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This page contains sightings details of all the butterflies and moths reported to the [Sightings page](#) between July and December 2007.

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December 2007

Monday 3rd December

Shenley, this morning a single **Red Admiral** flying along the base of a sun drenched hedgerow at 11.00 - Jim Terry

November 2007

Wednesday 28th November

Spotted a Red Admiral in the garden today in **Hayes**, on a very cold dark morning, It flew in a Jasmine climber, to roost perhaps!! - Penny

Thursday 22nd November

And my personal record continues to stretch. I revisited Grove Farm but failed to find that Speckled Wood again. However on the way back a **Red Admiral** (in good condition) briefly settled on ivy right in front of me near the busy Greenford Road / Whitton Avenue West lights (NW side on WAW) in **Greenford / TQ18**. But too many pedestrians and traffic so it soon flew off again. Conditions similar to yesterday but a degree or so colder. - Mike Rubin

Wednesday 21st November

A new record for me. A **Speckled Wood** surprised me at lunchtime in **Grove Farm, Middlesex (TQ18)** on the hill below the council estate. Not bad considering the recent cold snap. It was on the wing and got a good look, but quickly lost it in the glare and shadows. My previous latest record was Red Admiral 5th November a few years ago, and for Speckled Wood 30th October this year at the same spot in Grove Farm as today's. Conditions sunny 11C / 7C Dewpoint fairly light wind in that sheltered location. - Mike Rubin

Friday 16th November

Just had a walk over **Trent Park** with Robin J. White (Fri 16th November 2007) and we both saw a Peacock near the Dew Pond, settled on Bramble at 13.26 GMT - my latest record ever for the Enfield area - Robert Callf (Not bad eh, two late butterflies in the same week!).

Monday 12th November

Visited **Broomfield Park, Palmers Green, N13** this afternoon (12th November) and saw a Red Admiral flying around the dilapidated Broomfield House at 12.55 GMT, also adult-winter Mediterranean Gull and male Shoveler in the Park - Robert Callf

A friend who records for me reported a small tortoiseshell in her garden in **Mill End** last **Sunday Nov 4th**. It was looking a bit tatty ! - Ann Piper

Sunday 4th November

Late season butterfly sighting - in calm warm/sunny conditions at 11am, a Comma flying nearby to the **M1/A405 road junction at Bricket Wood**. - David Chandler

Saturday 3rd November

A few butterflies around **Horsenden Hill** during a LNHS bird walk today, 3rd November: 1 Red Admiral, 2 Speckled Woods and 2 Holly Blues. The first Holly blue was nectaring on ivy flowers on the south side of Horsenden Hill during the morning. The second was discovered after dark while Dave Howdon and I were moth-ing in Perivale Wood, roosting on an ivy flower - Andy Culshaw

Red Admiral in **St Albans** this morning. Small Tortoiseshell at the Millais exhibition at Tate Britain, **Millbank SW1**, Middx - The Blind Girl - Malcolm Hull

Tring, Saturday, someone likes me more than I thought as the weather here this am was glorious. I spent most of it inside waiting for a man to come and fix my set top box but once he had gone I went to play. There were two red ad on the last few buddliea flowers in the garden and two more in the field behind my house, where the shelter of a fence makes for some very warm nettles. These two were both intermittently feeding on ivy and coming down to test the nettle leaves. One laid at least two eggs (image of one attached). Then the sun disappeared so no other species added. Had hoped to find a speckled wood - Nick Bowles

Friday, saw a Red Admiral on the ivy near the playground in the centre of **Gunnersbury Park** just before noon. Hmm some of the ivy there is still flowering. Was hoping to spot some Speckled Woods but a lump of cloud hid the sun for much of my walk. Ho hum. I've only ever seen one November butterfly before - a glimpse of a RA a few years ago one mild Nov 5th at Stockley Park - Mike Rubin

Thursday 1st November

Following on from my recent record of a late holly blue at Railway Fields, today (**1/11/07**) I saw **2 "spiralling" speckled wood** on the **Parkland Walk** (former railway line between Finsbury Park and Alexandra Palace) - David Bevan

Several dozen harlequin ladybirds have invaded the house and are marching purposefully about looking for food (presumably). All appear to be succinea which I have reported to this site: <http://www.harlequin-survey.org/recording.htm> - Robin Pearson

October 2007

Tuesday 30th October

Rebecca Turpin (BTCV officer based at Railway Fields) reported seeing a holly blue at **Railway Fields** today (30/10/07). This is certainly the latest date for the butterfly at RF, but like everybody else we had a poor year at RF - our one highlight being the arrival of a single marbled white on July 13th - a new butterfly for the site - David Bevan

Monday 29th October

A Peacock flying and sunning at **Garston (Watford)** at noon - Colin Everett

Friday 26th October

My first Peacock for over a month at Grove Rd, **St Albans** on **Tuesday 23rd** - Malcolm Hull

Wednesday 24th October

Late news from the **18th October**, 1 Green-veined white seen at the Dew Pond, **Trent Park** by Robin White - news via Robert Calf

Monday 22nd October

Nice to get a late speckled wood at **Ickleford** at Gerry's Hole /pond on Sunday 21st October, the only butterfly I saw - Stuart Pittman

With it being outside the transect season, thought I'd forward the two Speckled Woods seen in **Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park** on Saturday 20th. On Sunday 21st, there was a big (estimated as Small Tortoiseshell <> Red Admiral size), chestnut-brown? moth flying round the lights on Whitechapel tube station about half an hour after dusk. Apologies, I didn't see it settle so can't be any clearer on the description. If it rings any bells at all with anyone for any possible ID then I'd be suitably grateful - Keir Mottram

Sunday 21st October

Up to 5 Red Admirals nectaring in my **Harpenden** garden on ivy flowers throughout the day in temperatures between 7 and 10 degrees C. Also a large bumble bee - Robin Pearson

Saturday 20th October

Tring, I have been at home for last two and bit weeks and seen the number of butterflies in my garden gradually fall away. No more whites and both Peacock and Tortie now only a memory but today three Red Admirals simultaneously and a Comma as well all on/around my buddleia (good number of flowers as a result of a hard 'trim' in July) and to my joy the first Speckled wood for two years a little later in the day. Don't suppose I have ever recorded a first for the year garden species in the last half of October before - Nick Bowles

Thursday 18th October

Waterford area, 1 Common Blue - Andrew Middleton

Wednesday 17th October

News for today - 1 Red Admiral, at **Parkside Farm** at 13.30 hrs. - Robert Callf.

Monday 15th October

By entrance to **Thunderfield Grove**, 1 Comma and something (butterfly or moth) flew through the carpark at Bencroft West. Otherwise despite some really good sunshine - NOTHING. Just some hornets around the remaining ivy flowers and beware of falling acorns, they could hurt!! Liz Goodyear and Andrew Middleton

News for yesterday (Sun 14th October 2007) - 1 Red Admiral, at Park Farm and 1 Speckled Wood, on the edge of Rough Lot, Trent Park - Robert Callf & Phil Rhodes

Thursday 11th October **7 butterfly species today!**

Little around but went to **Waterford Heath** at 4pm and saw a solitary small copper on south side and a meadow brown on the north - Steve Kiln

A **Holly blue** was present in **St James's Park** today-the first I've seen for a couple or more weeks - Stuart Paston

Red Admiral, **Ponders End** garden today - Andrew Middleton

This afternoon, 11th October, in absolutely perfect weather, I saw a single Small White over the restoration area of **Aldbury Nowers** northern compartment. Michael Pearson

News for today - 1 Comma, nectaring on thistle head at **Parkside Farm**, also 1 Speckled Wood here along Salmons Brook and 1 Silver Y - Robert Callf

Wednesday 10th October

Paul Thursh at **Aldbury** today photographed a Meadow Brown which must be around a month later than in most years although this year has had some late records - news via Andrew Palmer

Spoke to Robin White today (Weds 10th October 2007) and he said that the Clouded Yellow he saw was last Thurs 4th October 2007 at **South Lodge Farm** - Robert Callf

Monday 8th October

News from Sunday 7th, 1 female Common Blue seen at **Parkside Farm** and a Speckled Wood at Park Farm on the same day - Robert Callf

Friday 5th October

More news for today - 3 Speckled Wood, (2 near Merryhill's Brook, 1 along Leeging Beech Gutter at 'Three-bridges', Trent Park); 1 Comma, along bridle-path near Shaws Wood, Trent Park. Earlier, visited **Trent Park** for an hour (12.00 - 13.00 BST) today and recorded the following: 2 Comma, (1 on Michaelmas daisies, set-aside field near Triangular Wood, 1 Sect. 8 of my transect,

'New Fields'); 1 Small Copper, 'New Fields' near Sport's Field; 1 Large White, near Oakwood entrance. Also a Grass Snake basking on the edge of the cemetery - Robert Callf

Thursday 4th October

News for yesterday (Weds 3rd October 2007) and today (Thurs 4th October 2007) - 1 Speckled Wood near Duncan's Wood, **Enfield Chase** yesterday and 1 Speckled Wood at **Parkside Farm** today near Hadley Road Pumping Station - Robert Callf

Monday 1st October

News for Sun 30th September 2007 - 1 Speckled Wood, near The Obelisk, **Trent Park**. Nothing to report today - Robert Callf

On **Saturday**, one male Brimstone and one Red Admiral (flying SW at quite a height) at **Amwell NR** - Jan Hein van Steenis

September 2007

Saturday 29th September

Fir and Pond Woods NR... on the meadow... 2 small coppers - David Gompertz

News for today - A few whites seen today, only one positively identified as a Small White on Michaelmas daisies at South Lodge Farm - Robert Callf

Friday 28th September

News for today - 1 Red Admiral, sheltering along hedgerow, **Hog Hill, Vicarage Farm** this morning before the rain started. Also a Common Redstart in the same area - Robert Callf

Thursday 27th September

News for today - 1 Green-veined White, on thistle-head along **Merryhill's Brook at Vicarage Farm** - Robert Callf

Wednesday 26th September

Painted Lady in garden lunchtime,nectaring on Verbena Bonariensis. **N.W Bishop's Stortford** - Jim Fish

Only one butterfly seen today (Weds 26th September 2007) - 1 Speckled Wood, along **Jubilee Path at Park Farm** (rather worn, settled in a sheltered sunny spot) - Robert Callf

Tuesday 25th September

On Saturday 22nd September I saw 2 Clouded Yellow on **Poors Field Ruislip**. Also, Small Heath, Small Copper, Brimstone, 5 Speckled Wood, 2 Comma, Small White and Red Admiral - Steve Pash

News for today (Tues 25th September 2007) - 2 Red Admiral, (1 flew S at Parkside Farm, 1 flew S at Vicarage Farm) - Robert Callf

Monday 24th September

Kings Langley, Violet Chandler's garden - few butterflies seen on Saturday (22nd) on the garden transect buddlia only Small Whites; but there were a couple of good sightings of butterflies passing through - a Small Tortoiseshell and a Speckled Wood - David Chandler

News for yesterday (Sun 23rd September 2007) - 4 Speckled Wood, (3 at Trent Park - 2 together, at Shaws Wood, 1 near Merryhill's Brook; 1 at Vicarage Farm). News for today (Mon 24th September 2007) - 1 Speckled Wood, at Park Farm; 1 Small Heath, along Leeging Beech Gutter at Vicarage Farm - getting quite late. Also saw possibly 2 Red Admiral but did not get clinching views - Robert Callf.

Walking across **Datchworth Green** yesterday I was somewhat surprised to see a Painted Lady settled on the grass - Alan Reynolds

Commas, Brimstones Speckled Woods and Red Admiral all out at **Bricket Wood Common** on Saturday. A fresh emergence of Large Whites, Small Whites and Green-veined Whites in **St**

Albans - Malcolm Hull

Went to **Waterford Heath** afternoon **22nd**, saw 3 whites, 2 small heath, one comma, one small heath, one small copper, one meadow brown and a clouded yellow - Steve Kiln

News for Sat 22nd September 2007 - 3 Small Heath, (1 at 'Old Golf Course', Trent Park, 2 at Vicarage Farm - 1 along Merryhill's Brook and 1 near Allotments); 5 Speckled Wood, at Trent Park (1 at Dew Pond, 1 at Shaws Wood, 3 near Merryhill's Brook along bridle-path). Several unidentified White spp., plus a large Nymphalid at distance - Robert Callf

Friday 21st September

News for today - 1 Red Admiral, near Dew Pond, Trent Park; 5 Speckled Wood, (4 at Trent Park - 1 Shaws Wood, 3 near Merryhill's Brook; 1 at Allotments, Vicarage Farm) - Robert Callf

Thursday 20th September

News for today - 1 Red Admiral, edge of Water Grdn., Trent Park; 6 Speckled Wood, at Trent Park (1 edge of Wter Grdn., 1 Shaws Wood, 4 along bridle-path near Merryhill's Brook) - Robert Callf

Wednesday 19th September

Almost trod on a Clouded Yellow in **Ware Park Quarry** this lunchtime. Luckily it eventually settled on some Goat's Rue and I was able to photograph it. The only butterfly I saw there in cool, windy conditions - Andrew Wood

Harpenden at 3pm, just one Red Admiral braving the blustery conditions nectaring on my ivy this afternoon, see pic. - Robin Pearson

Only one butterfly seen today (Weds 19th September 2007) - 1 Speckled Wood, at Shaws Wood, Trent Park - Robert Callf

Tuesday 18th September

Whilst looking for stone & whinchat in set aside field by **Batford** saw 1 common Blue & 1 small copper - Darin Stanley

More news for yesterday (Mon 17th September 2007) - 1 Red Admiral, at Chase Rd., N14, flying around a Yew tree. News for today (Tues 18th September 2007) - 2 Red Admiral, (1 at Vicarage Farm, 1 in set-aside field N of Williams Wood, Trent Park); 3 Speckled Wood, together, in Shaws Wood, Trent Park - Robert Callf

On Wednesday and Thursday (12th and 13th Sep) the Red Admiral was still present in the garden in Kenton, alternating between basking and feeding on the ivy. Not seen it since though. Friday (14th) afternoon up Barnhill and Fryent Country Park I saw 12 Speckled Woods and 4 Whites during a long walk. On Monday (17th) I found 1 Small Copper by a south facing hedgerow in the large field West of Batts Field by Horsenden Hill. This despite 8/8ths cirrostratus and scattered cumulus cloud with the sun barely getting through. In Batts Field itself I saw 1 Speckled Wood (plus possible 2nd one but not sure). Today (18th) at Grove Farm I saw 3 Speckled Woods and 1 unidentified White despite cold temperatures (14C max?). Nothing but flies on the extensive ivy. So just hanging on here in North West London. Speckled Wood definitely the most noted. - Mike Rubin

Monday 17th September

I went over to **Chorleywood Common** on **Saturday 15th** for a walk & to try and see a Common Blue or Small Copper - butterflies I'd seen last year in the hay meadow just to the south of the Black Horse pub. I was sad to see the meadow had been mowed like a lawn and no vetches or sorrels could be seen. At the lower end of the slope near the Metropolitan railway a dozen or so Meadow Browns were still hanging on and two Red Admirals were nectaring on Ivy flowers... But that was just about it! David Chandler

News for yesterday (Sun 16th September 2007) - 2 Comma, (1 along Leeging Beech Gutter at Vicarage Farm, 1 at Parkside Farm); 2 Speckled Wood, together, near Triangular Wood, at Trent Park. News for today (Mon 17th September 2007) - 1 Red Admiral, at Vicarage Farm - Robert Callf

Sunday 16th September

Cheshunt Park ~ Cheshunt Park Golf Course greenkeeper Keith enabled us to run a moth trap Sat/Sun night, and Mark Cooper identified the moths for the group. Not many species, but the list included centre-barred sallow, marbled beauty, willow beauty, large yellow underwings, square-spot and small square spot rustic, rustic, setaceous hebrew character and champion. Of the target grassland species, we encountered c6 small coppers, including one lacking the orange band trailing the upper hindwing, 2 small heath, and two female common blues. In addition, several speckled wood, a red admiral, a comma, and a flyby small tortoiseshell were seen. Towards the end of the walk, Adam Wilson alerted us to a clouded yellow flying over the last meadow, which created more excitement. Thanks to Derek Turner (CMS) and the group of 20 or so people that made for an enjoyable few hours - Andrew Middleton

At Folly Lane, **St Albans** this morning I had Small Tortoiseshell, a rare sight nowadays and Small Copper. This is only the third time I've seen Small Copper at this site in hundreds of visits over the last ten years. This afternoon I visited the two best Small Copper sites locally to see how it was doing there. Conditions were sunny but rather windy, so not ideal and numbers were down on last year. At **Nomansland Common, Wheathampstead** I saw 9 Small Copper and 1 Small Heath. At **The Warren, Colney Heath** I saw 9 Small Heath and 2 Small Copper. At **Gustardwood Common**, a new site for me, I saw no butterflies at all, though there is a reasonable amount of rabbit grazed grass/heather. Other species still out locally include Small & Large Whites, Red Admiral and Speckled Wood - Malcolm Hull

Had permission yesterday 15/9 to explore an amazing massive garden/with carp ponds, flower meadows etc near Balls Park, Hertford the highlight being a humming bird hawk moth photographed on my mobile phone - Stuart Pittman

Saturday 15th September

Waterford Heath, late morning 15th 3 of the following comma, small heath, green-veined white and meadow brown. 2 small copper, one common blue. On **13th** brimstone and painted lady in my garden in **Bengeo** - Steve Kiln

More news for yesterday (Fri 14th September 2007) - 2 Speckled Wood, along Merryhill's Brook at Vicarage Farm; 1 Small Copper, along Leeing Beech Gutter at Vicarage Farm. News for today (Sat 15th September 2007) - 2 Red Admiral, (1 at Vicarage Farm, 1 near Dew Pond, Trent Park); 5 Speckled Wood, (1 Hog Hill, Vicarage Farm; 4 at Trent Park - 2 Icehouse Wood, 1 Dew Pond, 1 Williams Wood); 1 Small White, set-aside field N of Williams Wood; 3 White sp., together, edge of Ride Wood (one of which was identified as a Green-veined White) - Robert Callf

Friday 14th September

On the meadow, **Fir and Pond Woods NR** pm.... 1 small heath, 1 small copper - Seen by Paul Thrush and David Gompertz

News for today (Fri 14th September 2007) - 3 Small Heath, (1 along Leeing Beech Gutter at Vicarage Farm and 2 reported by R.J White at 'Old Golf Course', Trent Park); 1 Comma, at Park Farm near Duncan's Wood; 1 Speckled Wood, at Water Grdn., Trent Park. Yesterday (Thurs 13th September 2007) R.J. White reported a Small Copper along Leeing Beech Gutter near Water Grdn., Trent Park - Robert Callf

Thursday 13th September

Waterford Heath south pit, 2 Small Copper, 3 Common Blue, 2 Small Heath, 2+ Meadow Brown and several whites in a hurry. Earlier at **Broxbourne Wood NR**, very little to report apart from a handful of Speckled Woods, ud whites and one pristine comma - Liz Goodyear, Andrew Middleton, Sharon Hearle with Graham Goodall (HBRC) and Fiona Annal (CMS)

More news for yesterday (Weds 12th September 2007) - 1 Green-veined White, settled, along Leeing Beech Gutter at Vicarage Farm; 2 Small Heath, together, along Leeing Beech Gutter at Vicarage Farm. News for today (Thurs 13th September 2007) - 1 Painted Lady, nectaring on thistle, along Leeing Beech Gutter at Vicarage Farm; 2 Small Heath, (1 along Leeing Beech Gutter at Vicarage Farm, 1 at 'Old Golf Course' at Trent Park); 1 Small White, settled, at Parkside Farm; 4 Speckled Wood, (2 at Park Farm, 1 at Duncan's Wood, 1 at Vicarage Farm); 1 Comma, at Park Farm - Robert Callf

Wednesday 12th September

News for today (Weds 12th September 2007) - 2 Small Copper, (1 set-aside field, edge of Triangular Wood and 1 near Sport's Field, Trent Park); 2 Small Heath, (1 edge of Williams Wood and 1 'New Fields', Trent Park); 1 Speckled Wood, Snakes Lane, Trent Park; 1 Comma, near Dew Pond, Trent Park - Robert Callf

Tuesday 11th September

Just a few sightings today (Tues 11th September 2007) - 2 Speckled Wood, (1 Triangular Wood, Trent Park, 1 along Leeging Beech Gutter at Vicarage Farm); 1 Red Admiral, in set-aside field N of Williams Wood, Trent Park). More news for yesterday (Mon 10th September 2007) - 2 Small Copper, at 'New Fields', Trent Park (same individuals as on 9th); 3 Speckled Wood, (1 along tube-line near Cockfoster's entrance, 1 near Oakwood entrance, 1 near Triangular Wood - making a total of 7 in the park for the day); 1 Green-veined White, near Triangular Wood, Trent Park; 1 Painted Lady, nectaring on michaelmas daisies, set-aside field near Triangular Wood, Trent Park; 1 female Meadow Brown, 'New Fields', Trent Park - Robert Callf

Horsenden Hill, yesterday I saw 2 Speckled Woods, 1 Meadow Brown and an unidentified white. Today even worse, with 1 Meadow Brown and 2 Whites (one stopped on a Buddlhea - +ve id for Green Veined White). Also since yesterday lunchtime Batts Field has been mowed. :(Lots of nectar sources annihilated as there were still flowering thistles and others yesterday. I think for me the butterfly season is more or less over. Just a moment ago I saw a Red Admiral fluttering around the Ivy in the garden in Kenton. Didn't see it settle though and it soon vanished. As I write this about half a zillion starlings just flew into the garden from the south. Invasion! If only they were butterflies and not common birds. ;) - Mike Rubin

News from 9th September, hugely surprised to see a **Silver-washed Fritillary** in **Abney Park** early this afternoon, whilst taking a walk with several of our members (about 12.15, Sunday 9/9). It settled on the chapel (which you know very well now, of course), for about 30 seconds before flying towards the roof, where we lost sight of it. First site record since 2001, we believe. Also 12+ Speckled Wood, incl. pair mating - Garry [James] & 'Terns'

Monday 10th September

News for yesterday (Sun 9th September 2007) - 4 Small White, (2 along Leeging Beech Gutter at Vicarage Farm; 2 at 'New Fields' at Trent Park); 2 Small Copper, at 'New Fields', Trent Park (Both fresh); 1 Red Admiral, at 'New Fields', Trent Park; 1 female Meadow Brown, edge of Williams Wood, Trent Park; 6 Speckled Wood, at Trent Park (1 near Triangular Wood, 2 along tube-line near Cockfoster's entrance; 1 at Dew Pond, 2 around Ash, edge of Williams Wood). News for today (Mon 10th September 2007) - 1 Green-veined White, settled by Lower Lake, Trent Park; 4 Speckled Wood, at Trent Park (1 edge of Moat Wood; 1 Water Grdn; 2 at Dew Pond)- Robert Callf

A **Camberwell Beauty** was seen in **Stevenage** on either **26th or 27th August** - news via John Murray

News for **Fri 7th September 2007** - 1 female Common Blue, along Leeging Beech Gutter at Vicarage Farm; 1 female Meadow Brown, along Leeging Beech Gutter at Vicarage Farm; 1 Speckled Wood, at Vicarage Farm; 1 Painted Lady, along gravel-track at Vicarage Farm; 1 Painted Lady, in set-aside field N of Williams Wood, Trent Park; 2 Small White,(1 at Parkside Farm; 1 set-aside field N of Williams Wood, Trent Park). News for **Sat 8th Sept 2007** - 2 Speckled Wood, (1 at Park Farm; 1 at Dew Pond, Trent Park); 2 Small White, (1 set-aside field N of Williams Wood, Trent Park; 1 along Leging Beech Gutter at Vicarage Farm) - Robert Callf

Friday 7th -Clouded yellows still at the south side of **Waterford Heath** ,saw 2 today in cloudy conditions, plenty of small heath, meadow browns, a few whites and one red admiral. Nothing on the north side currently - Steve Kiln

Thursday 6th September

Reports for today - 2 Speckled Wood,(1 at Park Farm, 1 at Vicarage Farm); 1 Small White, at Park Farm; 2 male Common Blue, at 'Old Golf Course', Trent Park; 1 Small Heath, at 'Old Golf Course', Trent Park; 1 female Clouded Yellow, set-aside field N of Williams Wood, Trent Park (My first for the year!); 1 Comma, along Leeging Beech Gutter at Vicarage Farm. Plus a number of Whites sp. which remained unidentified - Robert Callf

Wednesday 5th September

News for today - 4 Small White, (2 at Vicarage Farm - 1 along Leeging Beech Gutter near Stables, 1 near firing range; 2 at Trent Park - 1 'Old Golf Course', 1 set-aside field N of Williams Wood); 3 Speckled Wood, (1 at Park Farm, 1 at Vicarage Farm, 1 near Dew Pond, Trent Park); 1 female Meadow Brown, at 'Old Golf Course', Trent Park; 2, male and female, Common Blue, mating, in set-aside field N of Williams Wood; 1 Painted Lady, on thistles, at 'Barracks', Vicarage Farm - Robert Callf

Tuesday 4th September

I had a walk around **Great Ashby Park** today, during the sunny intervals I saw 1 Small Heath, 1 Brown Argus, 4 Common Blues, 4 Painted Lady's, 10+ Red Admirals, 4 Speckled Woods, many Meadow Browns and Large, Small and Green-veined Whites - Steve Lane

Today (Tues 4th Sept 2007) - 1 Green-veined White, Icehouse Wood, Trent Park; 5 Speckled Wood,(1 at Park Farm, 4 at Trent Park - 1 edge of Ride Wood, 1 Dew Pond, 2 Williams Wood); 1 female Meadow Brown, at Vicarage Farm; 2 Small Heath, at 'Old Golf Course', Trent Park. More news for yesterday (Mon 3rd Sept 2007) - 1 Green-veined White, along Leeging Beech Gutter near Water Grdn., Trent Park; 2 Small Heath, (1 along Leeging Beech Gutter at Vicarage Farm, 1 by Lower Lake, Trent Park); 1 Speckled Wood, edge of Williams Wood, at Trent Park - Robert Callf

Monday 3rd September

Horsenden Hill, on the **29th** I explored the lower fields. About 10 Meadow Browns and nothing else. Today just 5 butterflies west of the road. 1x Tatty Speckled Wood, 1x Meadow Brown, 1x Suspected Meadow Brown moving too fast to confirm. 1x Comma! (Not seen any of them in a while.) 1x Distant white. No Camberwell Beauties but I can still dream. 8) Meanwhile the ivy looks almost ready to flower now. Hoping that produces one last run of butterflies fattening up for hibernation. Otherwise I am ready for the long winter wait now I guess. - Mike Rubin

More news for yesterday (**Sun 2nd September 2007**) - 1 Red Admiral and 2 Speckled Wood at Oakwood Park, N14. Just visited the 'New Fields' in Trent Park (**Mon 3rd September 2007** between 12.10 - 12.55 BST) and recorded the following - 1 Red Admiral; 2 Small Copper, (1 very fresh, 1 tatty); 5 Speckled Wood and 3 Small Heath - Robert Callf

Pirton transect, still nice to see 9 species on 2nd September, the highlight being a late Gatekeeper, others seen painted lady, red admiral, green- veined white, Brimstone then speckled wood x 5, holly blue x 2, meadow brown x 2, Small white x 5 - Stuart Pittman

On the way to do the **Horsenden West** transect today (**2nd Sept**) I came across a fairly worn male Purple Hairstreak, which struck me as being on the late-ish side given this years generally early emergence. The transect was pretty poor - Meadow Browns are still hanging on (total of 7) and I also had a couple of Holly Blues. The only other species were Speckled Wood and Small White - Andy Culshaw

1 Clouded Yellow, Red Admiral and plenty of Speckled Woods at **Watery Grove** around Sunday lunchtime - Darrel Bryant

I spent around an hour at **Amwell Pits** on Wednesday the 29th of August 2007. And saw a very bright Clouded Yellow flying strongly from the main Viewing point - Ian Hardy

Nipped out to **Waterford Heath** about 5.20 in late afternoon sunshine today **31st Aug** on South side of reserve, despite the wind saw 3 clouded yellows, they like the ragwort and don't mind the wind. Also saw whites, meadow browns and small heaths - Steve Kiln

Saturday 1st September. On a brief visit to **Ruislip Woods** this afternoon I saw a fresh Painted Lady - photo attached - Graham Elcombe

Waterford Heath on **2nd September**, this is the place to come if you have not seen clouded yellow before. Now up to 4 on site today!! Mainly showing in the sunshine. Earlier went to Nomansland in Wheathamstead & saw 2 Small Copper, numerous speckled wood & 1f PURPLE HAIRSTREAK looking very worn, landed on my phone at one point. Think it wanted to make a call. Darin & Lee Also **Waterford Heath South** - 1 Clouded Yellow in usual spot on Saturday 1st at 4 o'clock - Darin Stanley

Had an all too brief sighting of a Clouded Yellow at the ford in **Waterend**, just outside Wheathampstead at 1 pm today. Also by the river were three Banded Demoiselles - Robin Pearson

1 Small White, at Park Farm and 1 Green-veined White, along Leeing Beech Gutter near 'Three-bridges', at Trent Park on **Sun 2nd September 2007**. News for today Sat 1st September 2007 - 3 Small White, (1 allotments, Vicarage Farm, 1 edge of Icehouse Wood, 1 along Leeing Beech Gutter near 'Three-bridges'); 4 Speckled Wood, (1 at Park Farm, 1 Water Garden , 2 edge of Icehouse Wood); 1 female Meadow Brown, edge of Icehouse Wood; 1 Small Heath, along Leeing Beech Gutter at Vicarage Farm. 2 female Meadow Brown, at Vicarage Farm **News for Fri 31st August 2007** - 1 Painted Lady, at Parkside Farm; 2 Speckled Wood, (1 near Dew Pond and 1 Williams Wood, Trent Park); 1 Green-veined White, near Dew Pond; 1 female Meadow Brown, at Vicarage Farm; 1 Small White, at Allotments, Vicarage Farm. Late news for yesterday (Thurs 30th August 2007) - 1 female Meadow Brown, at Vicarage Farm - Robert Callf

August 2007

Thursday 30th August

I saw 1 Clouded Yellow yesterday whilst playing golf at **Stevenage Golf Course**. It seemed to be just passing through on it's way West - Steve McLaren

News for today - 2 Speckled Wood, (1 at Parkside Farm, 1 edge of Rough Lot, Trent Park); 1 Green-veined White, along Leeing Beech Gutter near 'Three-bridges', Trent Park; 1 Small White, along Leeing Beech Gutter near 'Three-bridges' - Robert Callf

Wednesday 29th August

Just seen your note on Ealing's Camberwell Beauty over the weekend - reminded me that there was one reported on the LNHS members' egroup earlier in the month, also from a garden. This one was down in **Teddington, just our side of the Thames**. Can't remember if a photo was mentioned - Keir Mottram

News for today (Weds 29th August 2007) - 5 Speckled Wood, (1 along Leeing Beech Gutter at Vicarage Farm, 2 at Park Farm; 2 together, at 'Dew Pond', Trent Park); 3 Small Heath, (1 at Parkside Farm, 1 at 'Old Golf Course', Trent Park, 1 along Leeing Beech Gutter at Vicarage Farm); 1 Small White, set-aside field N of Williams Wood. Also, 1 Silver Y, set-aside N of Williams Wood. Forgot to mention that I saw a Comma at Ride Wood, Trent Park on Mon 27th August 2007 - Robert Callf

Tuesday 28th August

There was a **Camberwell Beauty** in our **Ealing** garden on Sunday morning **26 August** for about 6 or 7 minutes. It looked in perfect condition and was flying strongly. It fed on buddleia for a few minutes and then flew off westwards. There was a good breeze from the north east at the time. Unfortunately by the time we got the cameras out it had gone - Quentin & Honor Phillipps

Waterford Heath, after seeing the news on the website reporting up to possibly 2 clouded yellows on site, hoping they would stick, thought I would make an effort to get down there & complete my list of butterfly species for the year (unless I am lucky enough to see a Camberwell Beauty to add). Located 2 around the same area as I saw the grizzled skippers earlier in the year, on the South side. Now totaling 51 species. Took some shots with phone camera - Darin Stanley

Went to **Waterford Heath**, near Bengo, Hertford, yesterday 27th. No Clouded yellow today, but plenty of :- common blue, brown argus, Meadow brown, large white and a few Small heath - Steve Kiln

I have had several Red Admiral, a Peacock, 2 Holly Blues, lots of Small Whites and the odd Large White visit my **Stevenage**, garden over the weekend. In a walk around **Great Ashby Park** on Bank Holiday Monday in slightly overcast conditions, I saw 5 fresh Painted Lady's, 10+ Red Admirals, lots of Meadow Browns, Small and Large Whites and a single Common Blue - Steve Lane

News for (Sun 26th August 2007) - 1 Red Admiral, on buddleia, outside my flat in Southgate, N14 at 13.50 BST; 1 female Meadow Brown, at Vicarage Farm; 8 Small Heath, along Leeing Beech Gutter at Vicarage Farm; 1 Small Heath, at Park Farm; 2 Speckled Wood, along Jubilee Path at Park Farm; 5 Speckled Wood, around Ash, edge of Williams Wood, Trent Park. (Mon 27th

August 2007) - 2 Small Heath, along Leeing Beech Gutter at Vicarage Farm; 1 Small Heath, at Ride Wood, Trent Park; 1 Small White, near Lower Lake, Trent Park; 1 Speckled Wood, along Merryhill's Brook at Vicarage Farm. (Tues 28th August 2007) - 3 Speckled Wood, (1 along Leeing Beech Gutter at Vicarage Farm, 1 at Park Farm, 1 Icehouse Wood, at Trent Park); 1 Red Admiral, at Parkside Farm; 1 Small White, at Park Farm - Robert Callf

Horsenden Hill, was pretty quiet up there today now all the gatekeepers have gone. Also many fields have been mowed. :(Including the field where the Brown Argus's were seen and the one where the abberant Small Copper was seen. The grazing fields are still full of flowers. But so quiet out there despite good sunny weather. 4x Meadow Brown (All females), 3x Speckled Wood, 1x Holly Blue, 1x Small Copper. Plenty of Crambid type moths in Batts field but precious little else! The swarms of Meadow Browns are all gone. Atleast that field hasn't been mowed and plenty of flowers still. Then on **Greenford Road** by the office entrance I saw another Holly Blue. So 10 butterflies total - Mike Rubin

Monday 27th August

Be on alert for Camberwell Beauties - several reports now from Norfolk, [Cambridgeshire and Essex](#)

Chorleywood Common - Small Copper, Purple Hairstreak, Silver Y, Blood-vein, Antler Moth, Red Admiral, & the usual whites & browns. **The Warren, Colney Heath** - Small Heath - Malcolm Hull

Sunday 26th August

Visited **Aldbury Nowers** to check what we might have seen with better weather on last Sundays branch field trip. Species seen included Small Skipper, Large White, Small White, Brimstone (dozens), Small Tortoiseshell, Painted Lady, Red Admiral, Peacock, Small Copper, Common Blue, Brown Argus, Meadow Brown (dozens), Gatekeeper, Small Heath, Speckled Wood, Common Carpet & Golden Y. Numbers of most species, especially blues were low. Went on to Pitstone Hill - similar range of butterflies, no extra species - Malcolm Hull

I went to **Bencroft** this morning 26th only speckled wood, meadow brown and purple hairstreak. However I went to **Waterford Heath** this afternoon about 3.30 pm and in South Part, I saw a clouded yellow maybe two. I also saw 4 common blue and a few meadow browns and whites - Steve Kiln

Today I saw one Painted Lady along the **Stort near Harlow (Herts. side)**. A further five Painted Ladies were at **Amwell Gravel Pit**. Also quite a few Red Admirals, 1 late Comma, and 1 Peacock - Jan Hein van Steenis

Saturday 25th August

Ware garden, 3 Red Admiral, 2 Comma, 1 Painted Lady, 1 Peacock, Small White and a pristine Small Tortoiseshell in the garden this morning. Making the most of the sunshine and nectaring on buddleia. One Comma stayed on a buddleia flower head without a break for 2 hours. Over 50 Large Yellow Underwings in my light trap this morning and the kitten brought in a very large Elephant Hawkmoth larva which I rescued - Liz Goodyear

More news for yesterday (Fri 24th August 2007) - 2 Small White, along Leeing Beech Gutter at Vicarage Farm; 1 Green-veined White, at Parkside Farm. Today (Sat 25th August 2007) on leaving my flat in Southgate, N14 this morning there was a Painted Lady nectaring on the buddleia outside my neighbours house. Very quiet over the 'New Fields' in Trent Park later between 13.00 and 14.00 BST - 1 Painted Lady; 4 Speckled Wood; 1 Meadow Brown and 4 Small Heath. One unidentified White sp. - Robert Callf

Friday 24th August

This evening in my **Harpenden** garden, In my garden, 1 Red Admiral, 1 Painted Lady on buddleia 'davidii' and 1 Holly Blue, all emerging with the evening sunshine - Robin Pearson

News for today (Fri 24th August 2007) - 1 Green-veined White, edge of Moat Wood, Trent Park; 4 Speckled Wood, (2 along Leeing Beech Gutter at Vicarage Farm; 2 at Park Farm); 1 female Holly Blue, settled at Bramley Rd., N14 - Robert Callf

Thursday 23rd August

We had a Herts Flora Group visit to the Stort **north of Sawbridgeworth** on **Sunday**. There were

not many butterflies or moths about - just the odd Gatekeeper and Meadow Brown, but in the NR proper, we were joined by this unusually cooperative Clouded Yellow, which posed long enough to get nearly in focus for a change! We had expected, from the weather forecast, to be drowned out, but as it turned out, there were some quite sunny bits, and we didn't get wet at all, whilst the 'bugs' were keeping quite still, expecting rain - Steve Hawkins

Tuesday 21st August

A few sightings for yesterday (Mon 20th August 2007) - 3 Speckled Wood, (2 at Trent Park - 1 edge of Moat Wood and 1 by Lower Lake; 1 along Leeing Beech Gutter at Vicarage Farm); 1 female Meadow Brown, edge of Moat Wood at Trent Park; 2 female Gatekeeper, at Trent Park (1 at 'Old Golf Course', 1 set-aside field N of Williams Wood); 1 Red Admiral, on thistles along Leeing Beech Gutter at Vicarage Farm - Robert Callf

Monday 20th August

Ashley Cox, in his note to the website for Monday 13th August, reports seeing "2 newly emerged Common Blues" on Bunkers Park. The very fact that 2 CBs can be considered a noteworthy observation in mid-August, is a clear indication of the very severe effects that this summer's weather has had on the 2nd generation CB on Bunkers Park. The five weeks of Transect wks. 16-20 (mid-July - mid-Aug) normally include the peak flight period, and the majority of sightings, of 2nd gen. CBs. This year, 2007, I have recorded only a total of 11 CBs on transect visits during these five weeks. In 2006 sightings over the same period totalled 245 CBs - a fall of >95%: (av.of sightings for the 7 yrs. 2000-2006 = 217CBs). Michael Pearson

News for yesterday (Sun 19th August 2007) - 1 Small White, at Parkside Farm; 1 male Common Blue, at Parkside Farm; 1 Speckled Wood, at Parkside Farm; 1 female Gatekeeper, at 'Old Golf Course', Trent Park; 1 Green-veined White, by Lower Lake, Trent Park; 1 Small Heath, by Lower Lake, Trent Park - Robert Callf

Sunday 19th August

Aldbury Nowers field trip report, we saw 5 Meadow Browns, 4 Gatekeepers & a Painted Lady and it didn't rain! - Malcolm Hull

Thursday 16th August

Wheathampstead LNR, 2 Speckled Wood, 1 Holly Blue, 1 Painted Lady, 1 Peacock, 1 Red Admiral, 1 Common Blue, 10 Green Veined White, 1 Brown Argus, 2 or 3 tatty old Gatekeepers & Meadow Browns, grey & overcast. Found a Hornets' nest, how cool is that !! I was careful not to stir it up though - Ashley Cox

Ponders End - Met up with Tony Clancy and we spotted four well-grown holly blue larvae on my front garden alder buckthorn (also saw some holly blue egg-laying a couple of weeks ago. And at last a toadflax brocade larva on my purple toadflax which the bees also adore - Andrew Middleton (images attached)

A few observations for today (Thurs 16th August 2007) - 3 Small Heath, at Vicarage Farm; 4 Gatekeeper,(2 females, at Vicarage Farm; 1 at Park Farm; 1 at 'Old Golf Course', Trent Park); 2 Speckled Wood, (1 at Vicarage Farm; 1 at Park Farm); 1 female Meadow Brown, at Park Farm - Robert Callf

Wednesday 15th August

Horsenden Hill, 10+ Meadow Browns (m/f), 1 or 2 Gatekeepers (females) and a Small Copper noted. And 2-3 Speckled Woods. Also saw a 3-4cm long caterpillar crawling quickly across a grass path. Completely black with thick hair except for a brown stripe down the middle of its back. I wonder what species that is? I'm guessing it was final instar looking for a pupating site. I failed to get a pic of it as it kept moving in and out of tufts of grass. I dared not touch it as I had no idea if the hairs were irritants or not. - Mike Rubin

Friday 10th August 07 - **Hoddesdonpark Wood**, one **Purple Emperor** see gliding fairly high around oaks at 11.20am, large and faded, plus a worn **Silver-washed Fritillary**; both in the central open area by the crossway - news from Laurence Drummond

Monday 13th August

Bunkers Park, single Small Copper, 2 newly emerged Common Blues. Dull and overcast. Anyone

thinking of visiting **Bunkers park** around about now would do well to cross the lane into **Longdean nature reserve**, where in spring is a mass of yellow Buttercups is at the moment a sea of purple Knapweed, well worth a look ;-) - Ashley Cox

Walked from Lilley to **Hexton via Ravensburgh Castle** one way and Hoo Bit the other including 30 mins at Hexton Chalk Pit on **Sunday 12th**. Very little about , a few Painted ladies, Meadow Browns, Gatekeepers and Green-veined Whites and one Holly Blue. At the Chalkpit no more than 50 Chalkhill blues and 10 or so of gatekeeper and Meadow Brown. Very disappointing, especially as the weather was much better than forecast and there were nectar sources a plenty - Andrew Wood

News for yesterday (Sun 12th August 2007) - 1 Red Admiral, at Park Farm; 1 Comma, at Vicarage Farm; 1 Speckled Wood and 4 Small Heath, at Vicarage Farm - Robert Callf

Sunday 12th August

Saturday am - Bricket Wood - Female Silver-washed Fritillary, still in good condition. Brimstones, Peacocks, Small Copper Silver Y & Small Skipper all out, as well as the usual browns & whites. PM at **Wood Lane, Pirton** I added Painted Lady (4 all newly hatched), Brown Argus (4), Holly Blue & Vapourer Moth - Malcolm Hull

Brown Argus on set-aside near **Letchmore Heath** - Colin Everett

Just to let you know that I saw a **female Purple Emperor** in **Broxbourne Woods yesterday** lunchtime. It was fairly worn, but got a good look at it both in flight and when it landed in a tree. Not much else about - a single Holly Blue, some Gatekeepers, Meadow Browns, Speckled Woods and a few Whites - Ian Small

Saturday 11th August

Just a few items of interest - 1 Small Heath, at Vicarage Farm on Tues 7th August and Thurs 9th August. Also today (Sat 11th August 2007) saw a Painted Lady on buddleia outside my flat in Southgate - the first Painted Lady I have seen since 15th July 2007. Seen very few butterflies on this buddleia this year - Robert Callf

Friday 10th August

Went out with Andy Culshaw on 9th around 1130 and found three brown argus including a mating pair. They were in Upper Thrifts on **Horsenden Hill** the next field over from Batt' field where Mike Rubin got his photos. We managed a couple of good shots of the singleton - Martin Smithand after a couple of failures, I finally caught up with the Brown Argus reported by Mike Rubin on Horsenden Hill. In fact I had no success in the meadow where Mike reported his individual, instead finding 3, including a pair in cop, in a nearby meadow. They are pretty aggressive towards the small coppers that are pretty common in the same area. Presumably they must be using storksills or cranesbills as foodplant on this site, as there is no rock-rose. Noticed that they are only really active in direct sunshine, preferring to sit when the cloud cover rolled in. At least this was useful for photographing them! - Andy Culshaw

Wednesday 8th August

Marshalls Heath (7th August) - 3 ESSEX SKIPPER amongst long grasses - Darin Stanley

Horsenden Hill, pretty quiet overall at lunchtime. Still quite a few meadow browns. But Gatekeepers are much fewer in number now and almost all female. Just one tatty male seen. 5 species seen overall, including that Brown Argus in Batts field again (managed a photo of the spots on the underside of the wings so positively ID'd it). Unidentified White - Just the 1. Meadow Brown - 20-30? Gatekeeper - Less than 10, all but 1 female. Small Copper - 5-6. BROWN ARGUS - 1. I thought I saw a Hairstreak (gotta be Purple) flying overhead but couldn't confirm.
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- Mike Rubin

Tuesday 7th August

News for (**Sun 5th August 2007**) - 2 Speckled Wood, near Oakwood entrance, Trent Park; 2 Small Copper, at 'New Fields', Trent Park. News for yesterday (**Mon 6th August 2007**) - 2 Speckled Wood, along bridle-path near Equestrian Centre, Trent Park; 6 Purple Hairstreak, around Ash, edge of Williams Wood, Trent Park; 1 female Common Blue, at 'Old Golf Course', Trent Park; 1 Small Copper, along Leeing Beech Gutter at Vicarage Farm - Robert Callf

Monday 6th August

Horsenden Hill, 8 species spotted today, plus an unidentified white. It seemed rather quiet out there. And too many *&#@** horseflies in the grazing field and in Batts field once again. Meadow Brown - Plenty of tatty ones. Especially the males. Gatekeeper - Mostly females now and decreasing in number. Small Copper - 3 or 4, Speckled Wood - 2 or 3, Green Veined White - 1 positive ID. Another unid'd, white seen on the wing. Common Blue - 1 Male seen in Batts field. Holly Blue - 1, Painted Lady - 1 very fresh but fairly small individual in the northern most meadow West of the road - Mike Rubin

Sunday 5th August

Saw a male **Orange Tip** at **Watford Football Club** this afternoon (**4th August**) in the warm sunshine. - Clive Burrows

Had an excellent afternoon walk in and around **Ladywalk Wood , Maple Cross** on **Wednesday (1st August)**. This is the area where I saw over a dozen white letter hairstreaks last year. I was lucky this time too! Just one butterfly but it was low down basking on bramble so I had a good look! Also saw large white, green-veined white, a small copper, one holly blue and one common blue, a single peacock, several speckled woods and lots of gatekeepers and meadow browns. Then this evening looking out at the oak near my house I spotted two purple hairstreaks spiralling and landing high in the trees. This is my first sighting of these butterflies in my area despite having been searching for some time! Perhaps it will be a good summer after all despite the poor spring - Ann Piper

On **July 28**, I had a single White Admiral in **Ball's Wood** near Hertford Heath, 2 Purple Hairstreaks at the crossing of **Lord Street/Elbow Lane and 1 on Hertford Heath** (south) - Jan Hein van Steenis

Aldbury Nowers: 1 August: Paul Thrush saw both Dark Green (northern Area) and Silver-washed (southern area) Fritillary's today on Aldbury along with another DG on Pitstone Hill. There was also a possible Chalkhill Blue at Aldbury but not seen well. Yesterday he saw a SWF at Wendover Woods and a DGF at Ivinghoe Beacon - Andrew Palmer

Horsenden Hill (1st August)Holly Blue - 3 including one brave one crossing Greenford Road. Purple Hairstreak - 1 on the ground looked as if it was laying eggs on grass stems. Small Copper - Maybe 10 approx 1 unidentified nymph over Greenford Road. Unidentified whites - plenty. Gatekeeper - Loads. Meadow Brown - Loads - Mike Rubin

Grove Farm 31st July 2007: 2 x Small Tortoiseshell. Got close to one on thistle with camera. It decided to then check out the camera (almost landing on it) before moving off, 6 x Gatekeeper, 4 x Meadow Brown, 3 x Speckled Wood 3x Unid'd whites. 2 were suspected GVW, 1 x Red Admiral, 1 x Purple Hairstreak flying around the ground and brambles! (Oak not too far away). 1 x Holly Blue. Where did all the Peacocks go? - Mike Rubin

Horsenden Hill, 30th July now I'm back I had a good look around the New Ballot Box field at lunchtime, before heading to Batts field then back home. 8 species spotted overall: 7-8 Small Coppers (all regular, failed to find the aberant, 1 x Purple Hairstreak - Low on a large oak tree. Got close watching it scour an acorn with its proboscis, 2 x Green Veined White (and another unid's white). Many faded and tatty Meadow Browns. Many faded and tatty Gatekeepers. 3-4 Speckled Woods, **1 x Brown Argus (Batts Field)**, 1 x Holly Blue - Mike Rubin

Butterfly news for **Tues 31st July 2007** - 8 Speckled Wood, at Trent Park (6 near Equestrian Centre along bridle-path, 1 near Shaws Wood, 1 Williams Wood); 1 Comma, near Equestrian Centre; 13+ Purple Hairstreak, at Trent Park (3 near Equestrian Centre, 10+ around Ash, edge of Williams Wood); 3 Peacock, near Lower Lake, Trent Park; 1 male Large Skipper, along bridle-path near Shaws Wood; 1 Brown Argus, set-aside field N of Williams Wood; 1 female Large White, along Leeing Beech Gutter at Vicarage Farm; 1 Green-veined White, along Leeing Beech Gutter

at Vicarage Farm - Robert Callf

News for **Mon 30th July 2007** - 4 Speckled Wood,(3 'New Fields', Trent Park, 1 along Leeging Beech Gutter at Vicarage Farm ; 5 Small Copper, (4 at 'New Fields', Trent Park between 13.17 - 13.58 hrs., 1 at Vicarage Farm, along Leeging Beech Gutter near Stables); 2 Comma, at 'New Fields'; 2 Holly Blue, (1 along tube-line near Cockfoster's entrance, 1 near Animal Centre); 4 Green-veined White, at Trent Park (3 at 'New Fields', 1 along Leeging Beech Gutter near 'Three-bridges'); 6 Peacock, (1 on buddleia, in Section 5 of my transect, 3 together, around buddleia, by Lower Lake, Trent Park; 2 at Vicarage Farm); 1 Red Admiral, on buddleia, by Lower Lake; 1 Essex Skipper, along Leeging Beech Gutter at Vicarage Farm - Robert Callf

24 people attended my butterfly walk at **Trent Park** on **Sat 28th July 2007**, here are some of the species we saw - 3 Speckled Wood; 1 Large White; 5 Small Copper; 1 Red Admiral; 2 Peacock, together, on buddleia in Sect 5 of my transect; 5+ Purple Hairstreak, on the edge of Church Wood - some of which were settled low down for close views; Holly Blue; 3+ Comma; 2 Essex Skipper; Small Skipper; 1 Small Heath; Meadow Brown and Gatekeeper - Robert Callf

July 2007 On **Sun 29th July 2007**, recorded the following - 1 Red Admiral, at Dalrymple Close, N14; 1 Green-veined White, at Oakwood Park; 1 Speckled Wood, at Oakwood Park, nectaring on blackberry; 1 Essex Skipper and 2 Small Skipper at Oakwood Park. At Grovelands Park, Southgate I recorded the following - 5 Small Skipper; 2 Essex Skipper, mating; 1 Purple Hairstreak; 1 Green-veined White; 3 Peacock, together, on buddleia, near Priory - Robert Callf.

I went to **Symondshyde Wood** on **Friday 27th July** to look for the SWF but found a White Admiral instead - Trevor Chapman

Sunday 29th July

Rousebarn Lane, which runs along one edge of **Whippendell Woods** in Watford: Sat 27 July: There is a small car-park half way along and this has a solitary buddleia, which must be the only one around for hundreds of yards and, given where it is in the woods, is well worth checking out if you are going observing butterflies. Last year it had a Silver-Washed Fritillary on it. This time it, at about 11.30, it was supporting 9 peacocks, several meadow browns and 2 white admirals. Two hours later the white admirals had gone, but there were now about 19 peacocks, several meadow browns and a red admiral and 2 commas. A Gatekeeper there did not appear to be nectaring but had set up its territory amongst the leaves, which would be a bit like trying to set up home in Waterloo station. Also a hornet worker appeared to be trying to hunt the butterflies, but I only saw it tackling peacocks, which just jumped away and flew off. I wonder if the meadow browns would have been so successful. Green-veined white, 1 speckled wood, gatekeepers, another red admiral and quite a few holly blues were seen along Rousebarn Lane. This classic country lane has elm trees and suckers along much of its length, but I failed to see any sign of white-letter hairstreaks as I walked along. I stayed in one place, at the corner of the Lane and the golf-club drive, catching tantalizing glimpses of possible WLHs for three quarters of an hour, the sun going in and out and quite a breeze all decreasing my chances, or so I thought. The matter was confused by what might have been WLHs flying up and challenging passing holly blues, but none of the sightings was conclusive. At that point, just as I was about to give up, I got a definite i.d. of a WLH, perched on a leaf about 20 feet away (viewed clearly through binoculars), in exactly the same location that I saw my very first, about 45 years ago - Andrew King

Saturday 28th July

Marshalls Heath, 1 ESSEX SKIPPER in long grasses - Darin Stanley

What an awful month some far! **Stevenage**, over the last week, with the slight improvement in the weather and the new patio finished, I have noticed a few more species coming into my garden. Holly Blue, Small Tortoiseshell, Peacock, Red Admiral, Comma, Speckled Wood, Ringlet, Meadow Brown, Small, Large and Essex Skippers, Small and Large White and a Hummingbird Hawkmoth - Steve Lane

News for Tues 24th July 2007 - 2 Red Admiral,(1 on buddleia, outside my flat in Southgate, 1 on buddleia, at 'New Fields', Trent Park); 10 Peacock, at Trent Park, 'New Fields' - including 5 together on buddleia in Sect 5 of my transect; 5 Speckled Wood, (4 at Trent Park, 1 at Vicarage Farm); 2 Comma, at 'New Fields', Trent Park; 7 Small Copper, at 'New Fields', Trent Park between 14.15 - 15.05 BST; 1 Green-veined White, at 'New Fields'; 1 Purple Hairstreak, settled on bramble

at 'New Fields'; 1 Small White, along Leeing Beech Gutter near 'Three-bridges', Trent Park; 1 Large White, in Williams Wood, Trent Park; 2 Essex Skipper, settled on thistle head, along Leeing Beech Gutter at Vicarage Farm. Also saw 2 male Oak Eggar today at 'New Fields', Trent Park. I saw a single male Common Blue at the 'New Fields' - Robert Callf

Monday 23rd July

News for today (Mon 23rd July 2007) - 5 Speckled Wood, (4 along bridle-path between Equestrian Centre and Shaws Wood, Trent Park, 1 at Vicarage Farm); 3 Ringlet, (1 set-aside field near Dew Pond, Trent Park, 2 at Vicarage Farm); 2 Green-veined White, Uni-lawns, Trent Park; 1 Essex Skipper, at 'Old Golf Course', Trent Park; 1 Small White, at 'Old Golf Course'. Also 'lots' of Gatekeeper today - Robert Callf

Broxbourne Woods 22nd July Sunday mid-day. Saw my first female PE basking in sunshine on a beech tree just beyond the dip along the central path. This individual had a couple of bird pecks from the right hind wing. After it flew through the canopy for a while it landed again on a beech tree, and I managed to take further pictures. When I got home I notice that this individual was not damaged, so must have been a second female. **Bedfordshire:** 21st July Saturday, There must have been over 10 Dark Green Fritillaries flying at mid-day on Saturday. A few Chalkhill Blues also, so a good trip out. **Wheathampstead LNR** 15th July Butterfly count for 90 mins up to 6 o'clock. Small Skipper 32, Meadow Brown 13, Ringlet 20, Small White 10, Gatekeeper 20, Large White 3, Comma 2, Large Skipper 1, Marbled White 23, Small Copper 1 - Trevor Chapman

News for yesterday (Sun 22nd July 2007) - 3 Small Tortoiseshell, (2 together, at Vicarage Farm, 1 on thistles at Park Farm); 1 female Essex Skipper, at 'Barracks', Vicarage Farm; 9 Peacock, (1 at Vicarage Farm, 1 at Park Farm, 7 at Trent Park); 2 Green-veined White, (1 along Leeing Beech Gutter at Vicarage Farm, 1 along Leeing Beech Gutter near Water Grdn); 4 Red Admiral, (2 at Vicarage Farm, 1 at Parkside Farm, 1 edge of Moat Wood, Trent Park); 1 Comma, along Leeing Beech Gutter at Vicarage Farm; 4 Purple Hairstreak, (1 at Parkside Farm, 1 at Park Farm, settled on bramble, 2 by Lower Lake, Trent Park); 4 Speckled Wood, (3 at Park Farm, 1 by Lower Lake, Trent Park); 1 male Common Blue, 'Old Golf Course', Trent Park - first of the summer-brood; 1 male Brown Argus, set-aside field N of Williams Wood, Trent Park - very fresh 'straight out of the box'; 1 Holly Blue, at Chelmsford Rd., N14 - Robert Callf

Diane Andrews rang to say that her husband Richard had seen a **Silver-washed Fritillary** in the middle of the **Broxbourne Woods complex** on the **14th July** and that she had had a Hummingbird Hawkmoth recently in their north London garden

Sunday 22nd July

Wheathampstead "Long Meadows" not sure if this is set-aside land but it has remained uncultivated for a good while, you can't miss it, it's adjacent to the Lea Valley Walk and a veritable riot of colour, a sea of Ragwort, Thistles, Musk Mallow, you name it; Quite breathtaking. Peacocks, Small Tortoiseshell, Red Admiral & Comma in abundance as are Small & Green Veined Whites. One or two Small Skippers & Small Coppers some fresh some tatty. But far more unusual for this area were very very good numbers of both Brown Argus & Marbled Whites in fact they far outnumbered everything else (apart from the Grasshoppers that is). Now my kids have all grown up and i've got my Sundays back I'm returning to my old haunts, I grew up in these meadows fishing & chasing Butterflies and these two species were just wishful thinking to me then, mind you, so were Speckled Woods and there were plenty of them around today aswell. The expansion of these three species kind of offsets the loss of the Wall Brown I guess, which I really miss - Ashley Cox

I've been up **Tring Park** a number of times recently in the hope of a glimpse of a PE - all to no avail, however... This morning, saw a **silver washed fritillary** giving a comma a very hard time next to the buddleia bushes at the far (western) end of the ridge, obviously few of his own kind available! - Colin Sturges

Saturday 21st July

One male **Silver-washed Fritillary** showing extremely well sunning itself at 8.55am on bushes in my front garden on the West Side of **Welwyn Garden City** - Anthony Dorman

I brief sighting of **Purple Emperor** at **Tring** and 2 at **Northaw** today - Andrew Middleton

Symondshyde, 1m Silver washed Fritillary (photos), 2 White Letter Hairstreak (1 real close & low

(photo's)), 4+ white Admiral, 1 Green Veined White, numerous Gatekeeper, Ringlet, meadow Brown, large white, comma, Red Admiral & Peacock.....& all in one small area - Darin Stanley

News for today (Sat 21th July 2007) - 2 Speckled Wood, (1 near Shaws Wood, 1 Williams Wood); 2 Holly Blue, (1 male on bridle-path at Shaws Wood, 1 Williams Wood); 1 Purple Hairstreak, around Sweet Chestnut, Williams Wood; 18 Peacock, at Trent Park between 12.40 - 13.40 BST, (1 near Dew Pond, 1 Icehouse Wood, 1 Water Grdn, 3 together, near buddleia around Lower Lake; 12 nectaring on thistles 'Old Golf Course'); 1 Comma, Icehouse Wood; 2 Red Admiral, (1 near buddleia by Lower Lake, 1 'Old Golf Course')- Robert Callf. P.S. The best count of Peacock in the Park for many years!

Barnhill, weather much better than forecast so fancied some fresh air. Yesterday's biblical downpour doesn't seem to have affected the butterflies. Huge numbers of meadow browns, gatekeepers and small (essex) skippers. Good numbers of Speckled Woods too, plus a few Peacocks and Holly Blues. One Red Admiral. Also saw a few Common Darter dragonflies and Common Blue Damsels. As Barnhill has a lot of oak trees I thought I'd look out for Purple Hairstreak as I haven't seen that one here before. The whole walk went in vain there until the last moment, when near the Jubilee Line I thought I saw soem flying high up on an Ash Tree. Then as I headed home I got very close to one with the camera on a young oak near the bridge over the Jubilee Line. Result! First time I've seen any Hairstreak within a mile of home. Also the Ragwort bush had scores of Cinnabar caterpillars on it. I've never seen so many in one place before! Also one huge hairy caterpillar than landed on my neck from who knows where. Unfortunately I flicked it off thinking it was another horsefly (still a few around). First I realised was red goo all over my fingers and an oblong hairy 'twig' falling away to the ground. If I'm up for it I'm tempted to go back up Barnhill later as the first Blackberries are ripe. And with all that rain they are big and juicy! Looking like a good year for them - Mike Rubin

Ware garden - my first garden Small Tortoiseshell seen this year but not pristine but really tatty and faded. Just 2 Peacocks on my buddleia! - Liz Goodyear

Thursday 19th July

News for today (Thurs 19th July 2007) - 1 Ringlet, set-aside field near Oakwood entrance; 1 Holly Blue, near Cockfoster's entrance; 8 Peacock, (4 at Trent Park - 3 'New Fields', 1 by Lower Lake, 4 at Vicarage Farm); 3 Small Copper, at 'New Fields', Trent Park; 3 Comma, (2 at Trent Park; 1 along Leeging Beech Gutter at Vicarage Farm); 1 Large White, at 'New Fields'; 1 Red Admiral, at 'New Fields', Trent Park; 2 Speckled Wood, (1 near Nature Trail, 1 set-aside field N of Williams Wood); 2 Green-veined White, (1 Williams Wood, 1 at Vicarage Farm); 1 Small White, at Vicarage Farm; 1 female Essex Skipper, along Leeging Beech Gutter at Vicarage Farm - Robert Callf

1 Holly Blue outside our **Stevenage** flat today - Ian Hardy

I went up to **Tring Park** this morning (10.30) and although it was fairly sunny when I arrived it soon clouded over. The usual numerous Marbled Whites. Meadow Brown, Gatekeepers and Skippers around but no sign of the Purple Emperor in the cloudy conditions. However I did see a very worn **Dark Green Fritillary** flying continuously up and down the bottom of the steep escarpment leading up to wood. It settled occasionally so that I could identify it and made me feel that my trip had been worthwhile. I feel generally though that it has been rather a frustrating summer for butterfly spotting so far and we can only hope for an improvement in the weather conditions in the second half of the summer - Phil Woodward

Wednesday 18th July

Hexton Chalkpit was alive with **CHALKHILL BLUE's** at 6.45PM this PM. About 80+ around site. Also 1 Marbled White. Numerous gatekeeper & 2 Large Skipper - Darin Stanley

On a wonderful warm evening **2 Dark Green Fritillary** in the southern section of **Aldbury Nowers** (1 at 17.20 egg-laying behaviour but no eggs found: another rather tatty individual at 18.40 nectaring on thistles). Probable Silver-washed at 14.00 but quickly lost to view. Also an asymmetrically aberrant Small Copper (left-hindwing white as in ab. cuprinus). The field next to the reserve and southern paddocks holding large numbers of butterflies (100+ Marbled White plus many skippers and other common species). Overall pretty glorious - Andrew Palmer

1 female **Purple Emperor** in sallows on ride near car park **Broxbourne** at midday before rain -

Tony Clancy

Still not seen a PE at Brox. Went to **Newton Wood, Stevenage** today. Marbled White and Comma but no White Admiral. Bit late perhaps? Nigel Agar

Went to **Great Ashby Park** today for 40 mins at 3.30pm. And saw 4 Comma, 3 Marbled White, 40+ Ringlet, 12 Meadow Brown, 20+ Small Skipper, 2 Peacock and 2 Holly Blue - Ian Hardy

Tuesday 17th July

Batford Irrigation Pond, Batford, after looking & finding these on Sunday over in Essex, managed to locate 1 ESSEX SKIPPER amongst about 16 small skippers nearby the pond. To add to the amazing deluge of excitement saw 2+ purple hairstreaks back in their usual Oak. Then as if it couldn't get any better saw a large type Butterfly shooting by whilst watching the Skippers. Tracked it down & ID'd as a male OAK EGGER moth. On close inspection, as it was going scatty, found it to be flirting with a female - Darin Stanley

Whippendell Woods today - only species of note was a couple of White Admirals in very breezy and occasionally wet conditions - Liz Goodyear & Andrew Middleton

I saw 1 Gatekeeper today outside Andes Travel in **Stevenage** Town Centre - Ian Hardy

Just a few butterflies seen today (Tues 17th July 2007) - 2 Speckled Wood, near Equestrian Centre, Trent Park; 2 Ringlet, set-aside field near Shaws Wood; 1 Peacock, at Vicarage Farm; 1 Red Admiral, at Town Park, 2 Comma, at Vicarage Farm (1 in Sidhil's Field and 1 by Allotments) - Robert Callf.

Aldbury Nowers, Monday afternoon (16th). Lots of marbled whites, ringlets, meadow browns, small skippers, plus one small tortoiseshell, one brimstone, one large skipper, two large whites, one small copper, one dark green fritillary - Dave Mackenzie

Monday 16th July

Marbled White again **Totteridge Valley** Sunday pm - Tony Clancy

On Saturday 14th July I saw **4 Purple Emperor** in **Park Wood, Ruislip**. I arrived in the wood at 11.30, it was warm with more cloud than sunshine but as the day went on the sunshine became more prolonged. I searched the Pylon ride and Grub Ground without any luck so headed towards the high point of the wood near St Vincents Nursing home. At 15.05 I saw 2 males clashing and regularly settling in the canopy mainly on Hornbeam. They were joined by a 3rd individual which I couldn't confirm the sex of although it only appeared once and didn't get involved in any dogfights. This is the same sight I saw 2 males clashing a 2-3 years ago very close to the Nursing home and the entrance to the wood from Fore Street. These 2 males were on display whenever the sun shone and I watched them for an 1 1/4 hrs. I walked back down the path, past house 33 where you had a sighting last year towards the point where the path takes a sharp left turn. Here I saw another male, initially at head height but then it disappeared into the canopy not to be seen again. At 17.40 I returned to the St Vincents end of the wood and 2 males were still clashing in the same place as earlier. Unfortunately I was going out in the evening so couldn't hang around. Other species seen on Saturday in Park Wood: 2 White Admiral, 3 Red Admiral, 5 Peacock, 1 Small T/S, 3 Comma, 4 L. White, 2 S. White, 1 L. Skipper, 4 Speckled Wood, 2 Holly Blue, 2 Ringlet, 1 Marbled White and numerous S/E Skipper, Gatekeeper and Meadow Brown I revisited the site on Sunday morning 10 - 11.30 but saw no PE. It was warm but overcast - Steve Pash

Horsenden Hill, spotted my first summer Peacock today. Very fresh. Lots of the usual Meadow Browns, Skippers, Gatekeepers (caught 2 mating - looked like the female does all the flying while the male dangles below if I observed correctly) and assorted whites. For me the butterfly of the day was Purple Hairstreak. Saw plenty of them up in the oaks. And found one area where it was relatively easy to observe them low down, and I even got a shot of one basking. I'll have to go back and try for more shots. The only closed wing shot that might have been good it went and hid behind a leaf. You can see its tail sticking out from behind...

<http://piccies.flybywire.org.uk/ButterfliesMoths/index.html> Direct links to Purple Hairstreak pics:

<http://piccies.flybywire.org.uk/ButterfliesMoths/2007/20070716/PurpleHairstreak1.jpg>

<http://piccies.flybywire.org.uk/ButterfliesMoths/2007/20070716/PurpleHairstreak2.jpg> - Mike

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News for today (**Mon 16th July 2007**) - 5 Red Admiral, (2 near Oakwood entrance, 1 'New Fields', 2 at Vicarage Farm - 1 Hog Hill and 1 'Barracks'); 5 Comma, (1 at Oakwood entrance, 1 by Lower Lake, 3 along Leeing Beech Gutter at Vicarage Farm); 2 Peacock, (1 set-aside field near Oakwood entrance, 1 along Leeing Beech Gutter at Vicarage Farm); 1 Ringlet, set-aside field near Oakwood entrance; 2 Green-veined White, (1 set-aside field N of Williams Wood, 1 'Barracks'); 1 male Large Skipper, set-aside field N of Williams Wood; 1 Large White, Hog Hill, Vicarage Farm; 1 Speckled Wood at Town Park. **Robin J. White** reports a **female Dark-green Fritillary** in set-aside field N of Williams Wood, **Trent Park** on **Friday 13th July 2007**. News for yesterday (**Sun 15th July 2007**) - 3 Large White, (1 female at Vicarage Farm, 2 at Brooke Wood, off the Ridgeway); 2 Speckled Wood, (1 at Vicarage Farm, 1 at Park Farm); 3 Peacock, (2 at Vicarage Farm, 1 on thistles, at Park Farm); 1 Painted Lady, on thistles at Vicarage Farm; 2 Small Tortoiseshell, (1 on thistles at Hog Hill, Vicarage Farm, 1 on thistles at Park Farm); 1 Small Heath, along Leeing Beech Gutter at Vicarage Farm; 1 Comma, along Leeing Beech Gutter at Vicarage Farm; 1 Holly Blue, along Leeing Beech Gutter at Vicarage Farm; 3 Essex Skipper, along Leeing Beech Gutter at Vicarage Farm - including at least one male (my first of the year); 1 Red Admiral, at Vicarage Farm near Stables; 1 Green-veined White, settled at Parkside Farm - Robert Callf.

Sunday 15th July

King's Langley: I know this sounds incredible but I visited my mother yesterday and she told me she had seen a big mauve blue butterfly with white spots about ten days ago [around 3rd July]. I said to her was it a Common Blue but she said no it was bigger than that and added it was larger than a Red Admiral. We went into the bedroom and looked on the butterfly chart and she pointed out Purple Emperor! I asked mum "are you sure because I would not expect to see a PE in "our road"; but she said "yes I know what I saw and I got a very good look at it on the lavender by the back door before it shot off – and it didn't even go up the garden on to the buddleia". Mum is convinced she saw a PE; she even commented that she knew she had never seen a butterfly quite like this one before so knew it was different. I'm amazed, the nearest Purple Emperor colony is a good few miles away, but I always suspected they are around in the Watford area having found a PE caterpillar (with horns) as a child in the 60s. news via Dave Chandler (*this sighting is only a short distance from a report we received late in 2006 of a male in a garden at Hunton Bridge. There is one common factor, that the willow rich Grand Union Canal is near to both sightings but we could not at present say where they are dispersing to although Whippendell Wood is fairly close and may have an assembly area despite little adjacent habitat*)

Wormley Woods, Derry's Wood area, Laurence Drummond spent from 10am to 2.30pm in Wormley Woods and saw a male **Purple Emperor** cross a gap a little distance from the assembly area at 12.51; also 8 white admirals news via Andrew Middleton br />

Broxbourne Wood Field Trip: a very quiet day despite some reasonable sunshine and warmth. A female Purple Emperor flew around sallow at about 11.30 and then another was seen to suddenly appear in a different sallow, only to fly off. We think she had been there all the time. An occasional White Admiral but Red Admirals, Comma, Meadow Brown, Gatekeeper, Ringlet, Speckled Wood and skippers present - Liz Goodyear and Andrew Middleton

Saturday 14th July

Knebworth: On Friday 13th July at around 2:45 pm, I saw a White Admiral amongst the brambles close to the meadow bordering Newton Wood at the south end. Plenty of Marbled Whites but no Purple Hairstreaks or Purple Emperors! Peter Clarke

News for today (Sat 14th July 2007) - 3 Speckled Wood, (1 along Merryhill's Brook near Equestrian Centre, 2 Shaws Wood); 6 Red Admiral, (1 along bridle-path near Shaws Wood, 2 together, on buddleia near Lower Lake, 1 at 'Three-bridges', 2 at Vicarage Farm - 1 along gravel track and 1 on buddleia at 'Barracks'); 2 Ringlet, (1 near Shaws Wood, 1 at Vicarage Farm, around 'Barracks'); 3 Comma, (2 together, Shaws Wood, 1 along Leeing Beech Gutter at Vicarage Farm); 3 Green-veined White, (1 near Dew Pond, 2 along Leeing Beech Gutter near 'Three-bridges'); 1 male Brimstone, near Dew Pond, Trent Park; 1 Large White, set-aside field N of Williams Wood; 2 Peacock, (1 set-aside field N of Williams Wood, 1 along Leeing Beech Gutter at Vicarage Farm); 2 Small Tortoiseshell, together, along Leeing Beech Gutter at Vicarage Farm - Robert Callf

Continuing our quest to find Purple Emperor in north Enfield, watched the edge of **Whitewebbs Wood** this afternoon for about three hours. Nothing.....but numerous white-letter hairstreak flicking around the roadside ash and elm. Also Purple Hairstreak, whites, Comma, Red Admiral,

Holly Blue and lot of Meadow Brown under the woodland canopy - Liz Goodyear & Andrew Middleton

On 13th July 07 I saw a male over **Claypits Wood** at 2.20pm, and Tony Clancy saw a female over the ride in **Broxbourne Wood NR** at around 2.50pm. We didn't see any in Northaw, but Mr Drummond called to report a female seen in **Wormley** (Derrys Wood area) around 1.30pm. - Andrew Middleton

Friday 13th July

I was up at **Aldbury Nowers** this morning and saw the **Dark Green Fritillary** again and managed to get some pics - Paul Thrush (news via Andrew Palmer)

News for today (Fri 13th July 2007) - 8 Ringlet, at 'New Fields', Trent Park; 3 Large White, at Trent Park; 3 Small Heath, at 'New Fields'; 2 Speckled Wood, (1 along tube-line near Cockfoster's entrance, 1 at Nature Trail); 4 Comma, (2 at 'New Fields', 1 by Lower Lake, 1 along Leeing Beech Gutter at Vicarage Farm); 2 Holly Blue, along tube-line near Cockfoster's entrance; 1 Small Copper, at 'New Fields'; 3 Red Admiral, at Trent Park; 1 Peacock, 'fresh', along Leeing Beech Gutter at Vicarage Farm. More news for yesterday (Thurs 12th July 2007) - 3 Speckled Wood in Enfield Town (1 in Town Park, 2 in St. Andrew's Churchyard) - Robert Callf

Thursday 12th July

With HBRC staff, Liz and I visited **Broxbourne Wood NR** in the morning and eventually saw a **female purple emperor** sap run-feeding on the 'feeding tree' oak near the car-park 50 m down the main ride, at around 12.40. The female then perched on some ride willows before flying off down the willow break. We also saw 2 or 3 white admirals here. At Northaw the weather was not amenable to any sightings. We then went to the **south side of Wormley Wood** and saw two males clash-off from a hornbeam by the entrance clearing (somewhere we had looked at in previous years without any luck), then occasional sightings of at least one male at the territory found & described last year (near the willow thickets but inside the taller stands of trees). On exiting the wood, a tatty male circled the clearing area a few times before settling on an ash tree. So probably a minimum of **four Pemps** seen in Wormley and a total of five for the day. At Wormley we also saw at least one white admiral - Andrew Middleton

Symondshyde woods nr Sandridge at 1745: **1m SILVER WASHED FRITILLARY** chasing commas & everything else in sight, 1 white Admiral, several commas, numerous Ringlet - Darin Stanley

Great Ashby Park, I saw 30 + Meadow Browns, 2 Marbled White, 1 White Letter Hairstreak, 10 + Ringlet and 1 Red Admiral this after at 5pm - Ian Hardy

News for today (Thurs 12th July 2007) - 4 Green-veined White, (1 set-aside field near Shaws Wood, 2 together, set-aside field N of Williams Wood, 1 along Leeing Beech Gutter at Vicarage Farm); 3 Ringlet, (1 set-aside field near Shaws Wood, 1 by Lower Lake, 1 along Leeing Beech Gutter near Water Grdn); 1 Small Tortoiseshell, on ragwort at Parkside Farm; 1 Comma, along Leeing Beech Gutter at Vicarage Farm; 1 female Gatekeeper, at Parkside Farm; 2 Red Admiral, along Leeing Beech Gutter at Vicarage Farm; 1 Large White, along Leeing Beech Gutter at Vicarage Farm; 1 Holly Blue, at Enfield Rd., near Jolly Farmer's P.H - Robert Callf

Wednesday 11th July

I went to **Mudchute LNR today** [July 11th] during my lunch-hour to take my second BC field trip of the year at the site. One Surrey & SW London member joined me on my walk. The weather was dull but warm, the sun came fleetingly and the butterflies began to appear. We walked around the perimeter of the site and saw two Essex Skippers, we also found twelve Speckled Woods, thirty Meadow Browns, eight Gatekeepers, six Green-Veined Whites, seven Small Whites, a Peacock and a Red Admiral . We thought seeing a total of eight species on the day, considering the adverse conditions, was very good - David Chandler

Tuesday 10th July

Fir & Pond Wood, saw one **purple emperor** briefly at the territory at the top edge of the wood around 1.30pm, but no clashing, and weather a bit dull - Andrew Middleton

News for today - 4 Speckled Wood, (3 near Equestrian Centre, 1 at Park Farm - very fresh, newly

emerged); 6 Ringlet, (4 set-aside field near Shaws Wood; 2 at Park Farm); 2 Red Admiral, (1 along Leeging Beech Gutter near Water Grdn.; 1 at Vicarage Farm); 2 Green-veined White, (1 at Vicarage Farm; 1 at Park Farm); 1 Comma, at Vicarage Farm along Leeging Beech Gutter near Stables; 1 Small Tortoiseshell, at Vicarage Farm along Leeging Beech Gutter near Stables - Robert Callf

Monday 9th July

I have attached pictures of the male Purple Emperor, Purple Hairstreak and White Admiral I was lucky enough to photograph. On another note, I managed to see 5 or 6 White Letter Hairstreaks flying around one of the elms at **Spellbrook** (TL4816) at 4.35pm today. The elm in particular was one of the more prominent elms in the hedgerow opposite the American style carwash, and directly opposite a garden with two very large fir trees in it (and usually a couple of fluorescent red DynoRod vans!). I spent about 45minutes in the field behind the hedgerow, which was facing the sun, but quite windblown, without seeing anything. Only as I was leaving and walking along the opposite side of the very busy road did I spot a couple of WLH soaring up from the top of the elm. I stopped of course, and counted 5 or 6 flying in their distinctive erratic way around the top of this particular elm on the shady, but sheltered side. I am spurred on to check out the elms at Thorley Church now if I can find the time when the conditions are reasonably favourable - Bob Clift

This morning I visited **Harmergreen Wood** where I found 6 Marbled Whites last month. Today I also walked round an adjacent large grassy field, and counted a total of 70 Marbled Whites! There were also 10+ Small Skippers, 3 Small Coppers, 6 Gatekeepers and 4 Small Heaths, 2 Red Admirals, large numbers of Meadow Browns and Ringlets and several Large and Green-veined Whites. On my way back home I found 5 more Marbled Whites in **Burnham Green**, in the grassy margins of a pea field - David Booth

News for yesterday (Sun 8th July 2007) - 1 Green-veined White at Cheyne Walk Open Space, N21; 1 Large White at World's End Lane, Enfield and 2 Speckled Wood at World's End; 1 Red Admiral at Bincote Rd., EN2 and 1 Large White here also. 1 Holly Blue at Halewood Hse., Southbury Rd., Enfield Town and 1 Red Admiral here also. News for today (Mon 9th July 2007) - 2 Purple Hairstreak, (1 near Oakwood entrance, 1 settled on Wych Elm, Church Wood, Trent Park); 6 Comma at Trent Park 'New Fields'; 7 Ringlet at Trent Park 'New Fields'; 3+ Green-veined White, at 'New Fields'; 2 (male and female) Small Copper at 'New Fields'; 1 Red Admiral at 'New Fields' - Robert Callf

Sunday 8th July

Bishop's Stortford: On a walk on Sunday morning along the upper river Stort and old allotment site at the Red White and Blue Bishops Stortford. Numerous Meadow Browns, Ringlets, Gatekeepers, 2 Commas, 5 Red Admirals, 20+ Small Tortoiseshells, Small Skippers, Small Whites, and the highlight for me was my first sighting of a Marbled White on the old allotment site - Jim Fish

Tristan Bantock came out to monitor **Purple emperors** and we saw a 'pair' following and 2 clash around 1pm before it went quiet, **Potters Bar area**. Then two at **Northaw** including a very tatty individual, and one Pemp at **Wormley** (plus 4 white admirals there) The rides have been cut at Wormley.....Incredible the devastation to nectar, and breeding habitat for ringlets, large skippers etc, plus all the other plants and associated invertebrates destroyed at the height of the summer. Further into the wood, the mowing machine missed an active will/chiff-chaff nest by 1m, low down in vegetation. Young are in the nest still, being fed. - Andrew Middleton and Tristan Bantock (*we will be taking this issue up with the Woodland Trust and Natural England!*)

The branch field trip to **Bricket Wood** turned up 19 species - Small & Large Skipper, Small Large & Green-veined White, Brimstone (half a dozen, all males & nectaring on bramble), Peacock, White Admiral (five seen), Red Admiral (at least 8), **Silver-washed Fritillary** (single female, located towards the north end of the main ride), Comma (more numerous than SWF & easily confused in flight), Painted Lady, Purple Hairstreak (several perched on bushes low down), Speckled Wood, Ringlet, Meadow Brown & Gatekeeper. We also saw Silver Y & yellow tail moths - Malcolm Hull (also lots of Marbled Whites!)

Led a field meeting (joint between the London Natural History Society and the British Entomological & Natural History Society) in **Cassiobury Park and Whippendell Wood**, where a possible **seven Silver-washed Fritillaries** (separate groups of two, at least three and two between the 'strawberry fields' and the north ride/central bridleway intersection); no definite

females were seen but these are always more elusive than the males. One White Admiral was seen as were a few Ringlets, but numbers of butterflies and indeed other insects were rather meagre. The few moths identified included a late *Tortrix viridana* - Colin Everett

Hooray Henry, after my 6th visit to **Symondshyde woods** I got lucky. Between 1130 & 133 in Symondshyde woods located **1f Silver Washed fritillary**, 1 White letter Hairstreak (eventually getting them both in the open area by the bridlepath entrance to the wood), & 4 white Admirals. plenty of Meadow Browns, Ringlets, large whites & Green veined whites to be seen plus a large skipper - Darin Stanley

Saturday 7th July

Spent an hour or so watching the **Parkland Walk, Crouch End** trees this afternoon from Crouch Hill bridge where you can look directly into the mid-canopy of the largest elm. As expected, no territorial activity high up and a maximum of 2 w/h seen, but did locate one resting, crawling between leaves and occasionally flying small distances - record shot attached. Other butts around very active, Comma, Holly Blue and Small White - Tristan Bantock

I had a look around **Great Ashby Park** this afternoon, mainly around the entrance by Dixons roundabout, looking for White-letter Hairstreaks. I found 10+ feeding on thistle between 5.45 - 6.45pm, a few looked very fresh. Also seen 1 Red Admiral, hundreds of Meadow Brown and Small Skippers, 5 Marbled Whites, Large Skippers, Ringlets and Spotted Burnets - Steve Lane

Three Silver-washed Fritillary today, 7th July, at **Bricket Wood**, along with 2 Comma, 2 White Admiral, 1 Red Admiral, 1 Marbled white, 30+ Ringlet, Meadow Browns and 2 Large Skipper - Bob Cripps ([field trip there Sunday](#))

Broxbourne Wood NR Field trip report: quite a few people arrived throughout the day all hoping to see **Purple Emperor**. Unfortunately several went home disappointed, 1 tatty male was eventually found in one of the clearings and allowed several observers to get a photo. At 3.30 one flew across the main ride and back and that was it! White Admirals very thin on the ground as well. However, numerous Purple Hairstreak, including some low down giving good views. Lots of Ringlets and Meadow Brown, a few skippers. Also reported throughout the day were Small Tortoiseshell, Red Admiral, Commas, Painted Lady, Holly Blue, whites, large Skipper and new generation Peacocks - various recorders (no Speckled Woods - later confirmed that one was photographed early morning!)

News for today (Sat 7th July 2007) - 4 Red Admiral, (1 at Lake Side, Oakwood, 2 near Shaws Wood, 1 at Park Farm); 4 Comma, (1 at Park Farm, 2 together, at Parkside Farm, 1 at Vicarage Farm); 1 Speckled Wood, near Equestrian Centre, Trent Park; 3 Holly Blue, (1 male, settled along bridle-path, near Shaws Wood, 1 at Parkside Farm, 1 at Town Park, Enfield Town); 4 Purple Hairstreak, around Ash, near Shaws Wood, Trent Park, 6 Ringlet, (1 near Shaws Wood, 5 at Park Farm); 1 male Large Skipper, near Shaws Wood; 1 male Marbled White, settled in set-aside field N of Williams Wood; 1 Small Tortoiseshell, ar Vicarage Farm along Leeging Beech Gutter near Stables; 1 Green-veined White, settled at Vicarage Farm - Robert Callf.

Friday 6th July

2 meadow browns and a gatekeeper at Tyttenhanger gravel pits Robin Pearson

Thursday 5th July

News from 4th - Today (04/07/07) while doing a little casual birding, if there is such a thing, in **Northaw Great Wood**, my companion and I spotted a Silver-washed Fritillary. We located it on the yellow trail along the boundary with the Cuffley Camp Ground. It was in the first small open glade along the path as you head up hill after you turn right at the gate displaying the Camp Ground sign. It was spotted at approx 12:30 flying in the sunshine after a few light showers. Its size and its bright rufous colouration was most striking. It then settled on some vegetation and basked in the sunshine for some 4 minutes when we were able to observe it, both using Leica 10 x 50 binoculars. What Yvonne Benting and I noticed was that there were small stripes rather than spots on the forewing which for me identified it as a Silver-washed Fritillary and possibly a male. - Ian Thompson

I was searching in vain on **Royston Heath** but was then directed by a non-butterfly man who gave a perfect description of Marbled White and gave me the location of the colony. Extreme east

of the heath at approx TL351402 The density of butterflies is as good as you ever get anywhere with sightings of two per minute or greater. Often five visible at once. Attached picture. But a further visit to the main Chalkhill Blue area to south of fairway no 10 was hugely disappointing. There is an electric fence to control sheep grazing and the turf has been eaten down to a very short sward. Not a flower of any sort to be seen (this is where the Pasque Flowers are abundant in the spring). It seems to be very heavily over grazed and I have never seen it in in this state before in the 15 years I have lived in this area - Jack Harrison (*note Sharon Hearle (regional officer) is aware of the problems at Therfield Heath*)

Found new spot for Marbled Whites just of the end of **St Albans Lane, on the Hemel Hempstead to St. Albans road**. They were flying just off the roadside verge and into some private land. It looked a good colony I counted 8 around me in 3 or 4 minutes - Clive Burrows

News for today (Thurs 5th July 2007) - 1 Large White, at Lake Side, N14; 2 Red Admiral, (1 at Williams Wood, 1 at Vicarage Farm) ; 24+ Ringlet, (10 set-aside field near Shaws Wood, 14+ at Vicarage Farm); 6 male Gatekeeper, (1 set-aside field near Shaws Wood, 4 at Vicarage Farm); 1 female Large Skipper, at Vicarage Farm. Also saw a Red Admiral on buddleia outside my flat at Southgate today - the first butterfly I have seen on this bush so far this year - Robert Callf.

Grove Farm, most of the butterflies were seen in the meadow area in 8/8 overcast. Made the whites easier to ID as they actually stopped now and then. 4x White, of which 3 were identified (2 Small, 1 GV), the 4th I suspect might have been a Large but not sure. 2x Meadow Brown (1m, 1f), 1x Small Skipper (Male, light brown antennae), 1x Small Tortoiseshell, 1x Very tatty Speckled Wood, 1x Suspected Common Carpet Moth Plenty of micros around. 1x Suspected Emperor Dragonfly - Mike Rubin

Wednesday 4th July

W.L. & Purple Hairstreak observed on Ash, wednesday midday **Coppetts Wood**. Also Holly Blue - Tony Clancy

Saw 4 White letter Hairstreaks on the field by **Great Ashby Park**, close to the entrance of Pryors Wood, on 3rd July between 11-12 - Darrel Bryant

I went to **Great Ashby Park** this afternoon for 30 mins and saw 5 White Letter Hairstreak, 10 + Meadow Brown 2 Ringlet and 4 Small Skipper - Darin Stanley Ian Hardy - P S These were all seen close to the gate.

Tuesday 3rd July

This afternoon I had a wander around woods just south of **Stevenage** and considering the thunder, showers etc. it was very rewarding. I saw lots of different butterflies but the highlights were 2 separate marbled white, commas, skippers (not sure which) many red admirals, ringlet I think and (I'm pretty certain) a **silver-washed fritillary**. It settled on a large leaf of a wild raspberry cane (just inside the gate from the meadow at the north-west entrance to the wood) and stayed for 5 or 6 minutes with wings fully open flat. When it took off I couldn't get a look at the underwing and I had no guide with me but subsequently looking at the Woodlands for Butterflies leaflet the picture confirmed my sighting - Don Gregory

Did my **Ware Park** transect in a good sunny spell between the showers and was very pleased to get another White Letter hairstreak, this time perched on a lucerne plant at the edge of a big arable field (but near elms), a Small Heath (first here since 1999), Marbled White (first here since 2000) and 4 Small Tortoiseshells (most in one week since 1998), among other more common species - Andrew wood

I saw 4 White Letter Hairstreak, 2 Ringlet, 1 Marbled White and 20 + Meadow Brown in a 20 min walk in **Great Ashby Park** - Ian Hardy

Batford Irrigation Pond, during limited lunch & between showers located 2 Gate Keepers, 4 Marbled Whites, Meadow Browns - Darin Stanley

News for today (Tues 3rd July 2007) - 5 Red Admiral, at Trent Park (1 on flowering privet, near Equestrian Centre, 1 edge of Icehouse Wood, 1 'Old Golf Course', 1 edge of Ride Wood, 1 Camlet Hill); 3 Speckled Wood, at Trent Park (1 along Merryhill's Brook near Shaws Wood, 1 in Shaws Wood; 1 Camlet Moat); 1 Purple Hairstreak, along Merryhill's Brook near Shaws Wood; 3 Comma,

at Trent Park (2 near Shaws Wood, 1 Camlet Hill); 4 male Gatekeeper,(2 set-aside field near Shaws Wood, 1 Park Farm, 1 Parkside Farm); 1 Small White, near Water Grdn.; 11+ Ringlet, (1 Parkside Farm, 3 Park Farm, 7+ at Vicarage Farm - including a pair copulating); 2 Large White, (1 at Parkside Farm, 1 at Park Farm); 3 Small Skipper, at Vicarage Farm - Robert Callf.

Horsenden Hill, most of my walk was in pouring rain. Didn't stop 100's of Meadow Browns from flying in the meadows. Near the end of the walk when the rain stopped I saw a Marbled White, GV White, a few Small Skippers and a Comma. And those Horseflies came out in huge swarms! Yuck! The sooner they die off the better - Mike Rubin

Monday 2nd July

News for today (Mon 2nd July 2007) - 2 White-letter Hairstreak, clashing, behind bus-stop, opposite Oakwood tube; 4 Red Admiral, at Trent Park 'New Fields'; 1 Painted Lady, at 'New Fields'; 3 Large White, at Trent Park - 2 'New Fields', 1 edge of Moat Wood; 7 Small Heath, 6 at 'New Fields', 1 at 'Old Golf Course'; 6 Ringlet, 5 at 'New Fields', 1 at Vicarage Farm; 2 Small Copper, at 'New Fields'; Peacock, a large batch of caterpillars at 'New Fields'; 1 Green-veined White, at 'New Fields'; 2 Comma, 1 at 'New Fields', 1 edge of Moat Wood; 1 male Large Skipper, at Vicarage Farm. 2 Purple Hairstreak; 1 in Nature Trail and 1 in Rough Lot, Trent Park - Robert Callf

4 wlh over the elm at **Cheshunt Golf Course. Wormley Woods**, five or so white admirals, several commas, ringlets, large skippers, small skippers, **one gatekeeper**, red admirals, no purple emperor sightings. Sometime ago the bramble bank inside the entrance at Derry's Wood (south side) has been flailed and all that's grown back are just cleavers & nettles. None of the barmble nectar there anymore - just some small brambles in the other corners - Terry Goddard & Andrew Middleton

News for the weekend is as follows -(Sat 30th June 2007)- Trent Park - saw 2 Ringlet, in set-aside field near Shaws Wood and 2 male Gatekeeper, (1 settled on window pane of Uni-building, 1 set-aside field N of Williams Wood. (Sun 1st July 2007) - 1 male Small Skipper, 1 female Large Skipper, 5 Meadow Brown and 2 Small/ Green-veined White at Cheyne Walk Open Space, N21. 1 Red Admiral and 1 Holly Blue at Halewood Hse., Southbury Rd., Enfield Town - Robert Callf.

Sunday 1st July

We decided to brave the weather and go out locally today to look for Purple Emperor. We went to Goose Green at 8.30 but unable to park, so we went to Danemead instead. When we got to the track where we have seen PE in previous years, it was so muddy, & flooded we gave up. We then went to **Broxbourne Woods** and arrived at 9.45, weather windy and wet. Saw lots of Meadow Browns and Ringlets. Weather brightened up later in the day and during this time we also saw Large White, Large Skipper, White Admirals, Red Admirals, Commas and Purple Hairstreaks. At about 3.30 we into the clearing of the nature reserve and saw our first **Purple Emperor** of the year, it was high in a Silver Birch being blown around and was hanging on for its dear life, we watched it for approx 15mins before it flew towards the main track. We also saw many Purple Hairstreaks in this section and Small Skippers. We left at 5.15 - Sandra and Kevin Standbrige

I visited **Park Wood, Ruislip** this afternoon when the sun came out but no luck searching for PE. I did see my **first Gatekeeper** of the year plus 7 White Admiral, 5 Red Admiral, 4 Comma, 4 Purple Hairstreak, 7 Essex Skipper, 2 Small Skipper, Large Skipper, 2 Large White, 3 Small White, 6+ Ringlet, 4 Speckled Wood and many Meadow Browns. Steve Pash

Despite the fairly overcast conditions early on, today's joint LNHS/BC walk at **Horsenden** was a real success. Dave and myself were joined by two members of the Horsenden ranger team and 8 LNHS/BC members. We got straight into the White-letter Hairstreaks with one sat low down on elm just to the rear of Horsenden Farm, right at the start of the walk. There was some argument over the identification until we realised that it was sat about a foot away from a Purple Hairstreak and that both camps were correct - we were looking at two different butterflies! Once that was resolved it proved a nice opportunity to view these two hairstreaks side-by-side. The walk produced 14 species in sub-optimal conditions: White-letter Hairstreak (3+), Purple Hairstreak (10+), Holly Blue (2), Green-veined White (4), Gatekeeper (8), Meadow Brown (common), Small Skipper (2 and several undetermined Small/Essex), Small Copper (1), Marbled White (1), Large Skipper (1), Ringlet (1 - probably only the 2nd record for the site), Comma (1), Large White (1), Small White (3). The weather perked up a bit after the walk was over and we added 3 further species - Red Admiral, Speckled Wood and Painted Lady - as well as getting better counts of some species. For example, it was pretty good for Comma today and they were all in pristine condition.

Overall numbers for the walk and subsequent transect for key species were: White-letter Hairstreak (4+), Marbled White (3+). The white-letter count is conservative as it concerns 7 sightings. The main excitement for Dave and me was the Ringlet. We saw it flash by and were immediately taken by the dark colouration, apparent lack of orange tones and the obvious white fringe. Luckily it didn't go far and everyone was able to enjoy this rarity - see the attached. I've also attached a fairly poor White-letter photograph. They weren't that accommodating today. Although we had at least 3 nectaring throughout the day and enjoyed good views, they were generally a little too high, a bit tatty or a little too deep into the bramble to get good photos - Andrew Culshaw (joint leader)

Symondshyde Woods - 2+ White Admiral, several Green veined whites, 5+ Ringlets & 1 Humming bird Hawk moth (where's all the White Letter Hairstreaks???) **Hexton** - 1 Large Skipper, several Ringlets (generally devoid of life, guessing cause of the hurricane type winds & Mixed bag of weather) Nearby Sharoenhoe Clappers, Beds - 3 Dark Green Fritillaries - Darin Stanley

I joined the butterfly walk at **Horsenden Hill** today. It was a bit showery but fairly warm and still some sunshine at times so plenty of butterflies around. It was a good start with a Purple and White Letter Hairstreak seen on the same tree. I saw the following species: White Letter Hairstreak - At last! 2 seen nectaring after the main walk. Got close. Purple Hairstreak Meadow Browns by the hundred even flying in the rain. Small, Essex and Large Skippers. Gatekeeper - my first ones of the year. Ringlet - Only the 2nd ever recorded at Horsenden Hill apparently. Photos taken in the rain! Marbled White - just the one. Painted Lady - one spotted at warp factor 6. Holly Blue. What did I miss? Someone reported Small Copper too. Also saw a number of miscellaneous moths. And those (censored) horseflies! Good to meet everyone on that walk. And nice to see the pre-caught moths (light traps) on display, and then to watch them as they were released again. Also nice to take it slow instead of a rushed lunchbreak walk. My best White Letter Hairstreak shot: <http://piccies.flybywire.org.uk/ButterfliesMoths/2007/20070701/WLHairstreak7.jpg> Best Purple: <http://piccies.flybywire.org.uk/ButterfliesMoths/2007/20070701/PurpleHairstreak.jpg> Horsenden Hill Ringlet:

<http://piccies.flybywire.org.uk/ButterfliesMoths/2007/20070701/Ringlet1.jpg> and <http://piccies.flybywire.org.uk/ButterfliesMoths/2007/20070701/Ringlet2.jpg>- Mike Rubin

I thought you would like to know of my sighting of a Marbled White in the field behind the houses along the London Road in **Langley** near Stevenage. I have lived here for over 10 years and this is my first sighting. Other butterflies seen this morning, 1st July 2007 1 Painted Lady, several Ringlets and a large number of Meadow Browns - Adrian Pomfret