

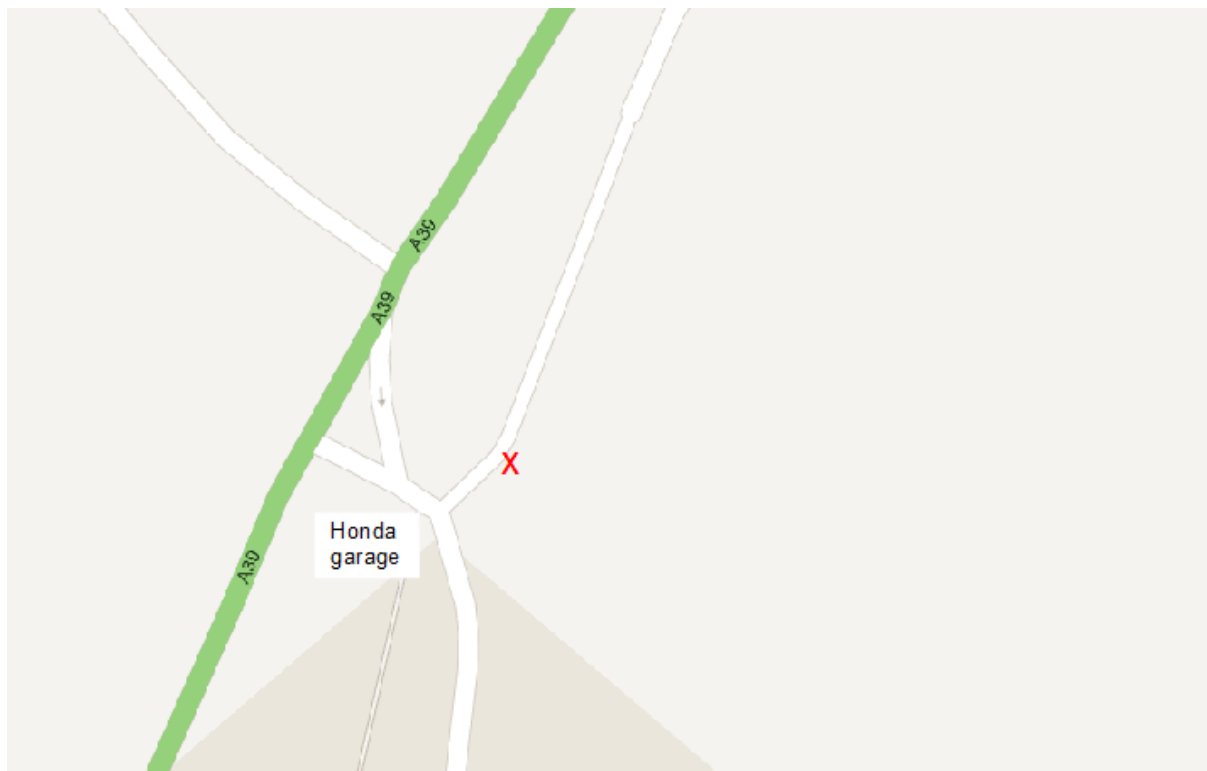
CORNWALL BUTTERFLY CONSERVATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING/CONFERENCE
Saturday 28th. January 2012

It doesn't seem long since our excellent AGM of 2011 when we were packed like pilchards in the meeting room at Allet listening to Adrian Spalding's fascinating talk about the successful re-introduction of Large Blue butterflies at a site in Somerset.

For comfort and health & safety reasons we are holding our 2012 AGM at a new and larger venue which will seat 150 people, has full disabled access and ample free parking.

The venue we have chosen is St Erme Community Centre, situated at Castle Field, Trispen, Truro, TR4 9BD near the A39 about halfway between the A30 and Truro (take the Trispen turn off). The red X on the map below marks the location. Official business will begin at 11.00am but we would welcome you to arrive earlier to help organise the room or to chat to other members.

MAP



PROGRAMME FOR THE DAY

- 10-00 am Tea and coffee, chatting and catching up with other members
- 11-00 Cornwall Butterfly Conservation AGM
- 12-00 **'The Ramblings of an Old Entomologist'**
Talk by Barry Ofield
- 12-45 Lunch (Pasties/packed lunch,tea and coffee)
- 13-15 Raffle
- 13-30 **'The Need for Reserves'**
Talk by John Davis, Head of Reserves, Butterfly Conservation
- 1400 **'The Rare Moths of Cornwall-The Need for Conservation'**
Talk by Adrian Spalding
- 14-30 Comfort break
- 14-45 **'The Butterflies of Spain '**
Talk by Paul Browning (whose book 'The Butterflies of the Iberian Peninsula' will be on sale for £20)
- 15-30 Closing remarks by Philip Hambly
- 15-45 Tea, coffee and 'mingling'

USEFUL INFORMATION TO HELP YOU ENJOY THE DAY

Pasties, tea and coffee will be provided in return for a small donation of £3.00 . Alternatively, you are welcome to bring a packed lunch if you prefer. Please bring friends because non-members are very welcome to attend (although of course they won't be able to vote at our AGM).

Donations of prizes for our raffle will be gratefully received to enable us to raise funds for our conservation work at Bunny's Hill, Cardinham and other sites.

Photographs of butterflies, moths, birds, dragonflies or indeed any Cornish wildlife subjects will be very welcome for our displays. We are

currently looking for images taken by our members that would be suitable for producing a range of greeting cards, again for essential fund-raising.

Lee Slaughter will have books for sale at a stand and we will have our own CBC fund-raising stand with many delights, including opportunities to purchase our 'Cornwall Butterfly Atlas' at half the list price (£15) and also Steve Jones' book 'Insects of Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly' (£1 donation to CBC for every copy sold). Other conservation groups will be exhibiting in our conference hall giving us all a chance to get to know about the valuable work that is being done for wildlife in Cornwall.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - AGENDA

1. Chairman's Report
2. Minutes of Previous AGM and Matters Arising *
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Election of Officers
5. Transect Co-ordinator's Report - Jim Barker

* The minutes of our last meeting were sent out in our 'Observer' newsletter no. 48 also available on line: http://www.cornwall-butterfly-conservation.org.uk/butterfly_observer_48.pdf

Election of Officers

Maggie Goodere who has worked hard as our Branch Secretary for many years has resigned. (I am currently carrying out the role until a new Secretary can be elected) Phil Harris and Paul Browning our Chairman and Treasurer respectively are standing down at the AGM but wish to remain on the Committee. We will therefore need to elect a Chairman, Treasurer and Branch Secretary which is quite a dramatic change in our leadership.

Our Branch Rules also require one third of our Committee members to retire by seniority rotation and this means that Jo Poland, Shaun Poland, Phil Harris, Paul Browning and Paul Brewer will need to stand for re-election.

If you want to stand for election to the Committee or wish to propose another member please let me know in writing by the 7th. January 2012. We welcome proposals for all vacant positions on the Committee and also need members to serve on fund raising and conservation work sub-committees. Don't be shy - we would encourage you to come forward!

Items that you wish to discuss under Matters Arising or Any Other Business should also be notified to me in writing by 7th. January 2012 to enable us to allocate sufficient time for proper discussion. Any items discussed under Matters Arising or Any Other Business are welcome but we will be mindful of the impact upon our scheduling of the Conference. We want to ensure that you have plenty of time to enjoy our speakers and also maximise the opportunity for audience questions.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST-HELP PLEASE!

The AGM and Conference will rely heavily upon a few members of the Committee doing a lot of work arranging the room, serving teas, coffees, pasties, washing up, welcoming members and guests, selling raffle tickets, arranging seating, tidying up etc. and we have no paid staff!

Therefore, **PLEASE** help by volunteering or bring with you your partner, man/woman next door, parent, etc. to help. A few volunteers to sell raffle tickets or make cups of tea would be greatly appreciated and think of the satisfaction you will get in knowing that all the money raised will go directly to the conservation of **BUTTERFLIES & MOTHS** in Cornwall.

If **YOU** can help please let me know and I will put the word 'wonderful' next to your name on our membership records. Thanks and I look forward to meeting you on the 28th January 2012.

Keith Wilson, Acting Secretary & Membership Secretary

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