

### Re: Gary.N

by Gary.N, 25-Feb-18 06:37 PM GMT

Until Friday I thought spring was around the corner and so did the PBF's Theresa and I are looking after (See next post). So I thought I would post some photo that I missed from 2017.

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### Re: Gary.N

by Gary.N, 25-Feb-18 07:14 PM GMT

The PBF's for this year Fritillary of the Future Project have come out of hibernation just over a week ago. Around about the 15th February. I found them Basking on top of the Bracken in there Pots. Looks like someone told them it is spring, but forgot to tell them about the snow next week. Silly things. 🤪

Here is some photos taken over the past week or so.

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The last photo was taken today (25th February 2018) at 2:45pm. I was freezing just taking the photo. It was a chilly 3 degree C in the sun. Doesn't look like the cold bothers them. Their are crazy. The Violet was petty good shape 15 minutes before that shot.

### Re: Gary.N

by Butterfysaurus rex, 25-Feb-18 09:31 PM GMT

Great stuff Gary, I expect they are getting through violets a at tremendous rate!

ATB

James

### Re: Gary.N

by David M, 26-Feb-18 10:24 PM GMT

Heart warming images, Gary, and may I wish you every success in raising them so they can contribute directly to the project?

Probably a good job they're not out in the wild right now, with sub zero temperatures on the cards for that part of the UK.

Keep them safe!

### Re: Gary.N

by Andrew555, 27-Feb-18 09:48 AM GMT

Great shots Gary, fantastic detail in that last SPBF image. 😊  
Best of luck with the project.

Cheers

### Re: Gary.N

by Wurzel, 28-Feb-18 11:20 AM GMT

Great set of shots Gary 😊 The Green-veined opener is a cracker 😊 Any chance of sprinkling some cats over Bentley Wood?

Have a goodun

Wurzel

### Re: Gary.N

by Gary.N, 11-Mar-18 07:21 PM GMT

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ATB

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Thanks James they are mean eating machine. You blink and you would miss seeing the Violet.

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I'll keep them safe. Thanks David.

**Andrew555 wrote:**

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Thanks Andrew. May want to drop the S. They are PBF's cats.

**Wurzel wrote:**

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Wurzel

Thanks Wurzel. Would love too sprinkle some cats over Bentley Wood, but not allowed at the moment.

**Re: Gary.N**

by Gary.N, 11-Mar-18 07:35 PM GMT

The cats would like to say thankyou to Trevor for the Violet he gave them. They enjoyed munching them, as there is now none left. Little Oliver said more please. 😊😊😊

They were still out in the cold and grey at 8:45am yesterday morning, munching away. [attachment=5]Cat1.png[/attachment]

Had a very muddy walk at Abbot's today. Started off cloudy, but for a lovely hour and a half the sun came out. And I saw 1 Brimstone, 2 Comma's and a Peacock. [attachment=0]Brimstone.png[/attachment] [attachment=4]Comma 1.png[/attachment] [attachment=3]Comma 3.png[/attachment] [attachment=2]Comma 4.png[/attachment] [attachment=1]Comma 5.png[/attachment]

**Re: Gary.N**

by trevor, 11-Mar-18 08:31 PM GMT

Heart lifting stuff Gary, on two fronts.

I'm glad the Violets are being enjoyed, and that Abbots wood has started to wake up.

If you need more Violets let me know !, I will need to lift more plants.

Great Comma shots.  
Trevor.

**Re: Gary.N**

by bugboy, 11-Mar-18 09:28 PM GMT

And so it begins 😊

**Re: Gary.N**

by Andrew555, 12-Mar-18 08:58 AM GMT

**Andrew555 wrote:**

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Best of luck with the project.

Cheers

" Thanks Andrew. May want to drop the S. They are PBF's cats. "

I was talking about the previous set of shots Gary. 😊😊

Great to see those Abbot's pics. 😊

Cheers

### Re: Gary.N

by Goldie M, 12-Mar-18 04:58 PM GMT

Fantastic Gary, great shots and welcome news that some ones seeing Butterflies at last 😊 Goldie 😊

### Re: Gary.N

by Gary.N, 12-Mar-18 06:56 PM GMT

Sorry Andrew, Brain not with it at the moment. I am organizing and moving the wood factory I work for at the moment. Stress is getting to me and I have no time to think.

Thank Goldie.

### Re: Gary.N

by Wurzel, 13-Mar-18 11:27 PM GMT

Great to see Brimstones and Commas from your recent post Gary 😊 It looks like spring is starting albeit very, very slowly 😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

### Re: Gary.N

by Gary.N, 13-Mar-18 11:58 PM GMT

Thanks Wurzel, but snow forecast for next weekend. Spring is on hold again 😊

### Re: Gary.N

by Wurzel, 14-Mar-18 12:04 AM GMT

Just checked my app and yep some snow possible 😊 Just when things were picking up 😊 Oh well when it does get here Spring should be brill 😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

### Re: Gary.N

by David M, 15-Mar-18 03:29 PM GMT

Great to see things finally waking up, Gary. Nice shot of the male Brimstone (it's rare to see them sit still at this time of year!)

### Re: Gary.N

by Gary.N, 03-Apr-18 09:19 PM GMT

PBF Update

Saturday there was a few minutes of sunshine and the PBF's came out for a quick feed before it disappeared. They are 4th and final instar now and growing fast despite the rubbish weather of the past few weeks. [attachment=2]PBF 1.png[/attachment] [attachment=1]PBF 2.png[/attachment] [attachment=0]PBF 3.png[/attachment] [attachment=3]PBF 4.png[/attachment]

### Re: Gary.N

by trevor, 04-Apr-18 10:45 AM GMT

I agree about the rubbish weather, Gary, I don't think I will see any PBF on April 18th this year. I must say that your PBF cats. are looking fit and healthy, hopefully we will see the finished article flying in May, when Winter has finally ended.

See you around,  
Trevor.

### Re: Gary.N

by Wurzel, 04-Apr-18 10:22 PM GMT

Good to see the cats growing well it looks like they've suffered no ill effects from the cold weather 😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

### Re: Gary.N

by David M, 04-Apr-18 11:45 PM GMT

Thanks for the update, Gary. Things look positive for the period a few weeks down the line. If only we could have the same confidence for the next week or so!! 😊

### Re: Gary.N

by Gary.N, 05-Apr-18 11:46 PM GMT

It's looking like another cold and wet weekend ahead. And I am itching to get out and see some sunshine. So tonight I looked through some of my photos from 2012 to remind me of what spring and summer is and then thought I would share them here.

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### Re: Gary.N

by trevor, 06-Apr-18 08:20 PM GMT

I love your 4 up Chalkhills, and the reminder of what's to come too.  
I imagine your beauties are getting ready to pupate.

Trevor.

### Re: Gary.N

by Goldie M, 07-Apr-18 11:23 AM GMT

That's a belting shot of the four Chalkhills 🍷 I wish I'd taken it 😊 Goldie 😊

### Re: Gary.N

by Wurzel, 07-Apr-18 08:12 PM GMT

The string of Chalkhills is a fantastic shot Gary 😊🍷🍷 Looking at your shirts has made me even more eager to get started properly, come on Spring sort it out 😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

### Re: Gary.N

by Gary.N, 07-Apr-18 10:56 PM GMT

Thanks Guys, the Chalkhills were take the year when there were an estimated 900,000 Chalkhills on the Gallops. You just kept tripping over the things. It is a sight I will always remember. Here is a photo of just a random area of grass on the Gallops at the time. Try counting them.

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Trevor, the Pearls are about a week away from pupating. It is going to be a late season for the pearls.

I had a walk down Abbot's today to see if I could find some PBF/SPBF cats, but didn't find any. But the weather tried to play nice. I kept getting odd break in the cloud, enough that I even lost count of the Brimstone's, Comma's and Peacock's I saw. 😊😊😊 Spring coming, but just very slowly.

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**Re: Gary.N**

by Gary.N, 07-Apr-18 11:21 PM GMT

I thought I would leave you all tonight with more photos to remind us of spring and summer to come. 😊 This time they are some of my best shots from 2013. [attachment=24}2013\_1.png[/attachment] [attachment=23}2013\_2.png[/attachment] [attachment=22}2013\_3.png[/attachment] [attachment=21}2013\_4.png[/attachment] [attachment=20}2013\_5.png[/attachment] [attachment=19}2013\_6.png[/attachment] [attachment=18}2013\_7.png[/attachment] [attachment=17}2013\_8.png[/attachment] [attachment=16}2013\_9.png[/attachment] [attachment=15}2013\_10.png[/attachment] [attachment=0}2013\_11b.png[/attachment] [attachment=14}2013\_11.png[/attachment] [attachment=13}2013\_12.png[/attachment] [attachment=12}2013\_13.png[/attachment] [attachment=11}2013\_14.png[/attachment] [attachment=10}2013\_15.png[/attachment] [attachment=9}2013\_16.png[/attachment] [attachment=1}2013\_17.png[/attachment] [attachment=8}2013\_18.png[/attachment] [attachment=7}2013\_19.png[/attachment] [attachment=6}2013\_20.png[/attachment] [attachment=5}2013\_21.png[/attachment] [attachment=4}2013\_22.png[/attachment] [attachment=3}2013\_23.png[/attachment] [attachment=2}2013\_24.png[/attachment] [attachment=27}2013\_25.png[/attachment] [attachment=26}2013\_26.png[/attachment] [attachment=25}2013\_27.png[/attachment]

**Re: Gary.N**

by Andrew555, 08-Apr-18 02:37 PM GMT

What a fantastic selection of shots you have taken over the years Gary. 🌈 Beautiful sights, inspirational really. 😊

**Re: Gary.N**

by Gary.N, 08-Apr-18 08:05 PM GMT

Thank you Andrew. It's nice to also find a place to share them and with people that appreciate them, instead of them being on a harddrive just forgotten.

So here are some more hidden gems this time from 2014.

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**Re: Gary.N**

by Gary.N, 08-Apr-18 08:11 PM GMT

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**Re: Gary.N**

by Goldie M, 10-Apr-18 02:25 PM GMT

You've posted some lovely shots lately Gary, lets hope the Summer brings an abundance of Butterflies like your shots 😊 Goldie 😊

**Re: Gary.N**

by Gary.N, 11-Apr-18 09:28 PM GMT

Thankyou Goldie. I am happy you are enjoying them. Spring and summer always brings new hope and butterflies.

There is some more while we all dream of spring and summer. This time from 2015. [attachment=29}2015\_0.png[/attachment] [attachment=0}2015\_1.png[/attachment] [attachment=28}2015\_2.png[/attachment] [attachment=27}2015\_3.png[/attachment] [attachment=26}2015\_4.png[/attachment] [attachment=25}2015\_5.png[/attachment] [attachment=24}2015\_6.png[/attachment] [attachment=23}2015\_7.png[/attachment] [attachment=22}2015\_8.png[/attachment] [attachment=21}2015\_9.png[/attachment] [attachment=20}2015\_10.png[/attachment] [attachment=19}2015\_11.png[/attachment] [attachment=18}2015\_12.png[/attachment] [attachment=17}2015\_13.png[/attachment] [attachment=16}2015\_14.png[/attachment] [attachment=15}2015\_15.png[/attachment] [attachment=14}2015\_16.png[/attachment] [attachment=13}2015\_17.png[/attachment] [attachment=12}2015\_18.png[/attachment] [attachment=11}2015\_19.png[/attachment] [attachment=10}2015\_19b.png[/attachment] [attachment=9}2015\_20.png[/attachment] [attachment=8}2015\_21.png[/attachment] [attachment=7}2015\_22.png[/attachment] [attachment=6}2015\_23.png[/attachment] [attachment=5}2015\_24.png[/attachment] [attachment=4}2015\_25.png[/attachment] [attachment=3}2015\_26.png[/attachment] [attachment=2}2015\_26b.png[/attachment] [attachment=1}2015\_27.png[/attachment]

**Re: Gary.N**

by Gary.N, 11-Apr-18 09:52 PM GMT

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The following photos of the White Letter Hairstreaks were thanks to James and for the very enjoyable day he spent showing me where to find them. They are my first White Letter Hairstreaks and my only White Letter Hairstreaks shots to date.

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Thankyou James. 😊😊😊

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by Gary.N, 11-Apr-18 10:08 PM GMT

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## Re: Gary.N

by Wurzel, 12-Apr-18 06:50 PM GMT

Some absolutely cracking shots Gary I wouldn't even know where to begin commenting on them as I was looking through and would see one stunner, then I'd scroll down and there would be another stunner and so on and so on... 😊👍👍 The only thing I would criticize about your recent postings is that they are making the wait even more unbearable 😞😞😞

Have a goodun

Wurzel

## Re: Gary.N

by David M, 12-Apr-18 10:17 PM GMT

Breathless stuff, Gary! Many thanks for posting these sequences.

If I have a favourite then it would be the mating pair of White Letter Hairstreaks – not something you ever expect to see.

## Re: Gary.N

by Gary.N, 12-Apr-18 11:49 PM GMT

Thanks Wurzel,

Thanks David,

The day with the WLH's and James will be one I will remember. They just kept coming down from the trees. The wind was strong, but somehow we both got some great photos from that day. The mating pair was the icing on the top at the end of an already excellent day.

Wurzel, if the last lots was making it unbearable then don't look any further. I posted some of the ones from 2016 I didn't get time to post at the time. They may just push you over the edge. 😊😊😊

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## Re: Gary.N

by Wurzel, 12-Apr-18 11:52 PM GMT

Ahhhhhhhhhh! 🍷🍷 I looked 😊😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

**Re: Gary.N**

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That all folks. Time for spring to make an appearance, so I can take some more pictures. 😊😊😊

**Re: Gary.N**

by Wurzel, 13-Apr-18 11:58 AM GMT

If the weather apps and reports are to be believed you might have just wrapped things up in time Gary 😊 Lovely Coppers and close up of the Red Admiral 😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

**Re: Gary.N**

by Andrew555, 13-Apr-18 01:12 PM GMT

Magical stuff Gary, looking forward to more (very soon now surely!). 😊

**Re: Gary.N**

by Goldie M, 13-Apr-18 01:39 PM GMT

Great shot's Gary and the fact you managed most of them on flowers was fantastic 😊 Goldie 😊

**Re: Gary.N**

by Gary.N, 14-Apr-18 08:59 PM GMT

Thanks Wurzel, I you were right I did wrap it up in time.

Thank Andrew, more below.

Thanks Goldie.

When I when to sleep last night the weather forecast was for cloud. Thankfully the weather forecast are normally wrong. So when i looked out the window at 8:30am, I looked out on a slightly misty but sunny day. So I went for a long walk at Friston Forest. It was a slow start until I found a patch of Blackthorn with 4 Peacock's and 2 comma's on it. Then I saw a white dot in the distance I thought it was a Female Brimstone, but as I got closer i saw it wasn't. It was a Green-veined white. Later a Small White went past and I ran after it but it didn't stop. So no change there then. So from a cloudy forecast day to a happy Gary on a very nice sunny spring day. Let spring begin. 😊😊😊

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**Re: Gary.N**

by Wurzel, 14-Apr-18 10:07 PM GMT

I think today was the day for GVWs Gary as I found my first as did Philzoid 😊 It's great when They get the weather wrong and it means favourable conditions 😊 although normally it's the other way round 😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

**Re: Gary.N**

by David M, 15-Apr-18 01:39 AM GMT

Looks like most of us saw sunshine when the forecast was for cloud, Gary. Well done with the Green Veined White – a sure sign that spring has established itself!

**Re: Gary.N**

by Goldie M, 15-Apr-18 10:44 AM GMT

Great find those GVW's Gary, I'm still looking for them! 😊 Goldie 😊

**Re: Gary.N**

by Andrew555, 16-Apr-18 11:37 AM GMT

I was in the Heath/Forest area in the afternoon Gary, well done on the GVW. 😊 (I didn't see one 😞)

**Re: Gary.N**

by Gary.N, 06-May-18 10:35 PM GMT

This is the first chance I had to update my diary in sometime. Over the past 2 weeks either been doing my transect or been at Abbot's awaiting the Pearls. I missed the first one at Abbot's even thou I was there that day and in the same spot. But that is how things go. But stop off after my transect today and saw a few around. Also, saw my first 2 common Blues today on the Heath but no photos. They didn't stop. All I could do was watch them fly off into the distance.

So here is some photos of my travels. [attachment=11]Grizzled 1.png[/attachment] [attachment=9]Peacock 1.png[/attachment] [attachment=8]Peacock.png[/attachment] [attachment=19]Speckled Wood.png[/attachment] [attachment=17]GH1.png[/attachment] [attachment=16]GH2.png[/attachment] [attachment=0]Small Copper.png[/attachment] [attachment=10]Grizzled 2.png[/attachment] [attachment=15]GH3.png[/attachment] [attachment=18]Brimstone.png[/attachment] [attachment=14]GH4.png[/attachment] [attachment=13]GH5.png[/attachment] [attachment=1]SH.png[/attachment] [attachment=12]GH6.png[/attachment] [attachment=7]Pearl 1.png[/attachment] [attachment=6]Pearl 2.png[/attachment] [attachment=5]Pearl 3.png[/attachment] [attachment=4]Pearl 4.png[/attachment] [attachment=3]Pearl 5.png[/attachment] [attachment=2]Pearl 6.png[/attachment]

**Re: Gary.N**

by trevor, 07-May-18 06:50 AM GMT

Good to see the Pearls, I went to Abbots the day before the first one was seen. Spring has finally taken off !.

All the best,  
Trevor.

**Re: Gary.N**

by Wurzel, 07-May-18 07:43 AM GMT

Great stuff Gary, if feels like those Pearls have been a long time coming 😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

**Re: Gary.N**

by Goldie M, 07-May-18 08:22 AM GMT

Nice shots of the Pearls Garry, they've arrived in the lakes has well 😊 Goldie 😊

**Re: Gary.N**

by millerd, 07-May-18 10:11 PM GMT

That's a great selection, Gary. I particularly like the Green Hairstreak that is a really yellow-green colour. They do vary, not just with the angle to the light, and that one is a bit unusual. The Grizzlie and PBF images are really good as well. 😊

Dave

**Re: Gary.N**

by David M, 08-May-18 07:17 AM GMT

Nice to see the PBFs beginning to emerge, Gary, and also good to see Small Heath, a species I've been getting a little concerned with lately, as they don't seem to be around in the same numbers as they were a few years back.

**Re: Gary.N**

by Andrew555, 10-May-18 04:37 PM GMT

I saw you that Sunday Gary! On the Heath but way in the distance (confirmed it was you with zoom 😊).

Maybe for the best we didn't speak, I would have just babbled about how happy I was to see Small Coppers again. 😊

Great selection of shots. 😊



## Re: Gary.N

by Gary.N, 12-May-18 08:14 PM GMT

Thanks for the comments guys.

Dave, The Green Hairstreak was an usual yellowy colour. It didn't matter what angle you saw it, it was that colour. 😊  
David, don't seem have the trouble you have with Small Heath. I must be in a hot spot on the Heath.  
Andrew. It would have been good to meet you and I could of babbled about the Copper ab I just saw and failed to get a shot of.

Last Monday, the 7th May I had a little trip to Heyshott. I run into Katrina and then Neil up there. It is good to see them again.

Boy, was it hot up there and the duke's thought so too. They just sat there with their wings closed and their backs to the sun. But it was fun all the same. [attachment=14]Duke1.png[/attachment] [attachment=13]Duke2.png[/attachment] [attachment=12]Duke3.png[/attachment] [attachment=11]Duke4.png[/attachment] [attachment=10]Duke5.png[/attachment] [attachment=9]Duke7.png[/attachment] [attachment=8]Duke8.png[/attachment] [attachment=7]Duke9.png[/attachment] [attachment=6]Duke10.png[/attachment] [attachment=5]Duke11.png[/attachment] [attachment=4]Duke12.png[/attachment] [attachment=3]Duke13.png[/attachment] [attachment=2]Duke14.png[/attachment] [attachment=1]Duke15.png[/attachment] [attachment=0]Duke17.png[/attachment] [attachment=16]Duke18.png[/attachment] At the end of the day I found a Dinky too. [attachment=15]Dinky.png[/attachment]

## Re: Gary.N

by David M, 14-May-18 12:09 AM GMT

I feel as though I'm missing out on some kind of party here with all these Duke posts!! 😞

However, it's good to know this species appears to be having a good season. Perhaps the timing has been just right this year – cool weather immediately prior to its emergence and beneficial conditions since.

Let's hope this continues and the butterfly can consolidate its numbers this year.

## Re: Gary.N

by Gary.N, 20-May-18 10:42 AM GMT

David, I know what you mean. The last time I a Duke was back in 2015 and the same for a few other butterflies. I was always to busy with the Pearls at that time of year. And seeing all the nice pictures on online always made you feel like you were missing out. But then I would go into the garden and look at the Pearls and realize I had something few others would never have the privilege of doing:D.

There is a pot of Pearls for this years project. [attachment=0]Pot of Pearls.png[/attachment]

## Re: Gary.N

by Gary.N, 20-May-18 12:37 PM GMT

Over the past week I have been haunting Rowlands wood and Park corner Heath. It started late afternoon last Sunday afternoon (13th May) when the sun finally broke through. I decided to look to see if any Small Pearls had hatched. Didn't think there would be much hope, but I thought I would look anyway. None had hatched thou, but I did find some other things to keep me amused. Like some Dinky's, Grizzled and some Small Heath's. [attachment=21]Dingya1.png[/attachment] [attachment=20]Dingya2.png[/attachment]

After I went to check one warm site at Abbot's but no luck there either, but did see some Big Pearls and some Whites. [attachment=17]PBF.png[/attachment](Big Pearl playing hide and Seek) [attachment=1]White.png[/attachment]

Monday (14th May) I stop off at Rowlands/PCH after work for another look. It had been a really nice sunny day and was a nice evening. Still no Small's, but the Dinky's, Grizzled and Small Heath's were still playing. [attachment=16]Small Heath.png[/attachment] [attachment=19]Grizzled.png[/attachment] [attachment=18]Grizzled2.png[/attachment] [attachment=0]Dinky1.png[/attachment]

Tuesday (15th May) It was cloudy when I left work. Not much hope of seeing of seeing anything. But as I was driving home and the traffic jam started before the turning into Rowland wood. I thought to myself 20 minutes in a traffic jam or a walk around Rowlands and PCH to wait until it had gone. Guess which way I went. I pulled up in the car under the trees and as it was cold and cloudy I thought I would go to the warmest part of the wood (which is PCH). As I walked on to PCH there were a few glimmers of sunshine. Not much but enough. I had just walked pasted the hut heading to the middle of the heath when I saw my first Small Pearl of the year and the first one to make it through the winter after we'd release them last year. I lost him. No photo and cloud back over head. Then a thin line of blue sky opened up and it was sunny for about an hour, just on PCH. I found him again. Couldn't believe my luck. 🍀 🍀 🍀 [attachment=15]sPBF First 2018.png[/attachment]

Over the next few days I searched to see if I could see any more but I always found the first one. [attachment=14]sPBF2.png[/attachment] [attachment=13]sPBF3.png[/attachment] [attachment=12]sPBF4.png[/attachment] [attachment=11]sPBF6.png[/attachment] [attachment=10]sPBF7.png[/attachment] [attachment=9]sPBF8.png[/attachment] [attachment=8]sPBF9.png[/attachment] [attachment=7]sPBF10.png[/attachment] [attachment=6]sPBF11.png[/attachment] [attachment=5]sPBF12.png[/attachment] [attachment=4]sPBF13.png[/attachment]

Saturday (19th May). I thought I would search the wood to see how many I could find flying on a hot and sunny day. I found the usual one on PCH and 3 more in Rowlands Wood.

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## Re: Gary.N

by Andrew555, 20-May-18 03:46 PM GMT

**Gary.N wrote:**

Andrew. It would have been good to meet you and I could of babbled about the Copper ab I just saw and failed to get a shot of.

Cheers Gary, next time. I've really come to appreciate the area, it's given me some great sights already this year. 😊

Great Duke's, and wow that pot of Pearls! 🍷

Fantastic to see the Small PBF. 🍷

**Re: Gary.N**

by David M, 23-May-18 05:13 PM GMT

**Gary.N wrote:**

There is a pot of Pearls for this years project.

Wow! That must be **phenomenally** satisfying! How many did you have in there?

PS - nice to see the Small PBF out too - they should have a good flight season this year what with the unusually balmy weather.

**Re: Gary.N**

by Gary.N, 13-Jun-18 09:37 PM GMT

Very satisfying David. We had about 20 in each pot.

**Re: Gary.N**

by Gary.N, 13-Jun-18 10:18 PM GMT

Time for a quick catch on on my diary. There's just not enough hours in the week. Specially when you have Pearls. 😊

20th May 2018

Transect day. It was a bit of a quiet one butterfly wise but still got a few shots. [\[attachment=19\]180520.jpg\[/attachment\]](#) [\[attachment=18\]180520-2.jpg\[/attachment\]](#) [\[attachment=17\]180520-3.jpg\[/attachment\]](#) [\[attachment=16\]180520-4.jpg\[/attachment\]](#) [\[attachment=20\]180520-5.jpg\[/attachment\]](#)

21th May 2018

I meet up with the rest of the Fritillary for the future Project crew at Rowlands on my way home from work. We found a few Small Pearls which was a good omen for the coming weeks and Neil found a good place to watch them go to roast for the night. I also found a nice Common Blue 😊. [\[attachment=14\]180521.jpg\[/attachment\]](#) [\[attachment=13\]180521-2.jpg\[/attachment\]](#) [\[attachment=15\]180521-3.jpg\[/attachment\]](#)

25th May 2018

James and I meet up at Abbot's to see if we could find any Small Pearls. It was a bit cloudy so didn't find many Butterflies but there were other things make Dragonflies to keep us amused. Right until we were going to call it a day at 5 o'clock. When we found this nice freshly hatched Small Pearl. I think she is *Ab.infraclara*. [\[attachment=11\]180525.jpg\[/attachment\]](#) [\[attachment=10\]180525-2.jpg\[/attachment\]](#) [\[attachment=9\]180525-3.jpg\[/attachment\]](#) [\[attachment=8\]180525-4.jpg\[/attachment\]](#) [\[attachment=12\]180525-5.jpg\[/attachment\]](#)

27th May 2018

Transect Day. I took my egg lens to see if I could find a Dinky Skipper egg. 15 minutes on the Gallops and I found a Dinky laying eggs. I had been looking for one for about 2 years. I also saw my first Adonis Blue as I was leaving the Gallops on my way home. [\[attachment=6\]180527.jpg\[/attachment\]](#) [\[attachment=5\]180527-2.jpg\[/attachment\]](#) [\[attachment=4\]180527-3.jpg\[/attachment\]](#) [\[attachment=3\]180527-4.jpg\[/attachment\]](#) [\[attachment=2\]180527-5.jpg\[/attachment\]](#) [\[attachment=1\]180527-6.jpg\[/attachment\]](#) [\[attachment=0\]180527-7.jpg\[/attachment\]](#) [\[attachment=7\]180527-8.jpg\[/attachment\]](#)

**Re: Gary.N**

by Gary.N, 13-Jun-18 10:37 PM GMT

28th May 2018

A trip to Martin Down was on order for the day. I haven't seen a Marsh Fritillary for sometime so I decide a few day back to go. It was a bit cloudy but there were butterflies. While I was photographing I bump into the 2 Marsh Fritillary recorders for Martin Down (If someone knows there name could you please let me know as I did catch there's). They continued on their count and as I was following after them, a few minutes later they called to me. They had a very nice ab. But when I got there it had disappear. 15-20 minutes of searching and we found it again. So thanks to them I have a nice shot of a Marsh ad. Thankyou. Later on my way back to the car I found a Marsh Frit laying eggs. It was a good end to a good day. [\[attachment=12\]180528.jpg\[/attachment\]](#) [\[attachment=11\]180528-2.jpg\[/attachment\]](#) [\[attachment=10\]180528-3.jpg\[/attachment\]](#) [\[attachment=9\]180528-4.jpg\[/attachment\]](#) [\[attachment=8\]180528-5.jpg\[/attachment\]](#) [\[attachment=7\]180528-6.jpg\[/attachment\]](#) [\[attachment=6\]180528-7.jpg\[/attachment\]](#) [\[attachment=5\]180528-8.jpg\[/attachment\]](#) [\[attachment=4\]180528-9.jpg\[/attachment\]](#) [\[attachment=3\]180528-10.jpg\[/attachment\]](#) [\[attachment=2\]180528-11.jpg\[/attachment\]](#) [\[attachment=1\]180528-12.jpg\[/attachment\]](#) [\[attachment=0\]180528-13.jpg\[/attachment\]](#) [\[attachment=13\]180528-14.jpg\[/attachment\]](#)

**Re: Gary.N**

by bugboy, 13-Jun-18 10:41 PM GMT

They're looking nice and fresh and that ab. is very eye catching! Nice find with the ovipositing one too 😊

### Re: Gary.N

by Gary.N, 13-Jun-18 10:50 PM GMT

2nd June 2018

It was a today very spend counting and watching Small Pearls at Rowlands. I just cannot beat it. 😊

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3rd June 2018

Transect Day. It always comes around fast. It is a good job too. I love it up there. [attachment=5]180603.jpg[/attachment]  
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### Re: Gary.N

by Gary.N, 13-Jun-18 10:53 PM GMT

#### bugboy wrote:

They're looking nice and fresh and that ab. is very eye catching! Nice find with the ovipositing one too 😊

Thanks Bugboy.

### Re: Gary.N

by Wurzel, 13-Jun-18 11:10 PM GMT

Great set of Small Pearl shots, particularly fine Brown Argus and a stunning Marsh ab – brilliant to see 😊👍👍

Have a goodun

Wurzel

### Re: Gary.N

by Gary.N, 13-Jun-18 11:17 PM GMT

9th June 2018

I went on the BC walk at Rowlands Wood to see the Pearls and to see a man who let slip about a new addition to the Sussex butterfly landscape. The walk went well and we saw a lot of Small Pearls. I found a Ringlet and later a White Admiral. Then Neil and I saw the nice Small Pearls Ab. I spent a time watching and photographing her and well after the walk had finished. But the time come to leave her and head to Ditchling Common with Neil to see the Black Hairstreak. Can anyone tell me if the is another county where you can see Small Pearls and Black Hairstreaks in one day? So thankyou David Cook for finding them and Neil for showing me them. 👍👍👍 [attachment=12]180609.jpg[/attachment] [attachment=11]180609-2.jpg[/attachment]  
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10th June 2018

Couldn't resist more BlackStreaks. 👍👍 [attachment=1]180610.jpg[/attachment] [attachment=0]180610-2.jpg[/attachment]  
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### Re: Gary.N

by millerd, 13-Jun-18 11:20 PM GMT

Those Marshies from Martin Down look terrific, Gary, especially the ab, though some of the others are beautifully marked too. 😊

Dave

### Re: Gary.N

by Gary.N, 13-Jun-18 11:57 PM GMT

#### Wurzel wrote:

Great set of Small Pearl shots, particularly fine Brown Argus and a stunning Marsh ab – brilliant to see 😊👍👍

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Thanks Wurzel. I missed getting a photo of the Brown Argus in the morning but found it again on my way back from the transect. 😊

**millerd wrote:**

Those Marshies from Martin Down look terrific, Gary, especially the ab, though some of the others are beautifully marked too.



Dave

Thanks Dave, I cannot believe I got to see that Ab. 😊

**Re: Gary.N**

by David M, 14-Jun-18 09:41 PM GMT

That's a fabulous spectrum of species you've posted lately, Gary. First of all, congratulations with the SPBF project and you fully earned that abnormally dark aberrant you captured in your previous post.

Even more impressive is the melanistic Marsh Frit from the prior post. That's one hell of a specimen!

**Re: Gary.N**

by Gary.N, 15-Jun-18 08:21 PM GMT

Thanks David, I have been lucky with so many butterflies this season. I just cannot believe it. I know it cannot get any better then it has already been so far this year. But I hope it continues. 😊

**Re: Gary.N**

by Gary.N, 15-Jun-18 08:27 PM GMT

Tonight I stopped off at Rowlands just to see what I could find and for starters I didn't find a Small Pearl. But it was getting cloudy. I did find 2 White Admirals and a Ringlets. Some Meadow Browns and Common Blues. Finally a Large Skipper and Small Heath. A good way to start the weekend. 😊  
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**Re: Gary.N**

by Janet Turnbull, 16-Jun-18 11:28 AM GMT

Your White Admiral looks beautifully fresh, Gary – and I love your Blackstreaks from the previous post!

**Re: Gary.N**

by David M, 16-Jun-18 10:33 PM GMT

You said things couldn't get better, Gary, but that gleamingly fresh White Admiral immediately makes me question that hypothesis!!

**Re: Gary.N**

by Gary.N, 17-Jun-18 02:21 PM GMT

Thanks Janet, The White Admiral was nice and fresh.

David, I think you are right that I am going to have to rethink that hypothesis. Specially because of my next post. 😊

**Re: Gary.N**

by Gary.N, 17-Jun-18 02:48 PM GMT

16th June 2018

I had decide on Friday night to go to East Blean Wood Saturday morning to see the Heath Frits. It was my last chance to see them this year and I have missed them for the past few years. The weather forecast was not good. Cloud, cloud and more cloud and if you are extremely luck a glint of sunshine to tease you. So I headed out 7am Saturday morning under cloudy skies hoping to find one or two roosting. 2 Hours later under still cloudy skies I got there. Got out of the car and found one just about flying in the car park. Yes, I have see one I thought too myself. Started to walk around and found 2 more just sitting there down one of the rides. It was to easy even with the cloud. Then a miracle happened the sun came out to play and so did all the Heath Frits. And for more than just 5 minutes that was forecast. It was an exceptional day there and I would like to thank all volunteers who's hard work is clearly paying dividends. 😊😊😊 [attachment=27]180616.jpg[/attachment] [attachment=26]180616-2.jpg[/attachment] [attachment=25]180616-3.jpg[/attachment] [attachment=24]180616-4.jpg[/attachment] [attachment=23]180616-5.jpg[/attachment]

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Just as I was heading back to the car I found this very nice Heath Frit Ab. 🇩🇪🇩🇪🇩🇪 [attachment=0]180616-28.jpg[/attachment]  
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### Re: Gary.N

by Wurzel, 17-Jun-18 11:10 PM GMT

A fantastic set of shots Gary and then topped of by the amazing looking ab 🤩🤩🤩🇩🇪🇩🇪

Have a goodun

Wurzel

### Re: Gary.N

by bugboy, 18-Jun-18 10:01 PM GMT

That's a mighty fine ab! 🇩🇪

### Re: Gary.N

by Andrew555, 19-Jun-18 10:27 AM GMT

A fantastic selection Gary. Love the Frits, and those are some great abs you've seen. 🇩🇪🤩

### Re: Gary.N

by kevlng, 19-Jun-18 09:18 PM GMT

Lovely set of Heath Frit photos Gary. That ab is splendid.

Kind Regards  
Kev

### Re: Gary.N

by Gary.N, 01-Jul-18 10:20 PM GMT

Thanks for the comments, Guys. 😊😊😊

It been a while since my last update. I have been trying to update my dairy for over a week now without success.

18th-21st of June 2018. I stop off at Rowsland Wood after work for a few evenings. My hope was to try and get a really nice shot of the White Admiral, but I found a few other things as well. 😊

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### Re: Gary.N

by Wurzel, 01-Jul-18 10:39 PM GMT

Cracking Small Skippers Gary 🤩🇩🇪 It's hard keeping the PD up to date, I should know 😊😊

Have a goodun

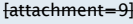

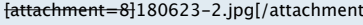
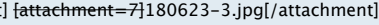
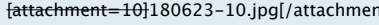
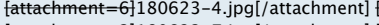
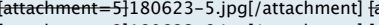
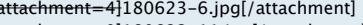
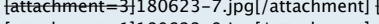
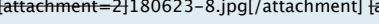
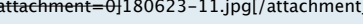
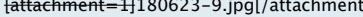
Wurzel

### Re: Gary.N

by Gary.N, 01-Jul-18 10:58 PM GMT

When the King of the Emperors (Neil Hulme) asks you if you would like a guided tour of Knepp to see the Purple Emperors it is impossible to say no. Theresa and I turn up at 9am and their was Neil with a container full of shrimp bait. Has we walked the Emperors were building in numbers and Neil put his very smelly bait down as he went. Once he had finished putting his bait out we continued on a bit to see if there were any emperors on the oak at the end of the track. There was but they were at the top of the oak. So we started back and saw an Emperor on the second to last bait he put down. 😊😊😊

Once he had flown off we continued on back down the track around a corner at a big oak tree and we couldn't believe our eyes as a cloud of Emperors were chasing each other. 7 in total. 🍷🍷🍷

Thanks Neil. It is always an experience with you and it will be a day I will remember.    
    
    
    


**Re: Gary.N**

by Wurzel, 01-Jul-18 11:15 PM GMT

Stunning collection of Purple images Gary 😊🍷🍷

Have a goodun

Wurzel

**Re: Gary.N**

by Goldie M, 02-Jul-18 08:22 AM GMT

I second Wurzel, great shots Goldie 😊

**Re: Gary.N**

by David M, 03-Jul-18 07:35 AM GMT

Sounds like a fabulous experience, Gary. As you say, when Mr Hulme comes calling you need to put everything else to one side!