

Branch AGM and Members' Day 2022

Branch members are warmly invited to attend our 40th Anniversary AGM and Members' Day, at the Littleton Millennium Hall, The Hall Way, Littleton, Winchester, SO22 6QL (grid ref: SU457323) on **Sunday 6 November 2022**. A timetable is shown below.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and associated restrictions, this is the first time we've been able to schedule an indoor AGM and Members' Day since 2019. At present there is no need to register for the 2022 event, but should the Covid situation worsen in the autumn, we may of course have to revise our plans, and if necessary revert to the Zoom webinar format we have successfully employed over the last couple of years. Any such changes would be notified to members via the Branch website, and through a group email to those who have opted to receive email communications. For those who have concerns about whether the indoor event is still on, please phone Andy Barker (Branch Chairman) on 02380-270042.

I'm sure like me, you're looking forward to getting back to having an indoor event and a chance to socialise with friends and make new acquaintances. We have four excellent speakers, presenting on a diverse mix of topics, some directly relevant to Hants & Isle of Wight, but others introducing species you may be less familiar with. The keynote presentation will be by Dr Jim Asher (former Chair of BC Trustees) on the Butterflies of South-west Scotland. Hopefully you'll be suitably interested to attend, and on behalf of the Branch Committee let me extend a warm welcome to you all.

Members are asked to bring a packed lunch, which can be eaten in the break after the formal business of the AGM, combined with the opportunity to mingle with fellow members. By popular demand, the photographic competition will also return (see Newsletter 113).

Timetable for the day

11:30 Doors open.

12:00-12:05 Chairman's Welcome

12:05-13:00 Branch AGM – see separate Agenda below

13:00-13:45 Lunch Break

13:45-14:30 Butterflies of SW Scotland – Dr Jim Asher

14:30-14:50 The Large Tortoiseshell – Will Langdon

14:50-15:20 Refreshments and photographic competition

15:20-15:40 Priority Moth Species of Hampshire & Isle of Wight – Tony Davis

15:40-16:00 Duke of Burgundy in Hampshire – Ashley Whitlock

16:00-16:15 Results of photographic competition

16:15-16:25 Questions and answers, and Chairman's closing remarks

Annual General Meeting 2022

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the 2021 AGM (with acceptance vote)
3. Matters arising from the Minutes
4. Presentation of Accounts (for information only)
5. Chairman's Report
6. Election of new Main Committee members (see below)
7. Health and Safety Matters
8. Any other business (notified to Chairman no later than 30 October 2022)
9. Close of AGM

Supporting statements of the two members standing for election to the Committee.



Pete Eeles

I have been actively involved as a member of the Branch for many years. As a previous Branch Chairman (2010 to 2013), I am delighted to be able to stand for this role once again.

With a background in IT, I've previously helped both the Branch, and the Society as a whole, with some of their IT projects. I created the UK Butterflies website in 2002, and in 2016, I was presented with the Marsh Award for Promotion of Lepidoptera Conservation.

I have a particular interest in immature stages, and my book, 'Life Cycles of British & Irish Butterflies', was published in 2019.



Graham Nicol

I have always been keen on the natural world, with particular interests in butterflies, rivers and fishing. Until moving recently to Hampshire, I was active in the Riverfly partnership in Devon.

My butterfly experience includes surveys for Wood White and Marsh Fritillary, as well as butterfly transect recording. I am also keen on moths, and carry out frequent surveys at home.

I graduated with a degree in mathematics, which led to a career in insurance, before switching to asset management. Recently retired, and with a strong financial background, the role of treasurer is something I feel I can usefully undertake for the Branch. I have previous experience of this role, over many years, with two local angling clubs.

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The draft Minutes of the 2022 AGM will be posted onto the Branch website www.hantsiow-butterflies.org.uk a few weeks after the meeting. You will be able to find these Minutes by following Home > About > Minutes of AGMs > 2022.

Andy Barker (Branch Chairman)