



**Lancashire & Cheshire Entomological Society
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Welcome!

Welcome to the latest edition of the LCES newsletter which includes important information concerning the Society's AGM. Please come along if you can.

I am very pleased to have received a number of interesting articles for this edition. Many thanks to all those who have contributed. If you have any interesting news please let me know and I will include it in future editions of the newsletter. We are now planning a publication schedule of:

February – including details of the Exhibition Meeting. Deadline for submission end of January.

July – deadline end of June

September – to include details of the winter meeting programme. Deadline end of August

December – to include provisional programme details and AGM reminders. Deadline end of November.

The next deadline is the end of January so why not put pen to paper over the Christmas Vacation.

The provisional schedule of indoor meetings for the coming year is:

- Jan 20th papers and Presidential Address
- Feb 17th Digital photography of insects by Mike Taylor. preceded by AGM
- March 16th Lancs. moths slides by Paul Pugh
- April 20th The website 'ukmoths' by Ian Kimber
- October 20th Review of the year by members
- Nov 17th Members' slides
- Dec. 15th Members' videos and social with refreshments provided by members

In addition, I would like to remind members that the exhibition meeting will take place on the 6th March 2004 at the Frodsham Community Centre on Fluin Lane, Frodsham from 2:00pm. Why not put an exhibit together and come along. This is a great opportunity to get together and reminisce about last season while looking ahead to the 2004 season.

Finally, I'd like to wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our members.

Adrian Wander, Newsletter Editor

Notice of the LCES Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held at Frodsham Community Centre, Fluin Lane, Frodsham on Tuesday 17th February 2004, commencing at 7 p.m. The meeting will be followed by an Ordinary Meeting of the Society at 7.30 p.m. approximately.

AGM Agenda

1. Minutes of 2003 AGM.
2. Adoption of Hon. Treasurer's Report for the year ended 31st August 2003. (see annex II)
3. Annual reports of office holders.
4. Election of officers and council members. (A nomination form is enclosed with this Newsletter.)
5. Motions proposed by members.
6. AOB. Members are invited to air their views on the running of the Society.

Nominations for office and motions for the AGM should be sent in writing by **20th January 2004** to Hon. Sec., Ian Smith, 12 Fernhill, Mellor, Stockport, SK6 5AN. tel. 0161 427 3887 email; ifsmith@onetel.com

LCES Council

The Council for 2003 is shown on the front of the Membership Programme. All office holders and council members are elected each year. The president is ineligible for re-election after four continuous years in post. (Steve McWilliam has been president for three years, so can be re-elected for 2004). All existing Council Members are willing to stand for re-election

Any other member of the society may stand for election by sending a completed nomination form (attached at the end of the newsletter) to the Hon. Sec. by 20th January 2004.

LCES Membership Fees

Subscriptions of £10 for all members are due on 1st January 2004. Please remember to let us know if you change address. You can help the Society in two other ways. Firstly, consider paying your subscription by Banker's Standing Order. It simplifies matters for the Society and should cause you little trouble or effort. Secondly, if you are a UK taxpayer, please consider making your donations to the Society under Gift Aid – enabling us to hold the current subscription rate for longer!

The appropriate form is included as annex I. Your prompt reply is essential if standing orders are to be in place by 1st January 2004. You may prefer to send a cheque (payable to L.C.E.S.) for your 2004 subscription and fill out the form for 1st January 2005.

Thanks to all the members who filled out the forms last year – but there are a few of you who still have orders in place at the old subscription rates.

Reluctantly, we will have to let membership lapse for anyone who is more than two years in arrears with their subscriptions. A slip detailing current arrears is enclosed where appropriate.

All correspondence regarding subscriptions or membership details should be sent to:

**R W Whitehead (Hon. Treasurer, LCES), Haulfryn, Graigfechan,
RUTHIN, Denbs. LL15 2HA.**

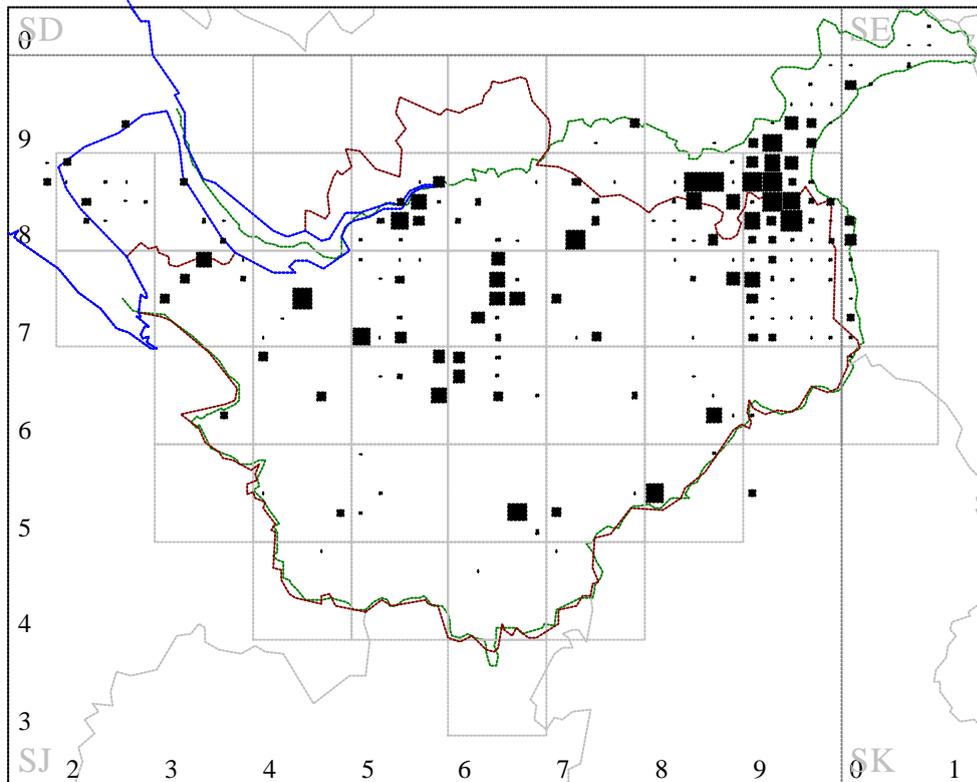
News – Change of Macro-Moth Recorder for VC58

After a number of years of sterling service as the VC58 macro recorder, Steve McWilliam has stood down from the post. We would like to thank him for his contribution. Steve has been replaced by Shane Farrell who has been the moth group data officer and Assistant Recorder for several years. Shane's contact details can be found at the end of this newsletter while his excellent article on Clearwings in VC58 appears in this issue of the newsletter.

The annual report on Lepidoptera in Cheshire in 2002 has been sent to online members of LCES and is available on the Cheshire Moths Group and LCES websites. If you are not online and would like a black and white paper copy of this and future annual Lepidoptera reports, please let the Hon. Sec., Ian Smith, know by **Dec. 15th 2003** (see contact sheet). The report is 24 information packed pages with photographs. This is the second report to appear in 2003 following on from the 2001 report that appeared earlier this year. The 2000 report appeared late last year. Both the 2000 and 2001 reports will be summarised in the forthcoming LCES Journal.

Steve Hind has produced this very informative map showing the record density for VC58 records that we currently hold in the MapMate database. The bigger the square, the greater the number of records we have.

VC58 Macro-moths Species Density 2km



Help us fill in the missing bits – send in your records. They really do count.

Those of you interested in moths may also be interested in the proposed National Moth Recording Scheme (www.mothrecording.org.uk). A number of conferences to introduce the scheme are planned – the closest to us will be held at the University of Warwick on the 10th January 2004

The Status of Clearwing Moths *Sesiidae* in VC58 (Cheshire)

Current Status of *Sesiidae* in VC58

This extremely interesting group of moths takes its vernacular name from the fact that usually, when seen in the field, the moths have no scales on the wings and therefore closely mimic a fly or wasp. In truth, they actually have loose hair-like scales on the wings when they are newly emerged but these are shaken off on their maiden flight. In VC58, clearwing species have always been considered a rarity. Numbers of records and species have historically been few and far between and often via chance encounters. The whole group are nationally apparently quite scarce and this may be as a result of them being a family that needs to be specifically targeted rather than one that can be hoped for at a site assessment. At the present time in VC58



Currant Clearwing *Synanthedon tipuliformis*, Marple June 2003

all species of clearwing require some form of evidence (photos/voucher specimens) before records can be accepted. This should preferably be by way of a good quality photograph as the collection of specimens should not be encouraged for this group given their apparent scarcity and in some cases, legal protection under the Wildlife and Countryside Act, 1981. Alternatively, it will always be possible to contact a member of the Cheshire Moth Group Rarity Panel and arrange a joint site visit or inspection of the live specimen to confirm the identity of the species. Indeed, as some of the members of the panel may have never seen

the species concerned themselves, they may also be interested in viewing the species first-hand from a personal perspective!

Habits and Ways to Attract/Record the Group

As referred to above, this group is one that needs to be specifically targeted to have even a chance of recording them. This is almost certainly the reason why records are so scarce, although a general decline may also be in progress as with many other groups of invertebrates. The reason why these moths are so rarely recorded by chance becomes apparent when one starts to look for them. They have the general appearance of a wasp or fly and move around in much the same way. The smaller species such as Currant Clearwing *Synanthedon tipuliformis* (wingspan approx. 17-20mm) often fly rapidly around the tops of shrubs and bushes and are extremely difficult to track in flight. The larger



Pair of Lunar Hornet Moth *Sesia bembeciformis* 'in-cop' Greasby, Wirral June 2003

species such as Lunar Hornet Moth *Sesia bembeciformis* (wingspan approx. 32-42mm) bear such a strong resemblance to a large wasp in flight that one is more likely to dive for cover when one flies near you than admire it as it flies by (assuming you are not a hymenopterist of course!).

Individual species are often strongly plant-species specific and the early stages can be searched for methodically by looking for exit holes and or extruded pupae from the current or previous year in the stems and branches of the appropriate foodplant. It should be noted that this family are strongly colonial and for some unknown reason, often inhabit only one or two trees in an area.

By far the easiest and most productive method to locate the presence of a colony is by the use of pheromones. The female of each species emits a unique pheromone, which is almost irresistible to the males of the same species. These pheromones have been chemically manufactured and can be bought as sets. If used in accordance with the instructions, these pheromone lures can be extremely effective at attracting males where present. One member recently visited a site in the south of England where Six-belted Clearwing was known to be

present. He left the lure on the top of a walking stick pushed into the ground and after following a butterfly for a closer viewing returned to the lure to find it swarming with males with approximately 500+ present! This is a classic example of a group, which are almost certainly more common than the records suggest and probably under-recorded nationally.

Any readers that do begin to record clearwings by this or any other method are urged to submit records by various means to the group as this will enable us to build a clearer picture of their distribution.

Species Recorded in Cheshire

The following narrative and distribution maps are based upon the records I have to hand from the Mapmate recording system used by the Cheshire Moth Group and the literature available to me. It is possible (indeed likely) that several old or as yet omitted records are lurking out there so please do get in touch if you have any such information. The species listed below do not appear to have been recorded in Cheshire to date:

- Dusky Clearwing *Paranthrene tabaniformis*
- Fiery Clearwing *Pyropteron chrysidiformis* Note: This species is fully protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act. It is therefore illegal to attempt to look for it without a licence.
- Orange-tailed Clearwing *Synanthedon andrenaeformis*
- Red-belted Clearwing *Synanthedon myopaeformis*
- Sallow Clearwing *Synanthedon flaviventris*
- Six-belted Clearwing *Bembecia ichneumoniformis*
- Thrift Clearwing *Synansphecchia muscaeformis*
- Welsh Clearwing *Synanthedon scoliaeformis*



Extruded pupal case of Lunar Hornet Moth *Sesia bembeciformis* in-situ Greasby, Wirral June 2003

Of the above species, the most likely new species to be recorded in suitable habitat are, perhaps, Red-belted Clearwing *Synanthedon myopaeformis*, Six-belted Clearwing *Bembecia ichneumoniformis* and Thrift Clearwing *Synansphecchia muscaeformis*.

There now follows a summary of the distribution of known Cheshire species including distribution maps and a short narrative for each species detailing the foodplant and status.

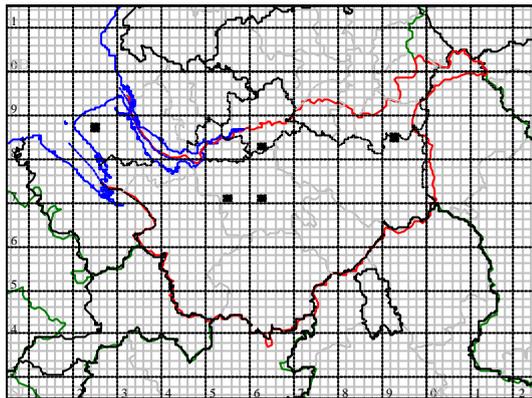
0370 Hornet Moth *Sesia apiformis*

Foodplant: Black Poplar and other species of *Populus*.

Records: There is a single record from 1951 at Pickmere. This species would not appear to be present in Cheshire at the current time and further targeted recording work is needed to confirm its presence.

Notes: Unfortunately this species does not react well to pheromones and is therefore more often than not found by chance. The exit holes are large (approx 8mm) and pupal cases are particularly obvious. If such signs are located, a check for adults, sometimes in cop, should be made on sunny mornings before 9am in June or July may prove fruitful.

0371 Lunar Hornet Moth (*Sesia bembeciformis*)



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Foodplant: Sallow (*Salix* spp) with a preference for mature trees.

Records: There is a known and strong colony of this species on the Wirral. It may also be present in the surrounding areas and possibly county-wide.

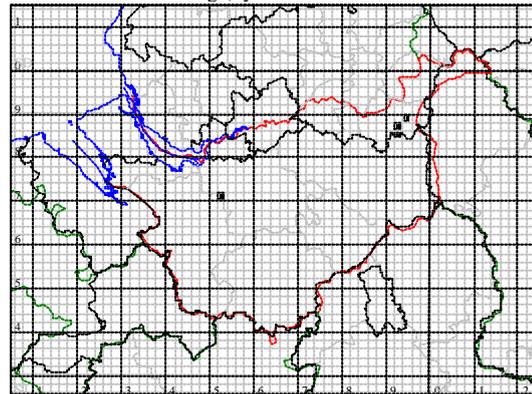
Notes: The general comments relating to Hornet Moth *Sesia apiformis* also apply to this species – see above. Recorded only recently from site on The Wirral and at Clinton Wood LNR. but previously at a few other well scattered sites.

0373 Currant Clearwing *Synanthedon tipuliformis*

Foodplant: Currant species (*Ribes*) of all types but mainly seems to prefer black and red berried varieties.

Records: There is a single record of an adult from 1994. More recently, the use of lures has resulted in records in 2001 and 2003. In 2003 the species has been recorded at several sites, mainly in the north-east of the county. The species was present at all sites that were surveyed and where the appropriate foodplant was present; these were mainly allotment sites. (*The moth is best looked for in allotments/fruit farms where it appears to be common nationally. Probably the easiest of the clearwings to find with pheromone lures – Ed*)

0373 Currant Clearwing (*Synanthedon*)



Notes: It would appear that this species is either much more common than previously suspected or, alternatively, had a particularly good year in 2003; of course, both of these statements may be true. Further recording work is needed to ascertain

which is the more accurate diagnosis. Best searched for in June to July.

0374 Yellow-legged Clearwing *Synanthedon vespiformis*

Foodplant: Mainly oak (*Quercus* spp) stumps but also other varied deciduous trees from many families.

Records: There is a single record of this species in 1980 in Over, Winsford. Further recording work with lures will be required to confirm the current status. Adults emerge from mid-May to early August.

0375 White-barred Clearwing *Synanthedon spheciformis*

Foodplant: Alder (*Alnus* spp.) and Birch (*Betula* spp.) initially in the roots then in branches.

Records: There is a single record of this species referred to in Volume 2 of The Moths and Butterflies of Great Britain and Ireland series. The appropriate reference is as follows:

Day, G.O., 1903. A list of Lepidoptera found in the counties of Cheshire, Flintshire, Denbighshire, Caernarvonshire, and Anglesey. *Proc. Chester Soc. Nat. Sci.* 5.

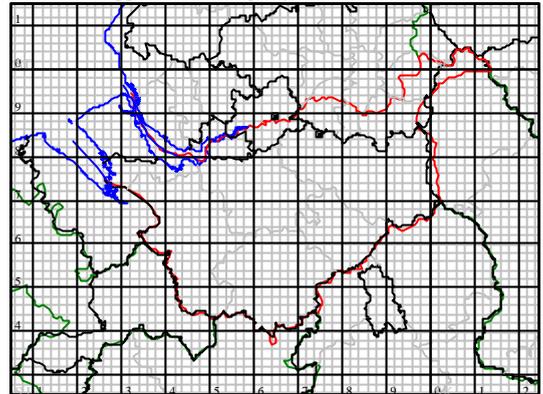
Further recording work is required to confirm the current status of this species.

0380 Red-tipped Clearwing *Synanthedon formicaeformis*

Foodplant: Sallow (*Salix* spp) and particularly Osier (*Salix viminalis*) in the U.K.

Records: There are single records from 1990 and 1993 and again further recording work will be needed to confirm the current breeding status. This is a difficult species to trace in the early stages.

0380 Red-tipped Clearwing (*Synanthedon*)

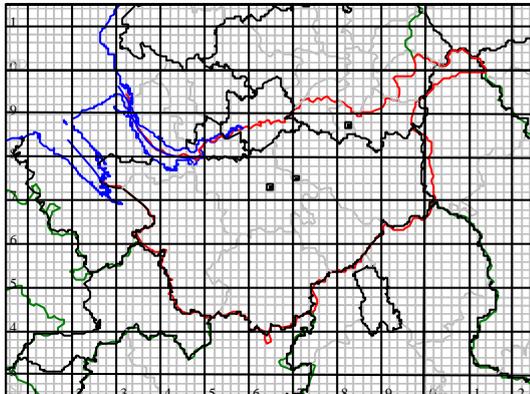


0381 Large Red-belted Clearwing *Synanthedon culiciformis*

Foodplant: Alder (*Alnus* spp.) and Birch (*Betula* spp.) preferring stumps.

Records: There are records from 1889 and 1951. The only recent record was from 1970. This species needs

0381 Large Red-belted Clearwing (*Synanthedon culiciformis*)



freshly cut birch stumps and several of these have been created in the last 12 months at a site in Cheshire. Hopefully this along with the use of lures will result in adults being recorded. (*This species responds very poorly to pheromones – Ed*)

Summary

It will be noted whilst reading this report that many of the species that have historically been recorded in VC58 have unknown current distributions. This is a group where we can all make a real difference to the knowledge of our fauna and hopefully readers will take up the challenge and get out there hunting for

Clearwings!

References

1. SKINNER B. 1998, *Moths of the British Isles*
2. HEATH J. AND EMMET A.M. 1983, *The Moths and Butterflies of Great Britain and Ireland (Volume 2)*
3. FARRELL S.P. 2000-03, *records for 2000-2003*
4. CHESHIRE MOTH GROUP RECORDS (via Mapmate)

Suppliers of Lures

Anglian Lepipterist Supplies (<http://www.angleps.btinternet.co.uk/>).

Biota (<http://www.biota.co.uk>)

Shane Farrell – VC58 Macro Moth Recorder

Action for Invertebrates in Cheshire

Over the last few years the Countdown process in Cheshire – the Cheshire region Biodiversity Action Plan – has seen action plans produced and implemented for several species of Lepidoptera and Odonata in Cheshire. In addition several other invertebrates are now included within Countdown and Action Plans for them have been written.

The species covered are presented in the table below:

Lepidoptera	Odonata	Hymenoptera	Coleoptera
Belted Beauty	Club-tailed Dragonfly	Cuckoo Bee (<i>Coelioxys mandibularis</i>)	Leaf Beetle (<i>Bromius obscurus</i>)
Dingy Skipper	Downy Emerald	Mining Bee (<i>Colletes cunicularius</i>)	Lesser Silver Diving Beetle (<i>Hydrochara caraboides</i>)
Ringlet	Variable Damselfly	Sand Wasp (<i>Podalonia affinis</i>)	Longhorn Beetle (<i>Acmaeops collaris</i>)
Sandhill Rustic	White-faced Darter		Rove Beetle (<i>Lathrobium rufipenne</i>)
Silver-studded Blue			Spotted Yellow/Black Leaf Beetle (<i>Cryptocephalus decemmacultus</i>)
Small Eggar			Stag Beetle (<i>Lucanus cervus</i>)
Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary			Thick-legged Flower Beetle (<i>Oedemera virescens</i>)
White-letter Hairstreak			

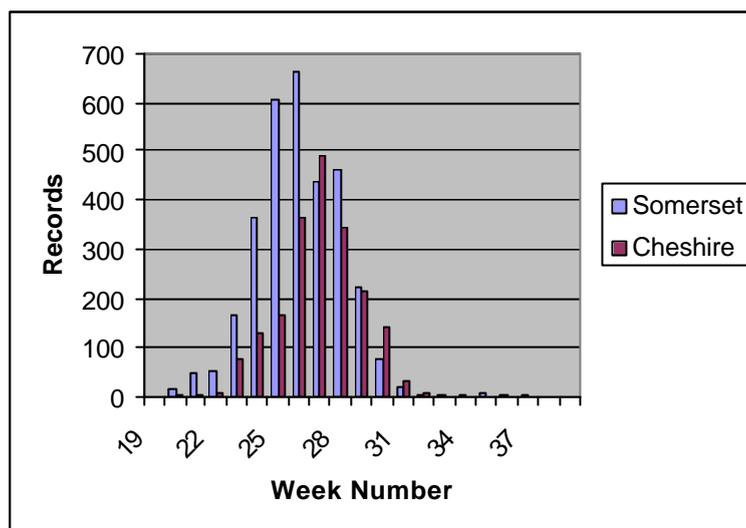
Other invertebrates within Countdown are: Compressed river mussel *Pseudanodonta complanata* (Rossmassler), *Carorita limnaea* – a linyphiid spider, the mud snail *Lymnaea glabra* and white-clawed crayfish, *Austropotamobius pallipes*.

Further details of the various action plans and how to get involved can be found on the Countdown Web Site at www.cheshire-biodiversity.org.uk. In addition the web site is available as a CD from the Cheshire Wildlife Trust at Grebe House, Reeseheath, Nantwich, Cheshire, CW9 7BP. Paper copies of the appropriate action plans can be obtained from the Wildlife Trust if you do not have access to a computer.

Paul Hill, 1 Clive Cottage, London Road, Allstock, Knutsford, Cheshire, WA16 9LT

Flight Periods– North and South

When browsing records one interesting question is how do flight periods vary between the North and South of the Country? This Autumn I caught a late example of the Flame, *Axylia putris*, in my garden and when browsing the flight times in MapMate I realised that I had the data to answer this question. I recently did a sync of my database with a friend in Somerset and the attached figure rather neatly shows a delay of between one and two weeks between the two vice counties. Worth bearing in mind when looking at flight periods in standard reference books.



Adrian Wander

Field Visit Hotline

In recent years LCES field visits have been attended by very few members. Organisers have been obliged to turn out, only to find few or no other members present. This phenomenon is not restricted to our society or time, as can be seen in Br.J.Ent.Nat.Hist 2:1989 p176 which has the subdued lament, 'The leader spent the afternoon on his own in the Holywell area'. It has therefore been decided to replace organised outings with a Field Visit Hotline organised through email and telephone. Any member intending a field visit, who would welcome company, can notify the hotline for the message to be passed on.

All **online members** will be notified by email as a matter of course, and **do not need to take any action** to enlist. Other members who wish to participate should notify the Hon. Sec. 0161 427 3887 and provide their telephone number. Telephone participants will be arranged in groups of three or four. Messages will be passed on to **one person only** in each group (whoever can be contacted first). That person will be responsible to pass the message on to the rest of his/her group. Members may ask to be grouped with specified friends. Otherwise the Hon Sec. will arrange grouping.

Notice of outings can be as little as 48 hours, allowing weather forecasts to be used. To notify members of a field visit they can join you on EITHER email your message to BOTH ifsmith@onetel.com and bob.letsche@blueyonder.co.uk OR telephone Ian Smith 0161 427 3887. **Details to provide** can be as few as an outline of the activity planned, and where and when the visit is to be. It is essential to provide your telephone number (and email address if

you have one) so you can be asked for further detail. An example might be: “Going to find Scarlet tiger moths at West Kirby 11 a.m. Sat. 26th June. If interested, telephone Ann Ember 0151 321 6789 evenings.”

Further detail, which you should have to hand in case anyone contacts you, should include:

- Exact meeting time and place, with carefully checked grid reference. (You would be surprised how often these are misquoted)
- The approximate time of finishing and what meals to bring.
- If you have one, your mobile telephone number. Your mobile should be carried switched on during the visit so you can be found by late comers.

Online members may wish to put the further detail on their initial email, as it can be easily passed to other online members.

DO NOT TURN UP TO A MEETING WITHOUT CONTACTING THE ORGANISER, AS HE /SHE MAY ABANDON IT IF NO ONE HAS CONTACTED HIM/HER.

All members and others attending do so of their own volition and at their own risk. But organisers are asked to alert attendees to unexpected risks such as steep cliffs, and to caution inexperienced light trappers against staring at MV bulbs. All participants are expected to ensure that their equipment is in good order and operated according to accepted safety standards. A mobile telephone and first aid kit are suggested safety precautions

(Note: Reports on field trips are ALWAYS welcome and should be sent to me for inclusion in the newsletter – Ed)

The Society’s Library

It is with regret that the resignation, for health reasons, of the Librarian, Mike Grice, is announced. We thank him for his valuable work and wish him well. Carl Clee has agreed to take over this post until the AGM, when he is willing to be nominated for the position

The Society’s extensive entomological library is housed at Liverpool Museum. It has been inaccessible during renovations at the museum, but is now available again for the use of members.

Members may visit the library in person, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday, by prior arrangement with Guy Knight, telephone 0151 478 4369. Most books may be borrowed, but some of the most valuable are for reference only.

Members who can not visit the museum at the times stated may ask for a book to be brought by Carl to an indoor meeting of the Society between October and April. Requests can be made by telephone to Guy or by email; guy.knight@liverpoolmuseums.org.uk or by Fax 0151 478 4350. Members who have held books while the library has been inaccessible are asked to return them to the library, or to Carl at an indoor meeting, as soon as possible.

A catalogue of the library’s books can be viewed at indoor meetings, or can be sent by email on application to the Librarian, carl.clee@liverpoolmuseums.org.uk or the Hon. Sec., ifsmith@onetel.com

New Members

We would like to welcome Mark Payne, Paz (Paul) Fletcher and Sarah Stille who have all recently joined the society. I am sure everyone will make them welcome.

Request For Teasel Locations

Ian Smith (address etc. on Contacts page) is trying to establish the distribution and inter-relationships of Teasel (*Dipsacus fullonum*) and two species of micro-moth, *Endothenia gentianaeanana* (Hübner) and *E. marginana* (Haw.), which feed in the pith of its seedheads. He would be very grateful to be told of the locations of Teasels known by members, in Cheshire, Lancashire and nearby parts of adjacent counties. He has tetrad distribution maps of Cheshire and Flintshire but more precise location details, with six figure grid references if possible, would be appreciated.

If any member cares to cut with scissors a sample of twenty seedheads with about 5cm of stalk attached, Ian will be very pleased to accept them at an indoor meeting. Please keep seedheads outdoors to prevent dessication.

Contacts and Web Sites

- The Lancashire and Cheshire Entomology Society (LCES) can be found at:
<http://www.consult-eco.ndirect.co.uk/entomol/lces>
- Lancs. & Chesh. Ent. Soc. can be contacted through The Hon. Sec., Ian Smith, 12 Fernhill, Mellor, Stockport, SK6 5AN. Tel. 0161 427 3887. or at lcespostbox@hotmail.com or, for subscriptions and membership, through The Hon. Treasurer, R.W. Whitehead, Haulfryn, Graigfechan, Ruthin, Denbs., LL15 2HA or at roboud@haulfryn99.fsnet.co.uk
- **rECOrd** – The Local Records Centre for Cheshire, Halton, Runcorn, Warrington and the Wirral can be found at: <http://www.record-lrc.co.uk>
- All records of macro and micro moths for Cheshire (VC58) should preferably be submitted to the Cheshire Macro-moth Recorder, Shane Farrell shane.farrell@ntlworld.com or via snail mail at 15 Westover, Romiley, Stockport, Cheshire SK6 3ER. Shane can be contacted on 0161 355 6919
- Records of micros in Cheshire can also be sent to Steve Hind at:
steve@hind1.fsnet.co.uk
- Records from Shropshire should be sent to Peter Boardman, 7 High Street, Weston Rhyn, Shropshire, SY10 7RP or e-mail at peperouda@btinternet.com
- Submission of all biological records can be made to **rECOrd** at:
manager@record-lrc.co.uk
- Butterfly Conservation can be found at:
<http://www.butterfly-conservation.org>
- The Lancashire Moth Group now has a web page at <http://www.lancashire-moths.org>
- The Cheshire Moth Group also has web pages at
<http://www.consult-eco.ndirect.co.uk/lrc/cm/cmg.htm>

- The Butterfly Conservation Cheshire and Peak District Branch web pages are located at <http://www.butterfly-conservation.com/>
 - I can be contacted regarding field trips, items for the next newsletter etc. at: a.wander@dl.ac.uk or by snail-mail at 16 Bramhalls Park, Anderton, Northwich, Cheshire, CW9 6AH
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YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2003

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Subscriptions		1062		499
Investment Income		212		276
Donations		10		13
Sale of Publications		8		39
		<u>1292</u>		<u>827</u>
PAYMENTS				
Library Additions		-	205	
Publications	844		-	
Postage and Stationery	354		55	
Meetings Expenses	132		99	
Website Costs	-		-	
Subscriptions Paid	46		48	
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SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		<u>£(84)</u>		<u>£420</u>
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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st AUGUST 2003

FIXED ASSETS				
Library	10000		10000	
Cabinets and Specimens	8000		8000	
	<u>18000</u>		<u>18000</u>	
INVESTMENT				
Halifax Group - 185 shares at cost	-		-	
CURRENT ASSETS				
NSB Investment Account	5725		5569	
Halifax Bank Account	1161		1937	
RBS Bank Account	648		112	
Cash in Hand	-		-	
	<u>7534</u>		<u>7618</u>	
	<u>£ 25534</u>		<u>£ 25618</u>	
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RESERVES				
Revaluation Reserve		18000		18000
General Reserve - Opening Balance	7618		7198	
- Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	(84)		420	
	<u>7534</u>		<u>7618</u>	
	<u>£ 25534</u>		<u>£ 25618</u>	
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HON. TREASURER'S REPORT
For The Year Ended 31st August 2003

The Society's financial position continues to be satisfactory. A further deficit is expected in the current year due to increased publications planned.

R.W. Whitehead
Hon. Treasurer

NOMINATION FORM

for election to Council of Lancashire and Cheshire Entomological Society at the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 17th February 2004

Nomination _____ signed by nominee: _____

For position of _____

(e.g. General Secretary, Council Member.)

Proposer _____ Seconder _____

(Please send to Hon. Sec. by 20th January 2004)

This form may be copied if more than one nomination is to be made.
