

Re: Mike Robinson

by Mike Robinson, 13-Mar-17 12:46 PM GMT

I really must make an effort with this, this Year.

During an Outing walking over the former Thamesmead Golf Course and along the Thames Path towards Erith on Saturday (lovely weather) we were Super-Fortunate in spotting a **Brimstone Butterfly**, a **Comma Butterfly**, two **Peacock Butterflies**, at least two **Small Tortoiseshell Butterflies** and Very-Surprisingly, a **Small White Butterfly**.

We saw the **Brimstone Butterfly** and a first **Peacock Butterfly** on the former Golf Course, where we also noticed some flowering **Coltsfoot** viz.



Beside the short length of Footpath, connecting the former Golf Course with the Thames Path, we spotted a **Comma Butterfly** viz.



And shortly after joining the Thames Path we chanced upon a small population of **Rue-Leaved Saxifrage** viz.



Walking along the Thames Path, we arrived at the Outfall of the Crossness Sewage Works. It was High Tide and we noticed a number of **Black-Tailed Godwits** &c. waiting for the Tide to turn and the Mud to reappear viz.



Shortly afterwards we saw a **Peacock Butterfly** visting a **Cherry Plum**, which was flowering Very-Prettily viz.



We also noticed that the **White Ramping Fumitory**, growing beside the Thames Path, close to the Waste Incinerator, is flowering viz.



Reaching the Footpath (in the Erith area) connecting the Thames Path with nearby Church Manorway, we first spotted the **Small White Butterfly** viz.



and then at least two **Small Tortoiseshell Butterflies** viz.



All in all, a Super-Satisfactory Outing.

Previously seen during 2017: a couple of **Red Admiral Butterflies** and a **Peacock Butterfly**.

Re: Mike Robinson

by David M, 13-Mar-17 06:18 PM GMT

That's two images on Small Whites on here already and we're not yet mid-March!! I love the Peacock on the blossom....beautiful contrast of colour.

Re: Mike Robinson

by Wurzel, 14-Mar-17 12:22 AM GMT

A Small White already? 🤔🍀 Let's hope it's a sign of things to come! 😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Mike Robinson

by Mike Robinson, 14-Mar-17 12:38 AM GMT

For David M and Wurzel,

Thanks for noticing this &c. Interestingly, we are aware of a local' sighting earlier in the Month, of a possible **Small White Butterfly**; sadly, the person who saw the Butterfly was unable to ID it with full Confidence.

Re: Mike Robinson

by trevor, 14-Mar-17 10:48 AM GMT

Some great stuff there Mike, but you've still got to beat that Peacock image from a couple of years back !.

Have a great season,

Trevor.

Re: Mike Robinson

by Mike Robinson, 16-Mar-17 09:03 AM GMT

Trevor: thanks. And I hope all goes well for you too. Mike...

Re: Mike Robinson

by Mike Robinson, 29-Mar-17 09:35 AM GMT

Our Butterfly Season continues apace locally (in the London Borough of Bexley).

There seem to be quite a few **Small Tortoiseshell** Butterflies fluttering around viz.





Also a growing number of small white Butterflies: both **Green-Veined White** and **Small White** Butterflies viz.





And we were Super-Pleased to see at least three **Orange-Tip Butterflies** (yesterday) with one supping at a Bluebell viz.



Footnote: we are not, nor ever will be, what we consider to be, Proper Butterfly People. We enjoy looking for Butterflies and Photographing them but that is probably as far, for various reasons, our Interest will extend. Nothing wrong with that of course. But we were reminded of our Limitations a few days ago, when we watched this **Comma** Butterfly fluttering around until it Landed!



Whooooooops. Which explains why we Very Rarely try to ID a Butterfly in Flight.

Re: Mike Robinson

by Goldie M, 29-Mar-17 09:49 AM GMT

Lovely shots Mike, particularly the Orange Tip on the Blue Bell, I'm like you, I just love taking shots of Butterflies but since joining UKB i've learned much more about them, you also will find posts on this site very informative and helpful 😊 Goldie 😊

Re: Mike Robinson

by Mike Robinson, 29-Mar-17 10:11 AM GMT

Goldie: thanks. I think I probably pick things up, often without realising it. And yes, these Personal Diaries are very 'informative and helpful'. Kind regards...

Re: Mike Robinson

by Wurzel, 29-Mar-17 06:23 PM GMT

Things are moving forwards apace in your neck of the woods Mike, cracking shot of the OT 🍷 We're being held back at the moment by low cloud that only seems to burn off too late in the afternoon 😞

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Mike Robinson

by Mike Robinson, 30-Mar-17 10:32 PM GMT

Howdy: I hope that your Weather is improving. We had another no-cardigan day again today. Thanks for noticing the Orange-Tip...

Re: Mike Robinson

by David M, 30-Mar-17 10:36 PM GMT

Great spring images, Mike. March Orange Tips don't come around that often so make the most of them!

Re: Mike Robinson

by millerd, 30-Mar-17 10:40 PM GMT

Great shot of the Orange Tip on the bluebell, Mike. A really nice combination. 😊

Dave

Re: Mike Robinson

by Mike Robinson, 31-Mar-17 09:36 AM GMT

Dear David M and Millerd:

Thanks for noticing the **Orange-Tip** Butterfly. During 2016, we saw our first **Orange-Tip** Butterfly on 12 April so this is a couple of weeks or so earlier. They were out in force yesterday (same place) viz.





And there were lots of **Brimstone** Butterflies about too including this Character viz.



Re: Mike Robinson

by MikeOxon, 31-Mar-17 11:10 AM GMT

Mike Robinson wrote:

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I think that describes a great many of us here 😊 It's good to know that there are a few real entomologists around, as well, ready to help when we get stuck.

Mike

Re: Mike Robinson

by Mike Robinson, 31-Mar-17 05:27 PM GMT

Thanks...

Re: Mike Robinson

by Wurzel, 31-Mar-17 08:28 PM GMT

Great shot of the OT Mike 🍷🍷 March OTs are a great thing, hopefully things will carry progressing nicely and the Grizzlies will be about soon 😊 .

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Mike Robinson

by Mike Robinson, 03-Apr-17 09:30 PM GMT

Wurzel, Thanks. Mike...

Re: Mike Robinson

by Mike Robinson, 07-Apr-17 12:53 AM GMT

Well: we had something of a Surprise this Afternoon.

We spent much of the Morning wandering around the Crossness Nature Reserve and the Surrounding area seeing the usual Suspects, including **Comma**, **Peacock**, **Orange-Tip** and **Speckled Wood** Butterflies, viz.





We also came across some rather fine looking **Chiffchafs** including this one:



In the Afternoon and in the company of Daisy, a rather dear little Dog, we found ourselves on the Thames Path in the Belvedere area (close to the Waste Incinerator) where this **Green Hairstreak** Butterfly was visiting Green Alkanet viz.



Wow: almost a month earlier than when we saw our first **Green Hairstreak** Butterfly of 2016!

Re: Mike Robinson

by Pauline, 07-Apr-17 06:24 AM GMT

Lovely Spring images Mike and that Green Hairstreak was a great find 😊

Re: Mike Robinson

by Mike Robinson, 07-Apr-17 09:22 AM GMT

Pauline: thanks. We were really surprised to see the Green Hairstreak...