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A male of the long-legged fly *Dolichopus simplex*. Long-legged flies (Dolichopodidae, or “dollies”) are often metallic green. *Dolichopus* males have impressive genitalia, some with ornamented lamellae (visible between the hind legs). Dollies are often abundant in wet places, as the larvae live in damp soil and rotting wood. See the article on p. 3. Photo: Graham Finch.

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The editor will be happy to receive articles, short notes and photos (in focus please!) about insects or other invertebrates in Leicestershire and Rutland, also news of members' activities further afield. Photos to be sent separately please at high resolution. Unless otherwise credited, photos are by the author of the article.

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Reduvius personatus.
Photo: Alan Cann.

southern species but is occasionally recorded from the Midlands. The older records only give one report for VC55; Market Harborough in 1949 but two more records were received in 2015. An adult female was attracted to a moth light trap near Buckminster, Colsterworth (Adrian Russell) and an adult was reported from a garden

in Whetstone (Mark Skevington).

The more delicate Heteroptera bug species are in the family Miridae and these are generally plant feeders, often being coloured with green shades. A species which has expanded its range recently is *Oncotylus viridiflavus* which is now often found on Common Knapweed. The first VC55 record was in 1983 from Thorpe Satchville, Melton Mowbray (Don Goddard) but the next was not until 2008 at Narborough Bog (David Gould). It has since been reported in 2015 from Wymeswold (Alan Cann) and Ketton Quarry (Alan Cann). This latter site was also the location of the only report in 2016 by Kate Nightingale.

Another plant bug which has established itself in our region in less than a decade is *Deraeocoris flavilinea*. This appeared to have made its presence simultaneously in Leicestershire, Derbyshire,



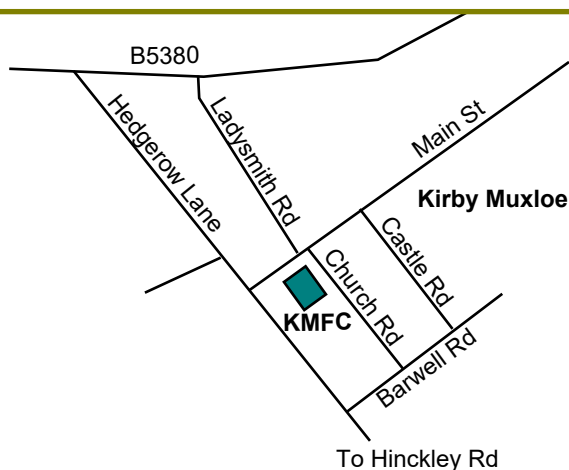
Deraeocoris flavilinea. Photo: David Nicholls.

Nottinghamshire and South Yorkshire in the few years since 2007. The annual VC55 reports have now reached about 20 by 2016 following its discovery in 2009 at Sapcote (Graham Calow). There is some variation in colour from black to red brown but all exhibit the white line border to the pronotum and scutellum.

Details of all records are at LRERC.

Dave Budworth

Indoor Meetings Programme



Our venue is Kirby Muxloe Free Church, Main Street, Kirby Muxloe LE9 2AN SK517042. The session starts at 7:30, but most members arrive half an hour earlier for a natter and a cuppa. Visitors are welcome.

Thursday 16 February 2017 - 'How I got interested in insects'

Kate Nightingale's talk will tell us about her journey into the world of insects through her personal observations and their identification and will be illustrated by her super photographs.

16 March 2017 - An Evening with Dave Budworth and Ray Morris

'A few bugs to look for' - Dave Budworth is county recorder for Hemiptera and he will give an account of his work with these bugs.

'Experiences with Malaise trapping at Rutland Water' - Ray Morris will encompass the range of invertebrates recorded, in particular, those species that without the Malaise would, most likely, not have been seen or recorded by our members who examine the contents.

Anona Finch