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Hello again,

Can I start by reminding everyone of the meeting at the Ludlow Resource Centre next Saturday? Several people have indicated they are intending to come and I look forward to seeing the facilities and collection for myself. I have included a map supplied by Daniel Lockett, our host for the afternoon, the Resource centre is illustrated with the figure 'A' on the map. It is very convenient for the railway station for anyone thinking of coming by train. We are planning to start the meeting at midday, but it will be a pretty casual affair and people can come by at anytime between midday and 4.00pm. Daniel is hoping that members of the public will be able to come by and look at the collection also. There are no facilities for lunch there, but there is a café pretty adjacent to the Centre and so I am proposing to get there at 11.30am to get a bite and a coffee. Anyone is welcome to join me, otherwise bring sandwiches or pop out during the session. Thanks to Adrian Miles and Daniel Lockett for arranging the event.

Shropshire Moth Group: Indoor Meeting at Ludlow Resource Centre to view the Lepidoptera collection currently being re-housed by Adrian Miles.

All welcome – Saturday February 5th 2005 from 12.00 midday

Please could you contact me if you intend to come to the meeting so we can have an idea of numbers for the venue?

Since completing and circulating the 2004 review I have received more records, actually a considerable amount due to the efforts of Jenny Joy and Nigel Stone. Nigel sent me the Shropshire records on the Mapmate server (including Jenny's records) and it increased my database from 8,500 to 10,500. Thanks to both.

Butterfly Conservation generously paid the photocopying costs for the production of 200 copies of the review, which I have been gradually distributing. I still have plenty left and so if anyone wants further copies to pass on to others / organisations etc please let me know.

Thanks to Bill Davidson for pointing out a couple of errors in the grid references I listed in the review. His eagle-eyes spotted that the correct grid reference for one of the Square-spotted Clay records was SO5080 from Titterhill, not Hopton Titterhill as I had incorrectly transcribed it from Adrian Riley's book. He also supplied further records of Forester from within the County.

I had a request from Dave Grundy regarding the West Midlands Regional Garden Moth Scheme which I include in full below. If anyone is interested please contact Dave (contact details enclosed)

“ I am writing to you about the West Midlands Regional Garden Moth Scheme. It has now successfully run for 2 years in this region, with just over 40 gardens taking part. But we are keen to look for new people to get involved and I believe that you might be interested. Your records would be really valuable and we are particularly short of Shropshire recorders - only 2 at the moment (compared with 12 each for Warwickshire and Worcestershire and 15 for Staffordshire!)!. You don't need to be an expert - many of the contributors took part last year even though they were in their first year of looking at moths. I am happy to offer moth identification help to people taking part. All you need to do is to count how many moths you see in your garden once per week (March to October) and only for the commoner and easier to identify species. And of course the scheme is flexible and allows you to miss a few weeks while you go on holiday and you don't have to always trap on the same night of the week.

If you think you might like to have a go at this then let me know and I will send you more information. We hope to start surveying in 2005 in the week of 4th March. Also if you are interested then it would be really useful for you if you can make it to our annual Garden Moth Scheme meeting which meets in a different part of the region each year. This winter it will be on Sunday February 20th from 1 till 5pm at Charlecote Village Hall, Warwickshire. Let me know if you can make it. Get in touch if you want to discuss any of this further,

Best wishes

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ps directions to the village hall, which is right in the middle of Charlecote village. From Junction 15 on the M40, don't head toward Warwick, Leamington or Stratford, but instead take the A429 heading south toward Stow-on-the-Wold. About 4 miles south of the junction (and before you reach Wellesbourne) turn right onto a minor road signposted to Charlecote Village. The village hall (with an old oak tree outside) is reached after about a mile on this minor road in the centre of the village. Please park by the village bus-shelter and red phone box opposite the village hall. It is at grid ref SP265567 “

Although a long way into the future the date for this years' National Moth Night is Saturday 9th July. I will be holding a day-time event on Fenn's, Whixall & Bettisfield Mosses NNR from 12-30 until 3.30 ish to see what day-fliers are about on the Mosses. There is every chance of seeing **Purple-bordered Gold** and **Manchester Treble-bar** at this time of year.

Anyone seen any moths yet? If so please let me know so I can include them in the next newsletter.

As ever please continue to send your macro-moth records for VC40 to;

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Best wishes, Peter Boardman

