the rare Pearl-Bordered Fritillaries and at times in excess of 100 Small Pearl-Bordered Fritillary butterflies seen on the wing here in May during our fieldtrips to see these species in past years so there is much expectation for this year's fieldtrip. Please do bring your camera as photography is comparatively easy at this locality. Brimstones are usually seen together with Small Heath, Holly Blue, Orange Tip and possible Dingy Skipper. There is plenty of parking available.

Leader – Lee Slaughter. Meet at map ref – **SX117675** at fork in road, with further parking 50 yards up track. For details and directions phone Lee Slaughter on **01726 817505**.



Saturday 18th May – 2:00pm – Fellover Brake, Tuckingmill, St. Breward.

This site still holds one of Cornwall's finest colonies of the nationally threatened Pearl-Bordered Fritillary butterfly which can be seen over a wide area of well managed bracken covered hillside. Walking boots are essential as the site slopes quite steeply and can be quite uneven in places. Orange Tip & Brimstone should also still be on the wing.

Leader – **Phil Harris**. Meet at **SX089779**, in small lay-by at Gam Bridge. For details and directions phone Phil Harris on **07754 583101**.

Saturday 25th May – 1:00pm – Breney Common, nr. Lanlivery.

Our annual visit to probably Cornwall's largest Marsh Fritillary colony. Good numbers of this species should be seen together with Small Pearl-Bordered Fritillary, Small Heath, Brimstone, Green Hairstreak and always a few interesting moths too! Photography is almost always easy here so do bring your camera and walking boots.

Leader – **Dave Thomas**. Meet at **SX053611**, small roadside car park near Gunwen Chapel. For details and directions phone Dave Thomas on **01726 861093**.

Sunday 26th May – 11:00am – Stithians Reservoir Nature Reserve.

Stithians Reservoir is owned by South West Water, but managed for both recreation and conservation by South West Lakes Trust. There is a nature reserve area at the southern end of the site, which had become fairly overgrown, but following some scrub management on some sections last Autumn, the Trust are keen to see what species take advantage of the improved habitats. Our Secretary, Amanda Scott, is a conservation volunteer at the site, and would love branch members to enjoy a visit to the reserve and help in spotting and recording butterflies and moths, and Odonata species and other invertebrates, too. A great chance to explore!

From Redruth, take the B3297 towards Helston. The lake will be signposted. Follow the brown signs to the entrance to the Lake Watersports Centre by the Golden Lion pub. Drive towards the lake car park, passing and keeping the WaterSports Centre on the left. We will meet in the car park at 11am, and then share cars to get to the much smaller parking area for the nature reserve.

Leader – **Amanda Scott**. Meet at **SW710370** in Stithians Lake car park at 11:00am (postcode TR16 6NW). For details and full directions phone Amanda Scott on – **01209 862792**

Saturday 1st June – 2:00pm – Chapel Porth, nr. St Agnes.

Two years ago our first meeting at this location produced over 75 Green Hairstreaks together with many other species including Silver-Studded Blue, Common Blue, Large Skipper and Small Heath. We will also look for Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary which used to be found here. The shallow seepages & boggy runnels along the valley just behind the cafe at Chapel Porth are in good shape for observing dragonflies. Walking boots, drink & sun cream essential. Terrain is steep and rough in places and the views are stunning!

Leaders – **Phil Harris & Paul Browning**. Meet at **SW697495**, in Chapel Porth N.T. beach car park For details and directions phone Phil Harris on **07754 583101** or Paul Browning on **01736 763677**.

Saturday 8th June – 1:00pm – Greenscoombe Woods, Luccett.

Organised jointly for both Cornwall Butterfly Conservation and for Cornwall Wildlife Trust. One of Britain's rarest butterflies, the Heath Fritillary, solely exists in Cornwall in the specially managed habitat, at its original main Cornish colony at Greenscoombe Woods, Luccett after it became extinct there after 2002. After it's re-introduction to parts of the woodlands in the summer of 2006 it has become re-established and re-colonised it's former habitat which has been much improved by clearance and regular habitat management work. We are grateful to local recorder and expert on this species, Richard Vulliamy who will lead us around, showing us the best areas to observe them. The butterfly is breeding well in a number of different areas at Greenscoombe Woods and it is always a joy for enthusiasts from Cornwall, Devon and often much further afield to visit these woods to marvel at the many Heath Fritillary butterflies that are to be seen throughout June every year. Bring a drink and your camera.

Leader – **Richard Vulliamy**. Meet at **SX389737** in Luccett Village car park. For details and directions phone Richard Vulliamy on **01579 370411**.

Sunday 9th June – 1:00pm Delabole Quarry, Delabole, Nr. Camelford.

This is an excellent site for our fieldtrips and we will be searching for Dingy Skippers which are unfortunately becoming rare in Cornwall usually due to loss of or deterioration of this little butterfly's habitat. Cornwall Butterfly Conservation is trying to stop the loss of the few remaining colonies in Cornwall & we hope to be successful at making new discoveries at this meeting. Many other species of wildlife should be seen due to the unusual habitat. Walking boots essential.

Leader – **Phil Harris**. Meet at **SX074836** in Delabole Quarry Car Park by visitor centre. For full details and directions phone Phil Harris on **07754 583101**.

Saturday 15th June – 2:00pm Perran Sands and Penhale Sands, nr. Perranporth.

A Mid-summer ramble over Britain's highest sand dunes complex to see large numbers of freshly emerged Silver-Studded Blues. We would also hope to see Large Skippers, Small Skippers, Meadow Browns, Common Blues, Dark Green Fritillary, Scarlet Tiger Moth and Humming Bird Hawk-Moth & other scarce moths & plenty of wild flowers. This event always turns up unexpected surprises in moths or butterflies. Please bring plenty to drink, a sun hat, sun protection and good walking boots.

Leader – **Lee Slaughter and Dave Thomas** Meet at **SW774553** by the gate, in front of the large chimney at the entrance to the Cornwall Wildlife Trust area. For full details and directions phone **Lee Slaughter** on **01726 817505** or **Dave Thomas** on **01726 861093**.

Sunday 16th June – 11:00am Trepoyle Farm, near Bude Canal, North Tamerton.

With the kind permission of the owners, Mr & Mrs Bill Harper

A wonderful opportunity to explore this lovely farm in North East Cornwall where we will be hoping to make new discoveries on land not explored for butterflies as far as we know. There is culm grassland as well as ponds & wet grassland & wooded fringes to fields so we will be looking out for the possibility of Marsh Fritillary, Small Pearl-Bordered Fritillary, Narrow-Bordered Bee Hawk-Moth as well as the slim possibility of Wood White which has a large colony just a few miles away near Halwill Junction. Bring a packed lunch & suitable footwear or wellies if it has been wet!

From Launceston take the B3254 towards Bude. After approx 9 miles, turn right for North Tamerton. Follow this road down for approx 2.5 miles to the village. In the village, turn left into 'Stone Lane' at map ref-SX294970 and follow the sign to Trepoyle. (Postcode EX22 6RL).
Leader - **Philip Hambly**. Meet at Map Ref **SX294970** at turn off B3254 or proceed up track to Trepoyle Farm at map ref **SX299981** at the farm itself.

Saturday 22nd June – 11:00am – Poldice, St Day.

A repeat of last year's successful maiden field trip to this very interesting locality. We will be searching heathland on old mining landscape at St Day for newly emerged Silver-Studded Blues of the 'heathland' type. These are special to Cornwall as most counties have lost their colonies of this species. Grayling & other summer species such as Large Skipper & Ringlet should be seen too. Walking boots, drink & sun cream essential.

Leaders – **Jo & Shaun Poland**. Meet at **SW737426**, in lay-by at Poldice. For details/directions phone Jo & Shaun Poland on **01872 540371, or 07800 548832**.

Saturday 29th June - 2.00pm 'Lethytep', Penadlake, Lanreath - SX175588.

Philip & Faith Hambly invite all Cornwall Butterfly Conservation members & friends to view their wildlife area where there will be a covered area to eat lunch. Hot drinks and toilet will be available. At 2:00pm there will be a welcome from Philip, who will inform visitors about the wildlife area with its walks & lakes. It is to be hoped that many mid-summer species of butterfly will be flying. Cornwall Butterfly Conservation will also have displays on show and literature and other goods for sale.

To get to Lethytep, turn south just before or just after Middle Taphouse on the A390 Liskeard - Lostwithiel road. Look out for the brown sign to Animal Land and follow this. There will be further small signs directing you the correct way.

Leader - **Philip Hambly**. Meet at **SX175588** in field next to house; (parking for 100+ cars). For full details phone Philip Hambly on **01503 220385**.

Sunday 7th July – 11:00am Upton Towans, nr. Hayle.

A delightful walk through the extensive Gwithian to Hayle sand dune complex at Upton Towans. This area, which is managed by Cornwall Wildlife Trust, was previously the site for the manufacture of dynamite. We usually see significant numbers of newly emerged Dark Green Fritillaries and hundreds of Silver-Studded Blues as well as a wide variety of other butterflies and moths. Please bring a packed

lunch, drink, sun cream, and good walking boots or rainwear if weather is unsettled.

Leader – **Dick Goodere**. Meet at **SW579396** by the gate, in front of the large chimney at the entrance to the Cornwall Wildlife Trust area. For full details and directions phone Dick and Maggie Goodere on **01736 753077**.

Saturday 13th July - 11:00am Penlee Reserve, nr. Rame Head, Southeast Cornwall; possibly moving on to Tregantle at 1:00pm.

This reserve usually has excellent numbers of Marbled Whites which are absent from mid & west Cornwall but often more than 100 can be seen here without much trouble. Small Heath & Dark Green Fritillary as well as Gatekeepers, Large & Small Skippers are always present. Six Belted Clearwing and Thrift Clearwing Moths can usually be found here with the help of pheromone lures. We may move on to Tregantle during the afternoon to search for summer flying butterflies. Bring a packed lunch & a drink.

Leader – **Philip Hambly**. Meet at **SX436491** in Penlee Battery Car Park. For full details & directions phone Philip Hambly on **01503 220385**.

Sunday 14th July – 1:00pm Cabilla Wood, Glyn Valley, nr. Bodmin (C.W.T.Reserve).

We look forward to seeing many beautiful Silver-Washed Fritillary butterflies in this well managed woodland together with the bright summer form '*hutchinsoni*' of the Comma butterfly with plenty of Ringlets, Gatekeepers, new brood Brimstones and Summer brood Holly Blues. There are always various day flying moths to be seen in this wood so there may be new discoveries awaiting us.

Leader – **Leon Truscott**. Meet at **SX128653** by sawmill. For details and directions phone Leon Truscott on **01752 812023**.

Sunday 21st July – 11:00am Bissoe Downs, Bissoe Valley, west of Truro.

This is a new site for our fieldtrips and we will be targeting Grayling butterflies as this locality should be good for them. Graylings are not often found inland in Cornwall and the discovery of Graylings at this location is good news for the species in our county where it is now

mainly restricted to parts of the coast. We hope also to find other summer flying species of butterflies & day-flying moths. Good walking boots are essential as well as packed lunch & drink.

Leader – **Phil Harris**. Meet at **SW783408** in Bissoe Valley. For full details and directions phone Phil Harris on **07754 583101**.

Saturday 27th July – 1:00pm St Newlyn Downs, St Newlyn East.

This is a new site for us to explore where we hope to make new discoveries and record plenty of Summer butterflies, day-flying moths & Dragonflies. This 286 acre site is a SSSI and a Special Area of Conservation located in the Parish of St Newlyn East near the wind turbines. It is an old mining area with East Wheal Rose and Wheal Constance mines close by. This is our first field trip here and species we will be looking out for include the Grayling butterfly, the Bog Bush-cricket and the Dorset Heath (a type of heather). You will need stout footwear, a packed lunch & drink. Parking is very limited so sharing a vehicle would be recommended if you can. Some space is available in the entrance to the old golf club opposite. The following link shows the entrance on the right and parking ahead on the left.

<http://goo.gl/maps/bTUQc>

Leaders – **Jo & Shaun Poland**. Meet at **SW836551**, (**SW8368355209** for absolute accuracy). For details/directions phone Jo & Shaun Poland on **01872 540371**, or **07800 548832**.

Sunday 28th July –11:00am Porkellis Moor, Wendron, Nr. Helston.

An interesting walk through this habitat that is being restored with targeted conservation work aimed at encouraging more species of butterflies, moths and dragonflies to inhabit this damp area. The Small Pearl-Bordered Fritillary has been recorded here along with Ringlets, Small Heaths, Meadow Browns, Common Blues, Large and Small Skippers and good numbers of several species of dragonflies including the nationally scarce Small Red Damselfly. Please bring a packed lunch, drink, sun cream and wellington boots as there are quite a few wet areas where we will walk. Leader - Jack Keeping. Meet at **SW689325**. For full details and directions phone Jack Keeping on **07817 251075**.

Sunday 11th August – 11:00am Kynance Cove, nr. The Lizard.

Be prepared for a beautiful walk at this famous locality for Lepidoptera. We hope to see most of the following species: Grayling, Dark Green Fritillary, Clouded Yellow (including 'Helice'), Small Heath, 2nd brood Small Pearl-Bordered Fritillary, Common Blue, Wall Brown, Painted Lady and Red Admiral. Please bring a packed lunch, drink, sun cream and good walking boots. Park in main Kynance Cove car park (car park fee payable to N.T.) and meet near the toilet block at the Southern end of the car park.

Leader – Paul Browning. Meet at **SW688132** in main Kynance Cove Car Park. For details/directions phone Paul Browning on **01736 763677**.

Sunday 18th August – 10:30am Gwennap Head and Porthgwarra.

This locality is situated within 4 miles of Lands End, the most South-Westerly point on the English mainland and should produce an abundance of butterflies. We should see Grayling, Dark Green Fritillary, Clouded Yellow (including 'Helice'), Small Heath, 2nd brood Small Pearl-Bordered Fritillary, Common Blue, Wall Brown, Gatekeeper, Painted Lady and Red Admiral. This has been a transect here since 2010 and the land is being partly managed by the RSPB for the Chough. Packed lunch, drink, sun cream & walking boots needed. Park in Porthgwarra car park where there is a cafe & toilets. Pay & display car park in operation. Leader – Jim Barker. Meet at **SW372218** in main Porthgwarra car Park. For full details and directions phone Jim Barker on **01736 794134**.

Saturday 7th September – 1:00pm Lantic Bay, Nr. Polruan.

A fantastic afternoon to be had with a highly scenic walk around Lantic Bay east of Polruan where we would hope to see many late summer butterflies & day-flying moths. This may be the best opportunity to see Clouded Yellow butterflies this year if any migrating butterflies came across the English Channel this season. Painted Ladies, Red Admiral, Wall Brown, Speckled Wood and possibly rarer species may be seen if we are lucky! Walking boots & packed lunch will be needed.

Leader - Paddy Saunders. Meet at **SX173517** in Frogmore car park. For full details and directions phone Paddy Saunders on **01503 262567**.

Saturday 14th September – 1:00pm Dean Quarries, nr. Trethance, St Keverne, East Lizard Peninsula.

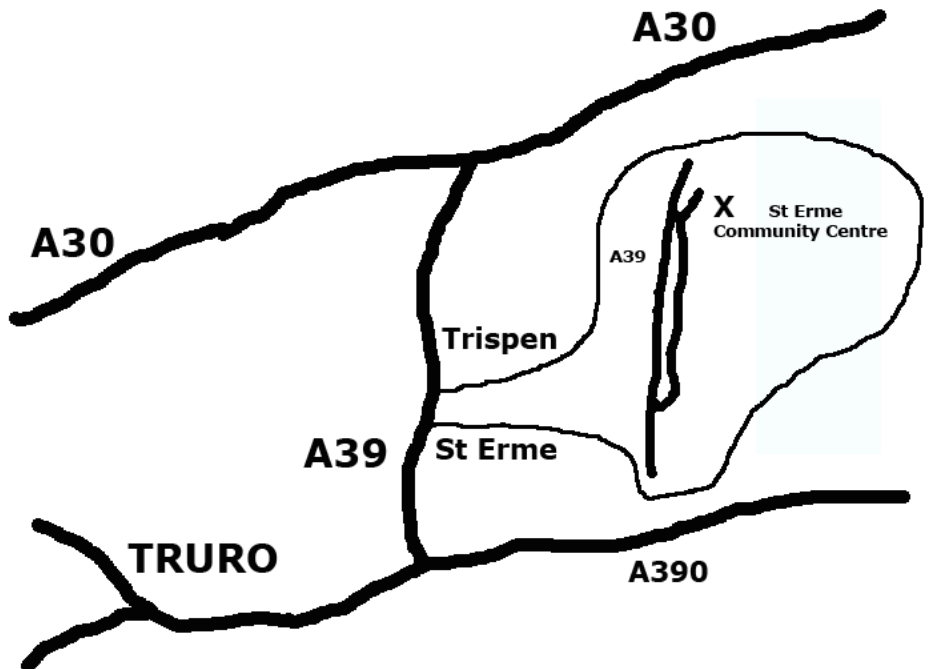
A great way to round off the butterfly season in Cornwall in 2013 with a new locality on the Lizard peninsula which could hold lots of migratory

butterflies & day-flying moths where they can find nectar on the flowers to be found in these abandoned quarries. Our previous chairman, Phil Harris, will guide us into these disused quarries to find what butterflies await us. We are hoping to find Red Admiral, Painted Ladies, Clouded Yellows, Peacocks, Humming-Bird Hawk-Moths & maybe some rarer species with some luck!

Leader – Phil Harris. Meet at **SW800205** limited parking at end of lane at Trethance, S-East of St. Keverne. For full details and directions phone Phil Harris on **07754 583101**.

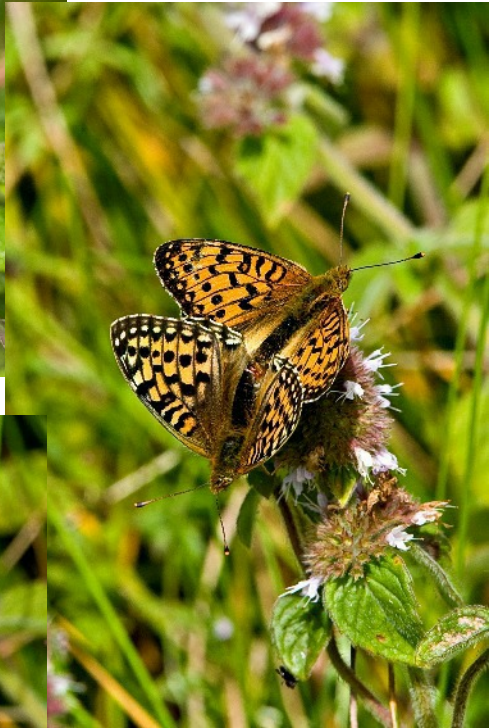
How to find the St Erme Community Centre.

Situated at the north end of the dual villages of Tripen and St Erme, just to the east of the A39, the entrance to the car park is just off the junction of a minor road by the Honda garage.



**Dark Green
Fritillaries at
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