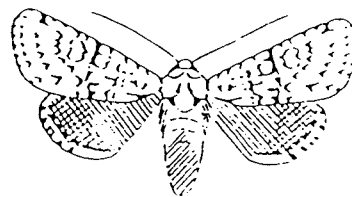


The Glamorgan Moth Recording Group

Founded 1995

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Dichonia aprilina

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INDOOR MEETING, 24th FEBRUARY 1999

22 members attended our second winter indoor meeting at Kenfig Pool NNR on Wednesday 24th February.

Barry Stewart gave a slide show on some of the moths and butterflies he and his wife Sandra had seen on two visits to Brazil during 1998. Mike Clark showed us slides on the life cycle of Purple Hairstreak along with some moths he required to be identified. Other members that showed slides were Rob & Linda Nottage, Richard Smith & Dave Painter.

As promised, the Provisional Atlas of Macro-moths of Glamorgan was made available to all of those attending.

NEW MEMBER

We welcome our latest member to the GMRG, Michael Sullivan, 219 College Road, Whitchurch, Cardiff, CF4 2NU, (01222) 628182.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please note that Martin Bevan has changed his address to 1 Graig Crescent, Abercwmboi, Aberdare, CF44 6AE.

RECENT REPORTS

Stefan Golaszewski found a Pale Pinion in his Llanishen garden on 29th January & Martin Evans recorded Pale Brindled Beauty at Cwmbach on 31st. In West Glamorgan Barry Stewart recorded Dotted Border, Winter Moth & Mottled Umber during the month.

In February, Dave Gilmore recorded Dotted Border at Whitchurch on 16th and Jeff Williams recorded this species on 16th & 20th at Llantrisant Forest. Members attending the meeting at Kenfig on 24th saw a Mottled Grey. Martin Evans found Twenty Plume Moth, Mottled Grey, Pale Brindled Beauty & Early Moth at Cwmbach during the month.

BRISTOL & DISTRICT MOTH GROUP

The Bristol & District Moth Group run the first of their 9 planned field meetings on 19th March to Ashton Hill plantation, near Long Ashton, commencing at 7.00pm.

The wood is south of Failand on the south side of the B3129. The car park is at the entrance to the wood at ST 519 710.

PROVISIONAL ATLAS, MACRO-MOTHS of GLAMORGAN

Either with this newsletter or under separate cover, every member will receive his or her copy of the Atlas.

We are very proud that in the short period that the group has been in existence we have been able to produce a document of this high standard. The publication singles out a number of individuals and organisations for special thanks but really the Atlas is in the main down to two individuals, David Gilmore & Barry Stewart. Bridgend County Borough Council, through Steve Moon also deserve the thanks of all GMRG members for funding the Atlas.

The Atlas will hopefully stimulate members and visitors to Glamorgan to send in records and "fill in the gaps" that are apparent for even our commonest species such as Smoky Wainscot or Angleshades.

ADDITIONS TO THE MICRO LIST

Following a review by David Gilmore of Hallett's unpublished records in his annotated copy of c1952 and Norton's list in the Glamorgan County History, Vol.1, Natural History, published in 1936, various new records have now come to light. Some are as yet provisional.

- 494 *Coleophora coracipennella*
"Glamorgan"
- 499 *Coleophora limosipennella*
Present 7th July 1937, Taffs Well.
- 848 *Syncopacma albipapella*, Nb.
"Glamorgan"
- 1289 *Euchromius ocella*, Migrant.
Goater mentions this scarce migrant to the UK in British Pyralid Moths, noting two records for South Wales, "Glamorgan" & Llantrisant.
- 1343 *Eudonia delunella*, Nb.
An adult of this notable species, also known as Resin Grey, was taken on 10th July 1927 at Porthcawl.
- 1393 *Udea uliginosalis*, Nb.
The source of this record, the Alpine Pearl, was the late Basil McNulty, Review of the Scarce & threatened Pyralid Moths of GB. M.S.Parsons JNCC 1993. Apparently present 1990, "Glamorgan"
- 1402 *Diasemia reticularis*, Migrant.
Formally known as *D. litterata*, Goater mentions this species for S.Wales. Apparently present -1917, "Glamorgan".
- 1436 *Acrobasis repandana*.
Formally known as *Rodophaea tumidella*. Recorded from Penarth -1917 & Cwrt-yr-Ala 1920. Goater states that the species is common in Oak woodlands south of Durham and as such has surely been overlooked in Glamorgan since.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

Two new hardback publications by Apollo Books have recently been published, The Western Palaearctic Zygaenidae by C. M. Naumann, G. M. Tarmann & W. G. Tremewan and Forester Moths by K. A. Efetov & G. M. Tarmann.

The 298 page Western Palaearctic Zygaenidae contains 12 colour plates, 177 line drawings & black and white photographs plus distribution maps for all 116 species.

The price is given as 600 Danish Kroner, approx. £57.00.

The 180 page Forester Moths contains 8 colour plates plus many line drawings and black & white photographs. This work is designed to compliment the previous mentioned publication.

The price is given as 400 Danish Kroner, approx. £38.00.

Both books are available from Apollo Books, Kirkeby Sand 19, DK-5771, Stenstrup, Denmark.

Your newsletter will of course keep you informed of availability in the UK in due course.

STEERING COMMITTEE

Prior to the indoor meeting on 24th February, the steering committee held a meeting.

The main points discussed were:

- **Treasurers report.**
Stefan Golaszewski presented the accounts for the year 01.07.97 to 30.06.98 based upon the records & statements received. He pointed out that expenditure in the year of £201.72 was significantly higher than the £120.00 paid in subscriptions. A copy of the accounts is attached.
- **Members weekend to Portland**
15 members paid by the deadline set for the member's weekend to Portland Bird Observatory. This number was slightly disappointing, as early indications were that all 26 places would be taken up.
- **Provisional Atlas**
100 copies of the Provisional Atlas were being produced at a total cost of £580, the full cost being met by Bridgend County Borough Council. On behalf of the GMRG, Steve Moon was asked to thank the Council for their invaluable financial help. Without this help we would not have been able to include three colour plates and the colour cover.
The steering committee decided to put a cover price of £5.00 (plus P&P) on the Atlas plus a year's free membership to the GMRG to help boost membership through the 50 barrier. The committee confirmed that all GMRG members would receive a copy free of charge.
Copies would be provided free of charge to all Government & Non-Government organisations that were felt capable of benefiting moths in South Wales such as National Museum of Wales, Environment Agency, Butterfly Conservation & Glamorgan Wildlife Trust.
- **Constant effort site**
Welsh Water have made a grant of £150.00 available to the group to fund the constant effort survey at their Cog Moors site this year. A site meeting was planned for 26th February with Mike Powell & Dave Gilmore attending.
- **Subscriptions**
The steering committee decided that the current subscription of £4.00 should remain unchanged but would be reviewed next year. Family and junior membership would be considered.
- **Species review**
A records panel consisting of both recorders, Barry Stewart & Dave Gilmore plus Martin White & Dave Slade would meet in the autumn to review all macro and micro records with a view to remove any species of doubtful provenance.
- **Secretary**
It was agreed that Mike Powell would take on the role of Secretary as well as Field meeting Secretary/Newsletter editor in place of Dave Gilmore who had tended to deal with all correspondence. Members are requested to continue to send records to David, but all other matters should in future be directed to Mike Powell.

SPECIES NEW TO 10Km SQUARES

Dave Gilmore has provided the following update on species new for three 10km squares.

SO 00 Early Moth.

SS 98 Old Lady, Small Elephant Hawkmoth, Common Footman, Burnet Companion, Frosted Orange and Silver Y.

ST 26 Common Footman.

BUTTERFLY CONSERVATION, NEW MOTH POSTS

The following advertisement appeared in the New Scientist on 20th February 1999. The posts advertised may well be of interest to some of our members.

Whoever is successful in being appointed, we at GMRG look forward to working closely with them over the coming years.

SENIOR MOTH OFFICER

Salary £17-19,000 & pension contribution

To co-ordinate and conduct action for priority moths identified in the UK Biodiversity Action Plan; Increase involvement of volunteers and partner organisations in the conservation of priority moths; Build expertise and provide a higher profile for moth conservation. The post is part-funded by English Nature. We are seeking applicants with post doctoral and/or significant experience of both Lepidoptera ecology and major issues in conservation. Good presentational, interpersonal and computer skills are essential.

MOTH OFFICER

3 year contract initially.

Salary £14-15,000 & pension contribution

To support the work of the Senior Moth Officer; Participate in survey, monitoring and research; Support volunteer work on priority species; Communicate and promote moth conservation. We are seeking applicants with relevant degree and/or wide experience of moth ecology and conservation, good presentational and computer skills.

THREATENED FRITILLARIES OFFICER

2 year contract, possible extension.

Salary £14-15,000 & pension contribution

To oversee implementation of the Species Action Plans for the Pearl-bordered, High Brown, Marsh and Heath Fritillaries; Conduct essential fieldwork; Organise surveys and collate monitoring data; Encourage volunteer involvement; Give management advice. We are seeking applicants with post-doctoral or significant experience with butterfly ecology and nature conservation, good presentational and computer skills.



**BUTTERFLY
CONSERVATION**

Further details, specifying which post you are applying for, are available from Butterfly Conservation, PO Box 444, Wareham, Dorset BH20 5YA. Tel: 01929 400209

E-mail: ukconsoffice@butterfly-conservation.org

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