

## Butchershole 2015 Episode 1

by Andy Wilson, 29-May-15 02:24 AM GMT

I surveyed my favourite East Sussex site at Friston Gallops above Butchershole today. The most abundant species by far was Small Heath (hundreds), followed by Dingy Skipper (30+). I also saw Common Blue (4), Small Copper (2), Small Blue (1), Wall Brown (4) and a single male Large Skipper, my first of the year.



*Large Skipper, Friston Gallops, 28/5/2015*

No Adonis Blue were seen, although there were some 2nd-generation individuals here last August.

## Silver-Washed Fritillary in my garden

by Andy Wilson, 10-Aug-15 01:50 AM GMT

The Buddleia bush in my front garden is currently in full flower and attracting many of the usual suspects. However, this afternoon, I noticed an orange butterfly indulging in its nectar. My first thought was that it was a Comma, but something about it made me look again. It turned out to be a somewhat worn male Silver-Washed Fritillary. Definitely a first for my garden and a very welcome surprise.



*Silver-Washed Fritillary (m). Newick, East Sussex*

## Re: Andy Wilson

by David M, 10-Aug-15 04:00 AM GMT

SWF in your garden!! That's worth a few bonus points for sure!

## Painted Lady emerges after the deluge

by Andy Wilson, 14-Aug-15 05:26 PM GMT

Some old Frenchman once said, "après moi, le déluge", but after yesterday morning's biblical downpours here in East Sussex, the sun came out and so did this fresh Painted Lady that I found on my Buddleia.



## **Friston Gallops still has the Blues**

by Andy Wilson, 12-Sep-15 10:48 PM GMT

It's getting late in the season, but I still saw 3 species of Blue flying within a few yards of each other in the sheltered NE corner of Friston Gallops yesterday. Chalk Hill Blues are still present, but nothing like the numbers of a few weeks ago. However, some relatively fresh individuals were there.



*Chalk Hill Blue*

Common and Adonis Blues were testing my identification skills, especially when they are getting old and faded and the white fringes of their wings are worn away.



*Common Blue*



*Adonis Blue*

Can any botanist here confirm the ID of the flower it's on. I think it's a species of Brighteye (*Euphrasia*).



*A rather worn Adonis (?) Blue*

It's lost its fringes, but I think the colour is a give-away. Can anyone confirm this?

### Re: Andy Wilson

by millerd, 13-Sep-15 01:20 AM GMT

Andy, the flower is Eyebright or *Euphrasia* as you said above. Its entry on Wikipedia says that it's semi-parasitic on species of grass, which is interesting. It's certainly a staple nectar source for late-flying chalk downland species.

I reckon that blue is Adonis – as you say the deep colour gives it away. Even when worn it's so much brighter than a Common Blue. Both your Chalkhill and Common Blues seem very fresh for mid-September too! 😊

Dave

### Newhaven Tidemills – Sunday 25th October

by Andy Wilson, 26-Oct-15 04:59 PM GMT

It was a glorious sunny day with no wind, and a temperature of about 14C. With all the excitement about the Long-Tailed Blue at Beeding, I thought I'd check out the pea plants at Newhaven Tidemills. Sadly, I didn't see any LTB's, but I did see a couple of Clouded Yellows. The first one was flying at speed and was a very pale cream, so I'm guessing a female *f. helice*. I did manage to photo the second, which was a male. The upperside looks quite pale in the picture, but it had the typical golden colour when flying.



*Clouded Yellow, Newhaven Tidemills*

**Re: Andy Wilson**

by Goldie M, 26-Oct-15 05:41 PM GMT

Hi! Andy, glad you saw your Clouded Yellow, I got my one and only at Samphire Oh! thanks to you, ( I hope it was you) 😊 Goldie 😊