



Butterfly Conservation
Saving butterflies, moths and their habitats

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Tuesday 27th November 2007

November 2007 was a good month for Matthew Oates. He joined us at our Branch AGM and members day on 10th November. As joint founder of our branch 25 years ago who better to cut the celebratory cake! Matthew also gave an excellent talk reviewing the last 25 years of butterflies and even daring to look ahead.



But better was to come. At the National AGM and Members Day on 17th November at Leamington Spa, Matthew received the prestigious Marsh Lepidoptera Award for Lifetime Achievement. See National web site [News](#) section for more details.

Thursday 22nd March 2007

Spring into Action 1st May to 7th June! This is an initiative from British Trust for Conservation Volunteers BTCV to promote the importance of volunteers trying out practical activities to look after their local wild life & green places. Details will be on the web site www.btcv.org.

Butterfly Conservation is very dependant on volunteer help in caring for our reserves and I support BTCV is seeking to find new volunteers. Two groups affiliated to BTCV - The Wednesday Group and Hampshire Conservation Volunteers have been giving us regular help for years.

I hope that the Spring & Summer programme of walks at reserves will encourage new comers to enjoy the wonder of butterflies and moths and to feel inspired to help us with winter conservation work.

Lynn Fomison Reserves Officer

Friday 12th January 2007

Nigel Spring from the Dorset Branch says "We have arranged a week visit to La Brenne in central France for the halfterm period in February 16th-24th and are hoping to find 10 people to come with us. It should also be suitable for families with children over 12 and for unaccompanied young people over 16. Funding is available to make the cost of this much less of a shock in the post-Christmas poverty zone!

The aim of the trip will be to set up the beginnings of an exchange with volunteers in that part of France, to carry out practical management tasks on various habitats in the nature reserve particularly for Large Copper, Alcon Blue and Marsh Fritillary butterflies, to enjoy this delightful wetland area of 2000 fishing lakes with their overwintering wildfowl and the woodlands and heaths that surround them, not to mention the food, wine and local culture. It is intended to be a relaxed, enjoyable visit which will lead on to other things... La Brenne is within easy reach of Caen so we shall be travelling in a minibus via the Portsmouth-Caen ferry. I have attached further information about this.

If you are interested in joining us, could you let me know? I will then send you a booking form. Even if you cannot join us in February, perhaps you could help by sending this information on to your contacts or

printing it and displaying it somewhere. Or you might have access to funding that can enable us to offer more concessional places - please get in touch!".

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