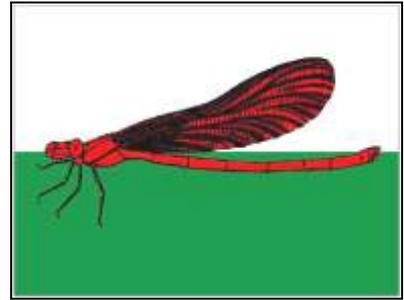


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**Odonata news and events from across the vice counties of
Anglesey, Merionethshire, Caernarvonshire, Denbighshire and Flintshire**

Hi all,



Now that we are well and truly into dragonfly emergence I have been sent a few records and photos from others. As usual the first species to emerge was *Pyrhosoma nymphula*, Large Red Damsel, though it didn't come out of my garden pond until the 30th April, quite late compared to other years. Eiffion Griffiths send in a photo of a mature male he shot at Rhuddlan Nature Reserve on the 8th May.



Mature male *Pyrhosoma nymphula*, Rhuddlan NR 8 May 2015 (photo Eiffion Griffiths).

Clubtails emerge along the Dee

Gomphus has been emerging in numbers along the River Dee in the Holt area. On the 13th May Steve Palin 'saw eight gomphus in all. Six teneral males and two whose sex was not determined owing to them whirling away high and far before I got a proper look at them!

It seems you have to really time your search to when they're emerged but not fully aerobic. (I hadn't realised that gomphus holds its wings in a perpendicular position to harden – interesting.)' He also observed two female *Calopteryx splendens* and a single female *Pyrrhosoma nymphula*. Tipped off by Steve, Sue Loose paid a visit to the same spot [SJ413532] two days later and was rewarded with at least 5 immature adults, including both males and females.



Immature male *G. vulgatissimus*, River Dee at Holt (photo Steve Palin). Note angulation in hindwings.



Immature female *G. vulgatissimus*, River Dee at Holt, 15th May 2015 (photo Sue Loose).



Immature male *G. vulgatissimus*, River Dee at Holt (photo Sue Loose).

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