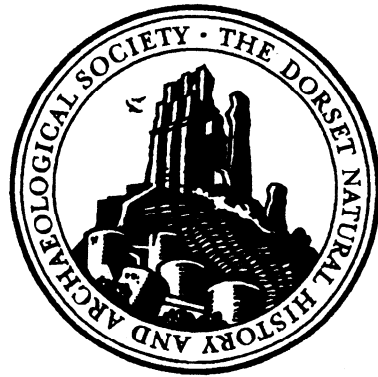
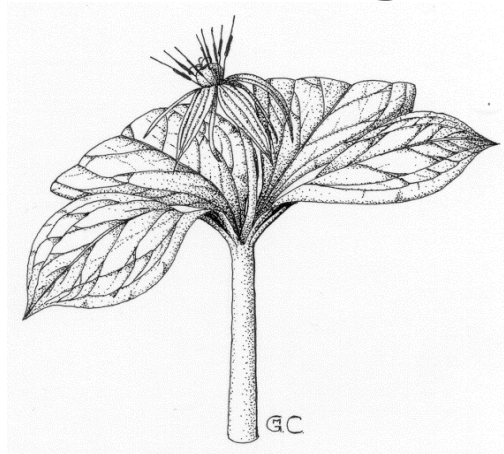


DORSET NATURAL HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Charity No 3362107



Field Meetings 2010



December 2009 to June 2010

FIELD MEETINGS

Meetings will start at 10.30a.m., unless otherwise indicated. Members attending meetings should wear suitable footwear and clothes and bring sufficient food and drinks for a day in the field. We regret that a parent or guardian must accompany young people, under the age of 18. Please telephone John Newbould on 01305 837384 or Peter Hatherley on 01202 882861 before travelling, especially in adverse weather conditions or email john_newbould@btinternet.com if you wish to take part. Due to the high price of petrol, leaders may not attend in adverse weather conditions.

British Butterfly Conservation Recording.

Once again, we have had another difficult year with the weather but records should be sent to Bill Shreeves, The Dorset Recording Officer, 5 Butts Mead, Shaftesbury SP7 8NS for inclusion in the 2009 report as soon as possible. Butterfly Conservation will welcome records from any part of the county and especially from the north west of the County.

Winter farm bird survey - Frome Valley

Thursday December 3rd, 2009 January 7th, February 4th, March 4th and April 1st, 2010. **River Frome winter wildlife.** This is the tenth season of regular winter bird count of waders and water-fowl in the Frome Valley. We start around 9.00a.m. and finish around 1.00p.m; meeting at the lay-by east of the B3143 Piddlehinton road on the B3150, east of Dorchester. GR SY704911. We visit, by car, around 12 places between there and Wareham. Please telephone John Newbould to take part.

Dorset Invertebrate Recording Group

A general meeting of the group will be held on Thursday **February 18th at 3.00pm** in the Museum School Room. In 2009, we held a small number of meetings to support the National Trust, which produced some interesting data in 2009. Both DNHAS and DERC will provide this group with support. *The 2010 field meetings will be arranged at this meeting.*

May 15th, 2010: National Moth Night.

June 21st - 27th National Insect Week

Orthoptera Recording

Collecting records for the new county atlas is closed. However, it is proposed to publish a national atlas in 2011 and any new records sent to DERC will be forwarded to the National Scheme run by Dr Helen Roy at the Biological Records Centre.

Field Meetings:

DNHAS and Dorset Flora Group. Thursday April 22nd Stonebarrow (NT Golden Cap estate): 9.30am Take narrow road from Charmouth to the Stonebarrow estate. Meet in the car park at the east end SY381933 to monitor Green-winged Orchid and the spring bird migration. A small car parking charge applies. NT members free.

Saturday April 24th Dorset Flora Group Queen's Copse. 10.30am Leader Peter Hatherley. Meet opposite Holt Wood SU033058. We aim to see Small-leaved Lime and Spurge Laurel in this Forestry Commission wood.

Saturday May 15th, Dorset Flora Group Stoborough Heath 10.30am. Meet on Grange Road in a lay-by south of the railway bridge SY 919847. At this meeting we aim to visit Dorset's best site for Pale Dog Violet, which is considered nationally threatened. This is part of the BSBI's national threatened plant recording scheme. We will then ask members to visit a number of other sites on the Dorset heaths to search for this plant.

Saturday June 12th, 2010. 10.30am. Dorset Flora Group Beacon Hill. *An introduction to identifying grasses.* Robin Walls and Jon Crewe. Booking is essential through Dorset Environmental Records Centre 01305 225081. There is a charge of £10. Cheques payable to DERC please.

Thursday June 17th, 2010 Stonebarrow (NT Golden Cap estate): 10.30am Take narrow road from Charmouth to the Stonebarrow estate. Meet in the car park at the east end SY381933 to search for Bristle and Slender Club-rush. Invertebrate surveying. A small car parking charge applies. Contact John Newbould if not a member. NT members are free.

Dorset Flora Group - Wildflower Week

Commencing on May 28th for one week, members of the group will be leading walks at some of Dorset's favourite places for wildflowers. Booking is essential and the full programme will be posted on the Museum website, with leaflets in Tourist Information Centres, Libraries and the Museum.

Sutton Poyntz Waterworks Museum June 4th, 2010

by permission of Wessex Water

Museum open all day. Displays by conservation organisations

Wildflower walks: 10.30am and 2.30pm

Car parking: SY706839 Bus 4B from Weymouth

DORSET COUNTY BOUNDARY SURVEY.

This is a major educational and research project researching the history, archaeological interest and natural history of the County's boundaries. The project includes a considerable amount of research looking at old maps and documents as well as field-work.

The group meets every two months on the first Wednesday at 10.00a.m.

Wednesday February 3rd, 2010: **Meet in the Museum School Room** to start collating written and photographic information collected by the group for the digital boundary atlas. From 1.30pm, we will transfer to the *Char Chars* upstairs tearoom on South Street where there is internet access. There will be a small collection to pay for room hire. Leader: Mark Ford

Wednesday April 7th, 2010: **Yeovil – the boundary at pens:** Meet at the Pen Mill Hotel car park. BA21 5DB on the A30 Sherbourne Road, Yeovil. (ST569162). It is possible to attend this meeting by train using the 8.50am from Weymouth to Yeovil Pen Mill. Leader: Katherine Barker: see below.

Wednesday June 2nd, 2010: **East Stour** leader Andrew Morgan. Arrangements for the meeting will be emailed to group members. Others are welcome to join in. Please email or telephone John Newbould.

New members are welcome to join the survey. Full training will be given at both the History Centre and in the field. Details from Dr Katherine Barker 01935 816714 or John Newbould whose contact details are on page 2. Additional meetings will be notified through our email group.

National Federation for Biological Recording

Annual Conference and field visit

Recording Freshwater habitats and Freshwater species

April 15th-17th Belsfield Hotel, Windermere

www.nfbr.org.uk

Wildflower week is sponsored by Dorset County Council and
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