

## ANNUAL MOTH NIGHT 2012



The weather for this event at Greenshoots was fairly good, but rather cool for many moths to be flying. The guests who attended included members of the Berkshire Moth Group, and some friends for whom the event was a new and interesting experience.

Although 2012 has not been a good year for moths so far, the three traps set for the evening returned a useful 77 species. Two of these species were new records for the site, making the all-time (since 2005) species total for the site 322.



A Privet Hawkmoth was the largest moth captured with a wingspan of 110 mm. The smallest, with a wingspan of just 9 mm, was a micro-moth named *Opostega salaciella*, a relatively uncommon species which was one of the new records for the site.



The evening also included an unexpected celebration of the Golden Wedding anniversary of two of the participants, the darkness adding an unreal touch to the occasion!