

BRITISH ENTOMOLOGICAL & NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY REGIONAL MEETING AT BRISTOL'S CITY MUSEUM & ART GALLERY 7th February 2010

Studying moths

This all-day meeting will provide an opportunity to discover some of the different aspects of studying moths undertaken by lepidopterists in the region. For many this takes the form of recording initiatives in the counties of Gloucestershire and Somerset and there will be a chance to understand how local recording is fitting into the national (even international) picture. By contrast, we will be treated to new research taking place on the micro-moth fauna of East Africa and also take a look at historical studies related to the British moth fauna.

The meeting will be held in **Bristol's City Museum & Art Gallery**, Queen's Road, Bristol BS8 1RL (see map below). Bristol Temple Meads Railway Station is a 30 minute walk (Bus nos. 8 & 9) and the Bus Station 15 minutes walk away. Car parking is free on Sundays on meters and single yellow lines on streets surrounding the Museum e.g. University Road, Woodland Road and there are nearby multi-storey car parks in Park Row (Trenchard Street) and Jacob's Wells Road (West End). The museum is a two mile drive from the bottom of the M32 and a five to ten minute walk from the city centre. Bus numbers 1, 8, 8a, 9, 9a, 40, 40a, 41, 54, 55, and 99 stop near the museum (ask for the Wetherspoons stop if coming up Park Street, or the Sainsburys stop if coming from Clifton or Redland direction).



Provisional programme

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10.30 **Onwards: arrival and coffee**

11.00 **Introduction and welcome:** Ray Barnett (Collections Manager, Bristol's Museums, Galleries & Archives) and Brian Elliott (BENHS President)

Moth recording in Gloucestershire: Roger Gaunt

Moth recording in Somerset: tba

Update on 'Moths Count' and the National Moths Recording Scheme: Zoe Randle or Les Hill of *Butterfly Conservation*

Lunch in the Museum Café or other local establishments

The peculiar habits of some African micro-leps: David Agassiz

The history of the Moth Atlas: Mike Bailey

Tour of the Lepidoptera collections held in Bristol's City Museum & Art Gallery: Ray Barnett /Mark Pajak

16.00 **Meeting closes**

If you intend to come please inform Ray Barnett, if possible by 31 January 2010, at:

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