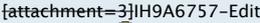
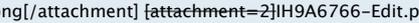


Re: Gary.N

by Gary.N, 24-Mar-17 08:34 PM GMT

I had my first proper walk of the year at Abbot's today. It was very enjoyable to get out with the camera on a good sunny. A bit misty at times, but a good amount of strong sunshine. I saw a good amount of Peacock's and Comma's and 1 Brimstone.    Then just before we went home we found a 4th instar Pearl Larvae.  

Re: Gary.N

by William, 24-Mar-17 08:39 PM GMT

Superb pictures of the hibernators, Gary - very jealous of the Pearl larva!

BWs,

William

Re: Gary.N

by trevor, 24-Mar-17 09:02 PM GMT

Great news with the Pearl Cats. and well found.

I hope they are at least as plentiful as last year, I expect I'll see you at Abbots Wood sometime. Nearly went there today, but chose the Cuckoo trail instead.

All the best,
Trevor.

Re: Gary.N

by Wurzel, 25-Mar-17 12:42 AM GMT

I never knew that Pearl cats looked like Everton mints   Great find that find that Gary  

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Gary.N

by David M, 27-Mar-17 08:58 PM GMT

That's a great find, Gary. You must have good eyes and primed instincts to be able to hunt those rare critters down.

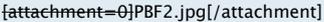
Re: Gary.N

by Gary.N, 02-Apr-17 09:59 PM GMT

Thankyou for all your compliments. I been part of the pearl's breeding program for about 3 years now. You get to know roughly were to look for them and it is not always by the Violet's.

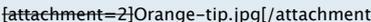
Saturday 1st April:

Today I meet with the rest of main Fritillaries for the Future captive-breeding team of Mike Mullis and Theresa Lux. And we were also had the pleasure of Neil Nulme our leader joining us at Abbot's Wood, to discuss plans for this spring. Four pearls caterpillars were found within 15 minutes.

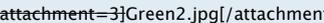
 

Sunday 2nd April:

Today I had a good start. I had been looking for Orange-tips all week and the one I did find with James on Monday we both failed the photograph. But today I was putting the washing out just before I going to do my transect and one landed in the garden next to me. My camera was a couple of metres away by my bag. So a grab my camera and hoped the bugger didn't flying. I got a few shot off before it disappeared over the fence. So all that walking and I could of just sat in the garden with a cold beer. 



Well the Orange-Tip was the first bit of luck I had today. The second was 10 yards in from the start of my transect. A Green Hairstreak sitting on the Gorse.  Even thou it just sat there, I couldn't get the right angle to get a good picture. I move it twice and some how it always found the wrong angle to photograph. The thing that surprise me most is how early it is. In a week or two maybe. But it is not just that. It is also before places like Mill Hill in Shoreham which are about two to three week before other sites in sussex. Not a cold hill top on Lullington Heath. 

Re: Gary.N

by David M, 02-Apr-17 10:02 PM GMT

Wow! I was expecting the first Green Hairstreaks within the next week or so but it's still quite a shock to see one on 2nd April!! 

Great find, Gary.

Re: Gary.N

by Gary.N, 02-Apr-17 10:16 PM GMT

David, the heath is normally two week behind most places in South of England. It was a shock to see one today, but a nice surprise.

Re: Gary.N

by David M, 02-Apr-17 10:21 PM GMT

I'll bet, Gary. I may have a look for them in south Wales next weekend if the weather stays fair. This was very much a May species last year but all it takes is a few days of sustained sunshine and warmth to trigger an early emergence.

Re: Gary.N

by Wurzel, 02-Apr-17 11:46 PM GMT

Great find Gary 🍀 There were recorded in Wiltshire today as well so I get your surprise at the location - we're normally 1-2 weeks behind the South East 😊 Hopefully the weather will hold and the numbers will build 😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Gary.N

by trevor, 03-Apr-17 08:25 AM GMT

I'd like your luck with the Orange Tip and that Green Hairstreak. Here's to Abbots Wood in the coming weeks.

Trevor.

Re: Gary.N

by Gary.N, 25-Apr-17 09:51 PM GMT

Finally found some time to update my diary.

I will start with **Sunday 16th April.**

What was forecast as a cloudy day turned into a beautiful Sunday morning as I grabbed my camera and went to the Gallop's. There I was surprised to see over 7 Green Hairstreak's more than I have previously seen there. There where also Small Coppers, Grizzled Skipper, an Orange-Tip and Green-veined White.

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Saturday May 22nd

Saturday I went looking for Pearls and I met Trevor on my travels. It always good to see a fellow Butter-flier. The trouble was just after I got there the sun disappeared and put an end to play. But a few hours later the sun returned in the late afternoon for about an hour and play resumed.

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Sunday May 23rd

It was an overcast day for the most part, with a few breaks in the cloud. So I stayed in the garden taking pictures of an Orange-Tip eggs.

[attachment=5]OG Egg1.png[/attachment] [attachment=4]OG Egg2.png[/attachment]

Re: Gary.N

by Butterfysaurus rex, 25-Apr-17 10:27 PM GMT

Great stuff Gary, I particularly like your Orange Tip eggs, and those Green Hairstreaks are mighty fine too. 😊 Glad to see you caught up with some Pearls.

Best wishes,

James

Re: Gary.N

by trevor, 26-Apr-17 07:45 AM GMT

Great to see you on Saturday, pity about the cloud, but it did allow us that wonderful photo op. of a Pearl in a tree. I found another like that yesterday.

Don't forget my Violet offer,
Trevor.

Re: Gary.N

by millerd, 26-Apr-17 08:35 PM GMT

Great Orange Tip eggs, Gary, and the Pearls and Hairstreaks too. Three lots of 🍌 in fact... 😊

Dave

Re: Gary.N

by Goldie M, 27-Apr-17 10:57 AM GMT

Great shots of the Pearls Gary and the eggs, Goldie 😊

Re: Gary.N

by Gary.N, 02-May-17 09:54 PM GMT

Thank you for all your nice comments 😊

Saturday 29th April

I had a couple of first of the year for me while heading up to do my transect on Saturday. With a very cloudy start I did think there was much hope of finding anything. But I found my first Wall of the year within 15 minutes of getting onto the Gallops. I don't know how I saw it. It was just sitting on a Dandelion under a sun less sky. 😊 I also saw my first Dingy and Small Heath of the year as well. But the nicest thing I found all day was a Small Copper laying eggs. So I got to see my first ever Small Copper egg and the sun came out too play. 😊😊😊

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Re: Gary.N

by David M, 02-May-17 10:20 PM GMT

That's quite something for a mainly cloudy day, Gary. I think most of us would be satisfied with that, especially the Small Copper ova.

Re: Gary.N

by Gary.N, 07-May-17 06:26 PM GMT

I have just finished blending 9 Photos of Large White eggs I took last August. Photoshop couldn't combine the images so I had to do it manually. I learned a lot about Photoshop while doing it. I hope the 30+ hours for the result speaks for itself.

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Re: Gary.N

by bugboy, 07-May-17 07:15 PM GMT

Ahhh, so it was you at Abbots Wood yesterday, yes good to put another face to a name 😊

That large White egg batch is phenomenal, that 30 hours was worth every minute (even though I'm sure you felt like throwing your computer out the window at times 😊). The detail is amazing, it could almost be an some weird mountain range on some far distant planet!

Re: Gary.N

by Gary.N, 07-May-17 08:22 PM GMT

After a Cloudy misty start. I had good trip to see some Pearls Saturday morning. I also saw a Grizzled Skipper, Orange-tip's, Green-Veined Whites and Red Admirals. Later I did my transect at Lullington Heath. On the way up I saw my first Brown Argus of the year and a second brood Speckled Wood. 😊

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Gary

Re: Gary.N

by David M, 08-May-17 05:40 PM GMT

Lovely Brown Argus, Gary. You have whetted my appetite for what's to come soon in my part of the UK.

Re: Gary.N

by Gary.N, 08-Jul-17 11:21 PM GMT

It has been a privilege to be part of the Pearls for the Fritillaries for the Future Project. I got involved in the project by chance during a Rowlands Wood work party in the winter of 2014. Theresa Lux and I asked Mike Mullis if we could see the Small Pearl larvae he was looking after for the Project. We end up helping checking the larvae before their winter hibernation.

In the summer of 2015 we were given a few to look after under the guidance of Mike. Everything was looking good until the winter of 2015/2016. The words for that winter were and still are 'Heart Breaking'. Normally you don't have to do too much during mid-winter. Mike was on his normal winter break and the weather was abnormally warm. The larvae decided to come out of hibernation. There was no food in the pots as Violet dies back during the winter due to frost. Mike emailed us asking us to check on them. So we took a pot and started count. Let's say it wasn't good. On Boxing Day Theresa and I were looking for Violet, but with the help from others we found enough. We lost a lot that winter. But the team managed to get enough through the breed them on for another year.

2016/17 has been the opposite. The winter was warm but not enough to bring them out of hibernation. It has been a nice warm spring and we have had fantastic weather during the release. All we can do now is wait and see what 2018 bring and we have done all we can for the moment.

Many thanks to Mike Mullis and Neil Hulme for letting us be part of the Project.

I will leave you with a few photos taken of the Pearls during the project.

Spring 2016 the 3rd instar started to come out of hibernation in early March. [\[attachment=17\]IH9A5902-Edit.png\[/attachment\]](#) [\[attachment=16\]IH9A5928-Edit.png\[/attachment\]](#) [\[attachment=18\]IH9A5867-Edit-Edit.png\[/attachment\]](#) [\[attachment=15\]IH9A5946-Edit.png\[/attachment\]](#)

Missed any shots of 4th instar's in 2016, but here is a 5th instar. 4th instar's are hard to catch on the surface. [\[attachment=14\]IH9A6357-Edit.png\[/attachment\]](#)

By the beginning of May they had started to pupate. [\[attachment=10\]IH9A6834-Edit.png\[/attachment\]](#)

Our first SPBF hatched on 12th May 2016. [\[attachment=9\]IH9A7373-Edit.png\[/attachment\]](#)

Then it all starts again.

2016 just as they go into hibernation. [\[attachment=13\]IH9A6478.png\[/attachment\]](#)

Spring 2017. [\[attachment=11\]IH9A6693-Edit.png\[/attachment\]](#)

4th Instar's 2017 [\[attachment=7\]IH9A7596.png\[/attachment\]](#) [\[attachment=12\]IH9A6542.png\[/attachment\]](#)

5th Instar's 2017 [\[attachment=6\]IH9A7684.png\[/attachment\]](#) [\[attachment=8\]IH9A7489.png\[/attachment\]](#)

Pupae just before hatching 2017 [\[attachment=2\]Pupae-Edit.png\[/attachment\]](#)

First SPBF of 2017. [\[attachment=0\]SPBF-Edit.png\[/attachment\]](#) [\[attachment=1\]SPBF2-Edit.png\[/attachment\]](#) [\[attachment=5\]IH9A9552-Edit.png\[/attachment\]](#)

Couldn't help myself with this one. Got up one morning before a Release and they were just sitting there and warming up. [\[attachment=20\]IH9A1162-Edit.png\[/attachment\]](#)

Out in the world. [\[attachment=4\]IH9A9936.png\[/attachment\]](#) [\[attachment=3\]IH9A9943-Edit.png\[/attachment\]](#) [\[attachment=26\]IH9A0235-Edit.png\[/attachment\]](#) [\[attachment=25\]IH9A0331-Edit.png\[/attachment\]](#) [\[attachment=24\]IH9A0419-Edit.png\[/attachment\]](#) [\[attachment=23\]IH9A0489.png\[/attachment\]](#) [\[attachment=22\]IH9A0562.png\[/attachment\]](#) [\[attachment=21\]IH9A0693.png\[/attachment\]](#) [\[attachment=19\]IH9A1765-Edit.png\[/attachment\]](#)

Re: Gary.N

by bugboy, 08-Jul-17 11:42 PM GMT

Wonderful 😊 I look forward to seeing their progeny for many years to come 😊

Re: Gary.N

by badgerbob, 09-Jul-17 10:06 AM GMT

Superb record Gary. Great to see all the stages too.

Re: Gary.N

by Butterfysaurus rex, 09-Jul-17 10:28 AM GMT

A magnificent job, by you personally and the rest of the team Gary! These lovely images were well earned. I know that you made personal sacrifices, foregoing other butterflying activities to help bring the Small Pearls back to Sussex. And on top of that maintaining what must be one of the longest transects in the UK! Hopefully the future of the Small-pearl Bordered Fritillary is now secure and these fabulous butterflies will be enjoyed by future generations.

James

Re: Gary.N

by kevlng, 09-Jul-17 11:45 AM GMT

Gary,

Well done on your efforts to conserve the SPBF. It would be a travesty to lose such a magnificent species. Butterflies need more people like you. A great set of photos charting the project too. Very enjoyable.

Regards Kev

Re: Gary.N

by Wurzel, 09-Jul-17 10:58 PM GMT

Fantastic effort Gary and a stunning sequence of shots 😊📷 Any chance the same can be done in Bentley Wood?

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Gary.N

by Katrina, 09-Jul-17 11:10 PM GMT

A wonderful photo record of the project. Well done on the work and the photos! 🙌

Re: Gary.N

by Goldie M, 10-Jul-17 12:35 PM GMT

Well done Gary, looks like a lot of effort, time, as well as pleasure went into your project. Goldie 😊

Re: Gary.N

by Gary.N, 10-Jul-17 11:14 PM GMT

Thank you all for your lovely comments. 📷

It is nice to be able to give something back for all and hopefully future generations, after the many years of enjoy I have gotten from these little bugs. So please enjoy watching and photographing them.

Wurzel wrote:

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Wurzel

Wurzel, I am willing to help with a project for Bentley, if it's needed. I don't truly know how well Small Pearls are doing there or the reasons for any decline. So I'm a bit in the dark as to what is happening there. But I will help if asked to do so.

Gary

Re: Gary.N

by Maximus, 11-Jul-17 12:35 AM GMT

Great work, Gary 😊 and a lovely ab in the middle of your shot of the Fritillaries before release.

Re: Gary.N

by Pete Eeles, 11-Jul-17 02:56 PM GMT

Excellent work, Gary!

Gary.N wrote:

Spring 2016 the 3rd instar started to come out of hibernation in early March.

I spoke with Neil a while ago about the SPBF overwintering instar, since I was convinced it was 3rd instar, but Frohawk said 4th ("The larvae hibernate after the 3rd moult"), which is why I placed my images in the wrong album. So thanks for letting Vince and I know about this error in Frohawk!

Cheers,

- Pete

Re: Gary.N

by millerd, 11-Jul-17 09:37 PM GMT

Wow. Extraordinary stuff. Such a hugely rewarding and worthwhile thing to do, and the photos are wonderful. The "tent" full of butterflies patiently waiting to be released is a great image. 😊

Dave

Re: Gary.N

by Gary.N, 23-Jul-17 06:29 PM GMT

While on my transect today I saw this Brimstone with darker markings than normal. Does anyone know if it is an ab? [attachment=0]IH9A4606-Edit.png[/attachment]

Re: Gary.N

by Wurzel, 23-Jul-17 08:50 PM GMT

I'm not sure if it is an aberrant - I've seen some with markings to make them more cryptic but never anything as 'organised' as this 🤖 - if it's not an ab it should be 😊👍

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Gary.N

by bugboy, 24-Jul-17 12:02 PM GMT

Gary.N wrote:

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Looks good for an ab. *hoefnagoli*

<http://www.britishbutterflyaberrations.co.uk/species/gonepteryx-rhamni/aberrations>

<http://internt.nhm.ac.uk/our-science/data/british-butterflies-moths/database/image.dsm?filename=500912X&taxonID=8883&option=typicalbutterflies>

Re: Gary.N

by Gary.N, 24-Jul-17 06:25 PM GMT

Thanks guys. 😊

Re: Gary.N

by Gary.N, 01-Sep-17 11:56 PM GMT

Over the next week or so, I am going to catch up with my diary. It been a long time coming but I have found time to go through a summer's worth of photos. 😊 Most have been taken on the walk to and from my transect on Lullingdon Heath, as it takes up most of my time available for butterflies.

I will start with an Ab of a PBF taken on the 24th May 2017, I found it while releasing Small Pearls at Abbot's Wood.

[attachment=7]Pearl Ab..png[/attachment]

3th June 2017

At the start of June I saw the emergent of the first of the summer butterflies on my way to do my transect. Common Blues, Large Skippers, Meadow Browns, Small TortoiseShells, Speckled Woods and the like. [attachment=6]C.Blue1.png[/attachment] [attachment=5]C.Blue4.png[/attachment] [attachment=4]MB2.png[/attachment] [attachment=3]Skipper1.png[/attachment] [attachment=2]Skipper2.png[/attachment] [attachment=1]Skipper4.png[/attachment] [attachment=0]TS2.png[/attachment]

That's it for this instalment. Back soon.

Re: Gary.N

by trevor, 02-Sep-17 10:45 AM GMT

Great stuff, Gary. I am sure your ab Pearl was photographed by someone else too.
On the subject of Pearls, your SPBF's are still performing in Rowland Wood, saw a nice one yesterday.

Actually they are the offspring of your Small Pearls, and that's even better !.

All the best,
Trevor.

Re: Gary.N

by Gary.N, 02-Sep-17 08:47 PM GMT

Thanks Trevor. It's always good to here someone enjoying the Small Pearls. 😊

17th June 2017

I started off from the Gallops on a very hot summer day and found my first Marbled White and Small Skipper of the year. Also, i saw Ringlet's, Meadow Brown's and Large Skipper's too.

[\[attachment=14\]Skipper2.png\[/attachment\]](#) [\[attachment=13\]Skipper1.png\[/attachment\]](#)

I had heard of reports of White Admiral and Silver-Washed hatching, so I changed my normal route to the Heath to go down a ride where they are normally found in Friston Forest. I found them but not one came in range of my camera. But I did find a Dark Green down the ride. He stayed in one area for along time and at one point I had him on the end of my finger. I also spotted my first fresh Comma too.

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18th June 2017

This was a special day, that I released the last 2 SPBF's at Rowland's. It was a hot 28C. As soon as I released the netting on the pot they were gone. I didn't even see where they went. I walked around the wood and I found a spot where there were 6 Silver-Washed flying around. There was a bank of trees that gave good shade and a cooling breeze. The Silver-Washed kept landing 6 Feet from the shady spot, so I was content to just sit their until one landed. I spent a good few hours there.

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Re: Gary.N

by Wurzel, 02-Sep-17 09:47 PM GMT

Fantastic set of shots Gary 😊 Those Silver-washed undersides are really well captured 😊👍

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Gary.N

by David M, 02-Sep-17 10:20 PM GMT

Nice sequence of images, Gary, and what a remarkable aberrant PBF from earlier in the year!

Re: Gary.N

by Butterfysaurus rex, 03-Sep-17 05:58 PM GMT

A tremendous set of fritillary images Gary! I'm looking forward to seeing some more. 😊

Re: Gary.N

by Gary.N, 03-Sep-17 07:55 PM GMT

Thankyou for your comments guys. James, here are some more images for you. 😊

Finally made it to the **1st July 2017**.

It was a cloudy Saturday, so I thought I would go to Rowlands and see if a could find a Small Pearl caterpillar. I did find a 3rd instar but it escaped into the litter before I could get a decent photo. All I got was a blurry mess. I was surprised by the amount of Butterflies I did see. I saw my first Gate Keeper and freshly hatched Brimstone of the year. [\[attachment=10\]Gate Keeper.png\[/attachment\]](#) [\[attachment=11\]Brimstone.png\[/attachment\]](#)
[\[attachment=9\]Marbled White.png\[/attachment\]](#) [\[attachment=8\]Ringlet.png\[/attachment\]](#) [\[attachment=7\]SW1.png\[/attachment\]](#)

2nd July 2017

Sunday was a transect day. On the walk to the heath I look for White Admiral's but they just stayed up the the trees. That my normal luck with them. I did have a nice walk, through the Gallops and Friston Forest.

Photos taken on the Gallops. [\[attachment=6\]Marbled White.png\[/attachment\]](#) [\[attachment=5\]Small Copper.png\[/attachment\]](#) [\[attachment=4\]Painted Lady.png\[/attachment\]](#)

Photos in Friston Forest. [\[attachment=3\]Peacock1.png\[/attachment\]](#) [\[attachment=2\]SW1.png\[/attachment\]](#) [\[attachment=1\]SW2.png\[/attachment\]](#)
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Re: Gary.N

by Wurzel, 03-Sep-17 10:43 PM GMT

More lush Silver-washed Gary 😊 I struggled with this species this year 🍷

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Gary.N

by David M, 04-Sep-17 08:16 AM GMT

Nice array of species, Gary, my favourite being the Brimstone which is superbly camouflaged under that leaf.

Re: Gary.N

by Gary.N, 04-Sep-17 09:09 PM GMT

Wurzel wrote:

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Have a goodun

Wurzel

Wurzel.

I have lucked into Silver-Washed this year. I have two spots that do very well, but this year has been the best I've seen them. And they have come down to lower levels. 😊

David M wrote:

Nice array of species, Gary, my favourite being the Brimstone which is superbly camouflaged under that leaf.

David.

I am lucky were I live. I have three sites within 5miles that have about 40 species when combined and a further 5 within an hour and half drive. Yep, I am lucky, very lucky.

Now for my 4 day weekend in July.

Friday 7th July 2017 was a bust it was sunny but lots to catch up on.

Saturday 8th July 2017

It was my transect day. It started cloudy but improved as the day went on. I found Copper Ab.(I going to leave you guys hanging. I have quiet a few copper Abs this year and I will list them together).On my way back I took a different route has I tried to find the copper ab again, but didn't. That was when the second good moment of the day happened. I saw a Silver-washed laying an egg. I had a very lucky day. I was carry all my lens and equipment for taking egg shots. I don't normally on a transect day as it is a 10 mile hike and it is heavy. So I took some shots of the egg. Then carried on my way. Half a mile later and a few Peacock and comma shots. I saw a White Admiral flying low. Not quiet stopping. Then it stopped and lay an egg. So two eggs and a copper ab that I had never seen before. A very good day and a good start to my weekend. 🍷

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Sunday 9th July 2017

I started the day by taking some Photos of an egg of a Red Admiral that Theresa saw being laid in the garden a few days previous.(It hatched the next day). Then it was then up to Over and High looking for Silver-Spotted Skippers and found some, among other things. Another good day.

[attachment=9]Red egg.png[/attachment] The black lines that you see are the hairs on the caterpillar.

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Monday 10th July 2017

It had been a good weekend so far, so I went back to High and Over to see if I could get some more Skippers. I found NONE. 😊 But something fluttered past me. A female Wall Brown. I chase her for about 5 minutes and she would stop for instances. Just long enough to catch up. Then she stop. I caught up and found she was laying an egg. Just as I had her in the camera frame she disappeared on he. But I had another egg.

A bit further on I had a nice little surprise. One I hadn't seen in ages. A fresh Small Blue and he stay in one small area. I watched and photographed for at least a hour before going home.

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All in all, a VERY GOOD WEEKEND 🍷🍷🍷

Re: Gary.N

by Butterflysaurus rex, 04-Sep-17 09:52 PM GMT

Another set of great images there Gary, I particularly like your egg photos as well. Excellent stuff. 😊

James

Re: Gary.N

by Wurzel, 04-Sep-17 09:55 PM GMT

Really fantastic set of images Gary especially the egg shots brilliant level of detail 😊🍷

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Gary.N

by Pete Eeles, 05-Sep-17 09:15 PM GMT

Totally agree – nice egg shots, Gary!

Cheers,

– Pete

Re: Gary.N

by bugboy, 06-Sep-17 06:54 PM GMT

A great summery of your season Gary, and like others have said, those eggs are superb 😊

Re: Gary.N

by millerd, 06-Sep-17 08:13 PM GMT

Amazing shots of those eggs, Gary. 🍷😊

Dave

Re: Gary.N

by Gary.N, 06-Sep-17 09:36 PM GMT

Thankyou all for your comments. Egg Shots are not the easiest of things to take and then process. The egg images were made up of three or four images stacked together. I have to take 200 to 300 shots just to get them right. A nightmare but worth it. 😊

To continue with my summer.

22th July 2017

The forecast was not good for the day. Sunnyish start but clouding over. Transect was going to be a wasted trip, so I went to Abbot's. All I got there was about 2 hours of sun, but I found a good selection of Butterflies there. I had my first Clouded Yellow of the year and a second brood Small Pearl. 😊

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[attachment=28]SPBF.png[/attachment] [attachment=27]Brown Argus1.png[/attachment] [attachment=26]Brown Argus2.png[/attachment]

23th July 2017

Sunday was a transect day and there wasn't much worth photographing, but did get a nice Brown Argus. I also I found two Copper abs and like the last one I'll post them later. 😊

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29th July 2017

The weekend starting the 29th July was a cloudy affair. Didn't get chance for a transect but I did find 2 couple of hour sun to go to Rowland wood. There was lots there from Common Blue to Peacock, red Admiral to Small Pearls. I even got a shot of a Small Heath not sitting on grass or mud. 😊

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Re: Gary.N

by Wurzel, 06-Sep-17 11:16 PM GMT

Fantastic Brown Argus and those Small Pearls are pretty lush especially the last one, beautiful markings 😊 I'm intrigued about the Coppers 😊, you left us hanging again 😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Gary.N

by Gary.N, 07-Sep-17 07:14 PM GMT

Wurzel. I will get to the Copper's, but keep expectations low. I just saw more Copper abs an I had the right to see in one summer. 🍷

5th August 2017

It was a quick trip around Abbot's, has the forecast for that day was for it to cast over. Which it did. I wanted to see if I could find more Small Pearls and also they were likely to be the freshed Butterflies I could find. I was wrong about the second part. I found a stunning Common Blue Female. Just hatched 😊, a nice Comma, some Pearls and finally a Wall Brown.

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[attachment=16]Wall.png[/attachment]

6th August 2017

Another transect day, but got a few nice photos. [attachment=5]Brimstone 1.png[/attachment] [attachment=4]Brown Argus.png[/attachment]
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Re: Gary.N

by Wurzel, 08-Sep-17 10:33 PM GMT

More great shot Gary, the colours on the SPBF in particular are really stand out 😊 Still looking forward to the Coppers (who wouldn't?) but with expectations damped down slightly 😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Gary.N

by Gary.N, 16-Sep-17 11:05 PM GMT

Back to it, after a week break due to my monitor going wrong. It late so I will be a quick post.

12th August 2017

A quick trip to Abbot's to count Pearls. [\[attachment=10\]SPBF2.png\[/attachment\]](#) [\[attachment=11\]SPBF1.png\[/attachment\]](#) [\[attachment=12\]SPBF3.png\[/attachment\]](#)

13th August 2017

Transect today. But after the transect I stay on the Heath to see if I could find some Silver Spotted Skipper's. I found a really nice female that had just hatched. I even had her on my finger at one point. 😊 [\[attachment=8\]Copper.png\[/attachment\]](#) [\[attachment=7\]Small Heath.png\[/attachment\]](#) [\[attachment=6\]sss1.png\[/attachment\]](#) [\[attachment=5\]sss2.png\[/attachment\]](#) [\[attachment=4\]sss3.png\[/attachment\]](#) [\[attachment=3\]sss4.png\[/attachment\]](#) [\[attachment=2\]sss5.png\[/attachment\]](#) [\[attachment=1\]Brimstone1.png\[/attachment\]](#) [\[attachment=0\]Brimstone2.png\[/attachment\]](#) [\[attachment=9\]Brimstone3.png\[/attachment\]](#)

Re: Gary.N

by Wurzel, 17-Sep-17 07:47 PM GMT

Cracking Silver-spots Gary and even one on your hand 🙄😄👍

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Gary.N

by David M, 17-Sep-17 09:39 PM GMT

Nice to see a summer Brimstone, Gary. Well done. Those Silver Spotted Skippers are a joy to behold too.

Re: Gary.N

by Gary.N, 20-Sep-17 07:08 PM GMT

Thanks David. Thanks Wurzel. I always see alot of Brimstone's, but it's always hard to catch them on anything but purple flowers and the Heath is always good for skippers. 😊

20th August 2017

It wasn't a good weather weekend and I had thing to do. But I got a trip to Abbot's in. SPBF's were still flying around. I also got some photos of some rescued Purple Streak eggs from fallen oak branches. 😊

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Re: Gary.N

by Gary.N, 20-Sep-17 07:34 PM GMT

Coppers

I love these little devil's. 😊😄😄 This year I have seen more than my share of Abs. All of them were on them were around the Friston Forest area. I have looked for years for Copper abs and found none. Then these all at once. 🙄

The first one I have posted a picture of at the start of the year but the underside. Did know about it until I looked at it again. Ab.oblitera [\[attachment=0\]Copper4.png\[/attachment\]](#)

These 2 were taken a week apart, but both were on my transect. I try both times to find them again after I had finished them didn't. They are both Ab.Radiata [\[attachment=4\]Copper.png\[/attachment\]](#) [\[attachment=5\]Small copper2.png\[/attachment\]](#)

On the walk up to the Heath I also found this one, with very dark forewings. [\[attachment=1\]Small copper.png\[/attachment\]](#) It look abit like Ab.brunnescens or Ab.antiultraeleus. But not sure what ab it is.

The next 2 were taken 10 feet from one another.

The first is another Ab.Radiata but the orange was almost gone which would have been Ab.obsoleta. It doesn't stop the the forewings are almost Ab.extensa. So can anyone tell me which one it is? [\[attachment=3\]Copper2.png\[/attachment\]](#) The second and my last ab is almost another Ab.oblitera. [\[attachment=2\]Copper3.png\[/attachment\]](#)

Re: Gary.N

by Butterfysaurus rex, 20-Sep-17 08:16 PM GMT

Hi Gary, the long hours you put in on your transect have seriously paid off! Looks like you've had a great year, you have taken loads of terrific photos and with only a couple of days a week to do all this in! I've only ever seen about 3 Small Copper ab's so to find as many as you have during this year is amazing. I look forward to seeing what else you've got up your sleeve in the posts to come.

Re: Gary.N

by Wurzel, 20-Sep-17 10:55 PM GMT

That second one is radiata and caeruleopunctata 🍷🍷 I know you asked to lower the expectations Gary but you needn't have – these are first class finds 😊🍷 It seems though that abs are like buses 😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Gary.N

by David M, 21-Sep-17 10:56 PM GMT

Beautiful array of unusual Coppers there, Gary, especially that fourth one, which is exceptionally dark.

Re: Gary.N

by Gary.N, 28-Sep-17 09:06 PM GMT

Thanks James,

It has been a great year. I may not of seen the Purple Emperors, Wood Whites, Dukes and the like. But the heath always seems to come up with the goods. It is one of those magical places once you learn it's secrets. Then there are those days when you think oh no another transect, another 10 mile walk, but once started you never know what you will find. Half the time it cloud because of the heaths micro-climate and you sit there waiting for clear blue skies what is always half a mile off. And then you find a gem. Wouldn't have it any other way. Then there is the Pearls. A once in a life time opportunity. Yes a great year, with more to post.

Glad you liked the Abs Wurzel.

I think i'll have too correct that I haven't seen a Copper ab before this year if you included Caeruleopunctata. It is a common one where I walk, about 25% of Copper are Caeruleopunctata. So I find it hard to call it an Ab and not just natural variation.

David,

That dark Copper was a beauty. I got just 5 shots before it disappeared never to be found by me again.

Re: Gary.N

by Gary.N, 28-Sep-17 09:43 PM GMT

August Bank Holiday weekend.

A very good weekend for me.

26th August 2017

A transect day with some good news on the walk up there. The car park which I normally walk from was full up, so I had to go to the Gallop's. That when I was my first Adonis for over 18 months on the Gallops. I thought they were gone for good. But there wasn't just one. There were many of them. Had to drag myself away just to do my transect. 😊😊🍷

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Watch out mate spider alert. {attachment=18}Adonis5.png[/attachment] {attachment=17}Adonis6.png[/attachment] {attachment=16}Adonis7.png[/attachment] {attachment=15}Copper1.png[/attachment] {attachment=14}Copper4.png[/attachment] {attachment=13}Copper5.png[/attachment] {attachment=12}Group.png[/attachment] {attachment=21}White1.png[/attachment]

27th August 2017

I had to go back a find some more Adonis. It was worth it. I found a partial ab.krodeli and I got an adonis egg.

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Re: Gary.N

by millerd, 28-Sep-17 10:10 PM GMT

That's an amazing selection of Small Copper abs you found, Gary. Some are stunning. 😊 I've never got beyond the blue-spotted ones, which as you say are so common as to be within normal variation. The Adonis are very nice too – always good to find something where you weren't expecting it. 😊

Dave

Re: Gary.N

by Gary.N, 28-Sep-17 10:15 PM GMT

28th August 2017 Bank Holiday Cont.

I thought I would try an old site that once had Adonis on it. I hadn't see one there for about 3 years and I found some. 😊

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It was at about this point that I was walking back to the car when I got a phone call from James. I had a really nice Tortoiseshell in front of me at the time. James told me about the QoS at Newhaven. So I forgive him about the Tortoiseshell. 😊 So my weekend went from great to a fantastic weekend. Thanks to James. 😊😊😊

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Re: Gary.N

by Wurzel, 28-Sep-17 10:29 PM GMT

Some fantastic QoS shots Gary, I'd almost gotten over my envy as well 🙄👍😊 Some great Adonis variations as well – I particularly like the second down from three posts back with the "!" on the fore wing 😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Gary.N

by Allan.W., 29-Sep-17 04:28 PM GMT

Hello Gary,

That's a great selection of Coppers there Gary, the two Radiatas in particular, reckon all of your IDS; are spot on, and as you say the second one is almost (but not quite!) Obsoleta, and again as you intimated the other I would call AB; Radiata/ Extensa. Some other great images there!

Regards Allan.W.

Re: Gary.N

by David M, 30-Sep-17 03:24 PM GMT

I never tire of seeing photos of those UK Queens, Gary! What a sequence!

Re: Gary.N

by millerd, 30-Sep-17 07:13 PM GMT

Nice to see the Queens looking fresher than when I caught up with them a few days later. A lovely set of shots. 😊

Dave

Re: Gary.N

by Butterflysaurus rex, 01-Oct-17 10:05 PM GMT

Great QOS sequence Gary! I'm pleased you made it over to enjoy the spectacle. Excellent reports and images from your transect too. I hope to join you up there next year.

Best wishes

James

Re: Gary.N

by Gary.N, 27-Oct-17 11:02 PM GMT

Thanks for your comments guys. Sorry it has been a while but work and home life over took me. I just about found time for this post, too continue my diary.

Sunday 10th September 2017

Another day that the forecast showed cloud moving in for the afternoon. So a trip to Abbot's was in order. The amount of Red Admiral's, Peacock's and Comma's was amazing. I couldn't walk 5 metres down some ride and not see 3 or 4 of them at a time. There was the odd Painted Lady and white thrown in too.

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Saturday 16th September 2017

It was a cloudy day I spent at home doing a few odd jobs. Then it clear up for a while and warm. I looked out into the garden and there was a few things flying around. So this is what I got in about 20 minutes of sun.     

Sunday 17th September 2017

Transect day. Lots of Coppers, but no Ab's. Did get a nice shot of a Small Heath with it's wings open just before I got back to the car.       

Saturday 23rd September 2017

The last transect of the year for the Heath. It is always sad. You know that winter is just around the corner. But it's not here yet.      

Re: Gary.N

by Gary.N, 27-Oct-17 11:22 PM GMT

22th October 2017

It had been a while since I had gotten out to look for anything. It was sunny so I went to the Gallop's as there is normally some Red Admiral's and Copper's this time of year still. But I found a lot more. Peacock's, Red Admiral's, Comma's, Copper's, Speckled wood's, Wall's, Clouded Yellow's. They were all very mobile and I don't get many good shots.  

It started to cloud over so a start back to the car down the hill and I saw what I thought was a Common Blue. I stopped to take a look at it as it was probably the last one I would see of the year and it wasn't a Common Blue. But it was a Long Tailed Blue. I got a couple of shot and I lost it. I searched for about 10 minutes and found it again in the grass. Just sitting there. By this point the cloud had come over. So I phoned James up. By the time him and Bob had got there a brief bit of the had occurred and it had disappear for good. Sorry Guys. Bob did found a Helix Clouded Yellow were the LTB was and that was a first one I have seen. So the Gallops bring the goods in again.  

Re: Gary.N

by Wurzel, 27-Oct-17 11:32 PM GMT

Very envious of your LTB Gary    It must be your pay back for not being able to have gotten out as much 

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Gary.N

by Gary.N, 27-Oct-17 11:32 PM GMT

Today 27th October 2017

Today I went to a few sights around the local area with James. We meet Bob at one of them. It was good enjoyable sunny day.  We saw quiet a few species. Lots Red Admiral's. Then the were a few Peacock's and Clouded Yellow's. And finally a Comma, Speckled wood, Brimstone, Wall, Common Blue female (Same spot as the LTB last week. Hoped for a few seconds. But I think it is Ab.Thestylis ) and Copper.

Re: Gary.N

by Gary.N, 27-Oct-17 11:35 PM GMT

Thanks Wurzel. Another very luckily find for the year. 

Re: Gary.N

by David M, 27-Oct-17 11:42 PM GMT

Good return for late October, Gary.

By the way, I like your Small Heath with wings open from the earlier post. You don't see that too often!

Re: Gary.N

by Gary.N, 27-Oct-17 11:52 PM GMT

Thanks David. It kept flicking it wings open. I caught the shot just right.

Re: Gary.N

by Andrew555, 28-Oct-17 08:18 AM GMT

Some terrific shots of some lovely butterflies Gary.

Though it's dangerous for me looking at photos like this, always makes me think about buying another camera!

Cheers

Re: Gary.N

by bugboy, 28-Oct-17 08:28 AM GMT

Some great images Gary but a Long-tailed Blue 🦋, a near mythical beast for me!

Re: Gary.N

by trevor, 28-Oct-17 09:31 AM GMT

Your Long Tailed Blue was a great find. This happened to James, Katrina and myself last Autumn, we were casually walking at Tide Mills, when suddenly there was an LTB almost at our feet !. Like you, we all managed a snatched shot of it as proof of the find.

Fingers crossed for Park Corner next year, Trevor.

Re: Gary.N

by David M, 29-Oct-17 12:20 AM GMT

Only just seen your Long Tailed Blue, Gary. You are one of only a tiny number who has seen this species on UK soil this year so well done.

Re: Gary.N

by Goldie M, 29-Oct-17 10:19 AM GMT

Well Done indeed, what a find! 🦋🦋 Goldie 😊

Re: Gary.N

by Gary.N, 29-Oct-17 05:00 PM GMT

Thankyou Goldie, David, Trevor and Bugboy. The LTB was one of my best finds of the year. Bugboy the LTB is nearly a mythical beast for me too. I only seen 5 since I have been looking, but that is more the most.

Trevor. Yes, please cross your finger for next year too, for next year at Rowland's Wood and Abbot's Wood. It going to be a long nevre racking winter for me. So fingers crossed and more.

Sunday 29th October 2017

Had a bit of luck in the Garden today. I had 7 Red Admiral's flying around and I got a few good shots. Andrew, if you don't want to be temped by a new camera I advise not to look further. 😊 [attachment=6]Red1.png[/attachment] [attachment=5]Red2.png[/attachment] [attachment=4]Red3.png[/attachment] [attachment=3]Red4.png[/attachment] [attachment=2]Red5.png[/attachment] [attachment=1]Red6.png[/attachment] [attachment=0]Red7.png[/attachment] [attachment=7]Red8.png[/attachment]

Re: Gary.N

by Andrew555, 29-Oct-17 05:47 PM GMT

😊 Gary, I can't resist!
Great shots, love these butterflies on garden flowers, the colours are just wonderful.
Dear Santa...
😊

Re: Gary.N

by trevor, 12-Nov-17 10:21 PM GMT

Congrats. to you and Theresa on your award, very well deserved.

Best wishes,
Trevor.

Re: Gary.N

by Pete Eeles, 13-Nov-17 08:56 AM GMT

trevor wrote:

Congrats. to you and Theresa on your award, very well deserved.

Best wishes,

Trevor.

Agree – congrats Gary (and Theresa) on the BC Outstanding Volunteer award for your excellent work on the Small and Pearl-bordered fritillaries! It was great to meet you both and hear about your ever-so-interesting observations!



Cheers,

– Pete

Re: Gary.N

by Wurzel, 13-Nov-17 10:15 AM GMT

Congratulations Gary to both you and Theresa on your award, sterling stuff 😊
Great set of shots from your last post by the way 😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Gary.N

by bugboy, 13-Nov-17 05:40 PM GMT

Couldn't agree more, well done and very deserving 😊

Re: Gary.N

by David M, 13-Nov-17 11:35 PM GMT

Great effort, Gary, and nice to see it recognised. Well done!

Re: Gary.N

by Andrew555, 14-Nov-17 09:21 AM GMT

Now I've seen your picture Gary, I think I spoke to you once at Lullington Heath 😊
Congrats to you both on your awards.

Cheers

Re: Gary.N

by Gary.N, 20-Nov-17 08:08 PM GMT

Thankyou Trevor,
It was also good to see you at the AGM on Saturday. Hope to see you in the spring at Abbot's or Rowlands.

Thankyou Pete,
It was also nice to meet you in person at last and hopefully I'll have more observations next time we meet. There's too little information out there about the Pearls. (one of the better pictures of us by the way, thankyou)

Thankyou Wurzel,
The shots of the Reds were a nice end to the season. Hadn't seen much elsewhere but there were 7 Reds in the garden. A very good end.

Thankyou Bugboy.

Thankyou David.

Thankyou Andrew,
We may have spoken on the Heath. I am up there most weekends during the summer. And not a better place to be. Well may be Abbot's or Rowlands in late May and August.