



Wildlife Walks – Mondays from Fox Cottage near the Mission Hall at 9.30am. All welcome.

Garden Bird Watch

Very disappointing in that I received only 16 lists this month. The lists did contain some interesting information. Three lists reported a party of four young Kestrels flying across the west end of Old Bincombe Lane to Puddledock Lane. Two lists reported 15 House Martin with three reporting Swifts and Swallows. The Little Owl is still present at Northdown Farm. Tawny Owl has been heard calling during the late evening on many days. There are numerous ants in gardens and Green Woodpecker is in its element, with Janet Craig photographing a young bird with a parent. The young Herring Gulls have disappeared from next door to me, but they are still calling noisily at dawn.

National Moth Night

Around ten people turned up for national Moth Night on 8th August in the Waterworks car park. The target species included Jersey Tiger and Ruby Tiger with at least six Jersey Tigers and probably the same number of Ruby Tiger.



In around two hours, we recorded 32 species. Overnight Jon and Christopher Campbell ran their moth trap on Old Bincombe Lane recording 25 species including the Four-spot Footman, which has not been reported in Sutton Poyntz recently. Chris also photographed the Oak Eggar (below) from the waterworks. In the course of the evening, a total of around 50 species were recorded in the village. Other interesting moths included Black Arches and three other species of footman moths. There are more photographs over-leaf.



BUTTERFLIES

The hot weather from mid-July coupled with the occasional wet period has been ideal for butterflies. Dorothy Emblem reported around 20 Peacock emerging from larvae on a nettle bed in her garden. Janet Craig has been busy photographing butterflies on Buddleia in gardens on Old Bincombe Lane illustrated by the migrant Painted Lady, which has been seen across Dorset in small numbers. Brimstone, which was scarce in the spring has started to emerge and with luck should over-winter. Watch out for a deep yellow butterfly with black wing markings. This is a migrant Clouded Yellow, which we have seen across Dorset in the second half of August. A small Tortoiseshell favours plants such as Water Mint and Common Fleabane in wet areas. Whites are doing very well in my garden



Painted Lady Butterfly ©Janet Craig

EDITOR: JOHN NEWBOULD
01305 837384

suttonpoyntz.org.uk/biodiversity
EMAIL: johna72newbould@yahoo.co.uk



Green Woodpecker and young © Janet Craig

In the wider area, a visitor reported two Sparrowhawks with two young at the west end of Old Bincombe Lane. David Emery reported two Dartford Warblers on West Hill and Dorothy Emblem reported Skylark from the hillside above Wyndings. Once again Fox are visiting houses whilst Janet Craig sent a photograph of six Badgers feeding in her garden. Both Grass Snake and Adder were seen in a

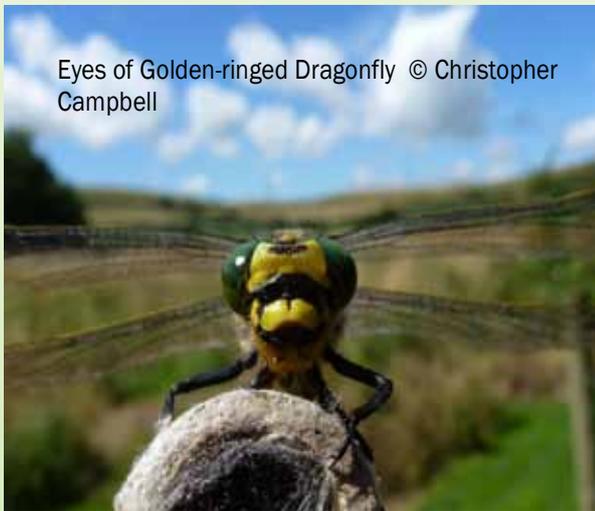
Sutton Poyntz August 2013 in pictures.



Four-spot Footman © Christopher Campbell



Black Arches © Chris Campbell



Eyes of Golden-ringed Dragonfly © Christopher Campbell



Brimstone Butterfly © Janet Craig

In early August around dusk, Janet Craig asked me to go to Plaisters Lane where a climber rose was being eaten by larvae. This turned out to be Vapourer moth and there were three adult males on a stonewall. Careful examination of the east-facing wall also revealed small areas of eggs. The field guide says that eggs may be laid on the cocoon of the female, a nearby fence or wall where they overwinter. The larvae hatch out from May onwards with the adult male flying by day from July – September. The females are flightless. We searched around the area for more moths, whose larvae will consume a wide variety of shrubs including Pyracantha. However, no more were found but on a



© John Newbould



Vapourer moth, eggs, larvae and adult male.

Sawfly larvae