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Tuesday 30th December

Dr David Tinling reports Thurs 25th Dec: Buff-tailed Bumblebees taking nectar from ivy and heather at Alverstoke, Gosport (SZ602987). Tues 30th Dec: Buff-tailed Bumblebees taking Mahonia nectar in Stanley Park, Gosport(SZ592989)

Wednesday 17th December

Jenny Mallett sends in this amazing report: "I have today - Dec 17th - seen Large White Caterpillars actively eating Broccoli plants in an open veg patch in Corhampton. In the coldest December for 30 years?"

Anne McCue reports: Red admiral taking ivy nectar, basking and flying at Ann's Hill Cemetery(west),Gosport(SU598002).

Monday 15th December

Michael Skelton sends this report from 6th Dec. in Bournemouth. Walking down the Manor Steps zig-zag, Boscombe this afternoon, I noticed some Common Bird's-foot Trefoil growing conveniently at the top of the retaining wall. From force of habit I stopped to cast an eye over it and was delighted to find a first instar Clouded Yellow caterpillar. This came as a surprise, in view of the fact that I have seen no adults since 26th September. Also seen today enjoying the sunshine were a few Wall Lizards as well as late examples of Common Darter and Common Field grasshopper. (The webmaster apologises to Michael for the delay in posting this report)

Wednesday 10th December

Dr David Tinling reports: Red Admiral basking and flying at Ann's Hill Cemetery(west),Gosport(SU598002).

Sunday 7th December

Dr David Tinling reports: Buff-tailed Bumblebees taking Mahonia nectar in Stanley Park, Gosport(SZ592989).

Thursday 4th December

Pauline Richards reports seeing a Red Admiral flying round the garden centre at Horndean.

Tuesday 2nd December

Dr Dan Hoare sent in an unexpected record ... "A Red Admiral flying along a south facing bank at Queen Elizabeth Country Park, SU717177."

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