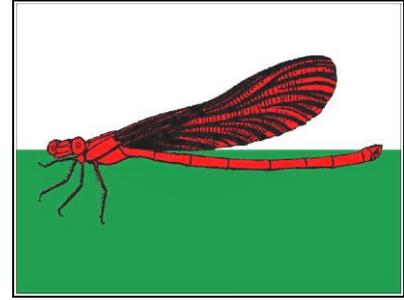


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**Odonata news and events from across the vice counties of
Anglesey, Merionethshire, Caernarvonshire, Denbighshire and Flintshire**



A Happy New Year to you all,

Thank you for sending the records in

I would like to thank the following observers, arranged in alphabetical order, for sending records to me during 2013. It was a very good year for observing adult dragonflies but the records sadly dropped off after at least 10 years of steady growth.

Adrienne Stratford, Anna Williams, Barrie Potter, Chris Hodgson, Clive Totty, Dick Eastwood, Eifion Griffiths, Eileen Carroll, Jackie Langton, Jan Miller, Jim Clark, Joan Daniels, John Bratton, John Fraser Williams, Karen Roberts, Les Starling, Malcolm Watling, Gillian Tattershall & Mark Sheridan, Mat Latham, Mike Tomkinson, Oliver Prys-Jones, Paula Bardell-Hedley, Peter Heywood, Rhion Pritchard, Rhys Jones, Rob Booth, Shirley Roulston, Steve Palin, Stewart Johnson, Sue Loose, **Wendy Hughes**.

Please continue to send records either directly to me or to Cofnod, but not both.

Keep a look out for Vagrant Emperor

There was another dramatic influx of *Anax ephippiger* (Vagrant Emperor) into Britain and Ireland during Autumn 2013 similar to those of Spring and Autumn 2011. Sadly, the latest event wasn't witnessed in North Wales as it was on Bardsey in the Spring of 2011 but an individual was noted at Newport in South Wales. For an account of this latest influx read Adrian Parr's article: <http://www.british-dragonflies.org.uk/content/vagrant-emperors-autumn-2013>



An ovipositing pair of *Anax ephippiger* at a pond in The Gambia, December 2011. (Photo Allan Brandon). Note that the females of *Anax* species typically oviposit alone but this species is an exception.

As Adrian points out, 'Being of Afro-tropical origin, Vagrant Emperors can appear in Britain even during the winter months and observers are encouraged to keep vigilant!'

New Welsh section of the British Dragonfly Society website

Thanks to Claire Install, the BDS website now contains a section especially devoted to Welsh dragonflies: <http://www.british-dragonflies.org.uk/content/bds-yng-nghymru-bds-wales>

The site features:

- Good places to see dragonflies in Wales.
- Species found in Wales.
- Dragonfly breeding habitats and their species.
- Conservation projects in Wales.
- Recording dragonflies.
- Submitting records.

It is to be hoped that the site will be bilingual in the near future.

Pre-publication offer on new atlas

This is just a reminder that the new British and Irish atlas is being offered at a reduced pre-publication price of £25 including postage until next March this year. It is available online from: <http://www.field-studies-council.org/publications/pubs/atlas-of-dragonflies-in-britain-and-ireland.aspx>

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