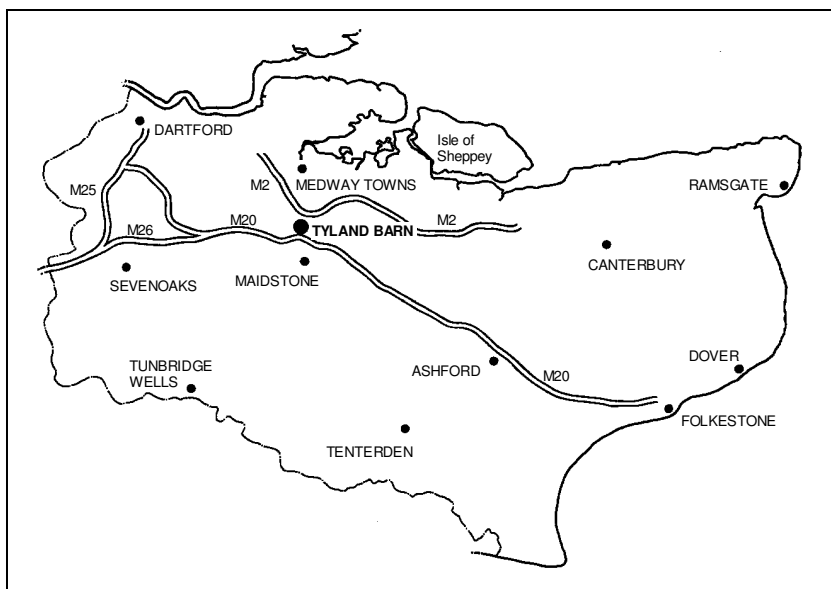


## Kent Wildlife Trust Wildlife Study Day Information Sheet

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| No.                       | <b>27</b>  | Title      | <b>Introduction to Leaf Mines and Plant Galls</b> |  | Date        | <b>31<sup>st</sup> July 2010</b> |  |
| No. of students           | 5-15   | Start time | <b>10.00 a.m.</b>                                 |  | Finish time | <b>3.30 p.m.</b>                 |  |
| Leader                    | <b>Keith Palmer<br/>Entomologist</b>   |            |   |  |             |                                  |  |
| Who should attend         | Beginners course   |            |   |  |             |                                  |  |
| Meeting place             | Classroom at Tyland Barn, the Headquarters and largest visitor centre of Kent Wildlife Trust. Map Ref. TQ 753594. See directions overleaf  |            |   |  |             |                                  |  |
| Other sites to be visited | Quarry Wood, West Farleigh   |            |   |  |             |                                  |  |
| Programme                 | <p>The morning will be indoors consisting of a presentation to introduce leaf miners and plant galls. The biology of these small and relatively little-studied yet fascinating organisms will be presented and hints given as to their identification and the ecological niches in which they may be found.</p> <p>After lunch we will go out to study live material in the field, visiting Quarry Wood at West Farleigh where it is anticipated many examples of leaf mines and galls will be found, enabling course participants to practise their newly-found identification skills and to appreciate the subtle beauty of this branch of "micro-nature"!</p> |            |   |  |             |                                  |  |
| Subjects to be covered    | <p>Leaf Miners – from four different insect groups. Biology and Ecology. Identification.</p> <p>Plant Galls – biology and ecology. Identification.</p>   |            |   |  |             |                                  |  |
| What to bring             | A x10 hand lens is essential for this course. Please also bring plastic sandwich bags with re-sealable tops to collect material for later study. Notebook, packed lunch.   |            |   |  |             |                                  |  |
| Other information         |  |            |   |  |             |                                  |  |

**Kent Wildlife Trust HQ and Visitor Centre**  
**Tyland Barn, Sandling, Maidstone, Kent ME14 3BD Tel: 01622 662012**

Tyland Barn is four miles north of Maidstone, on the junction of Chatham Road and Tyland Lane, Sandling, just off the A229 between the M20 and the M2.

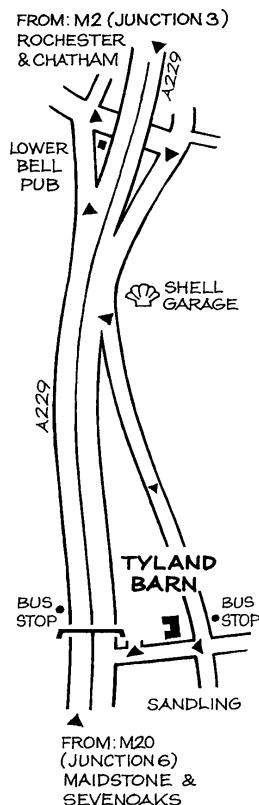


**Travel to Tyland Barn by public transport**

Nearest railway stations: Maidstone East and Chatham (both a bus ride away, or about a 40 minute walk from Maidstone East).

Arriva Bus 101. From Chatham: stops outside Tyland Barn.

From Maidstone: stops on the A229 (if requested!), opposite the Barn, at Cobtree Golfcourse (take footbridge over A229 and the Tyland Barn entrance is immediately on your left). Further details from Arriva (0871 2002233), [www.arriva.co.uk](http://www.arriva.co.uk) Stagecoach East Kent (08456 002299), [www.stagecoachbus.com](http://www.stagecoachbus.com) and Metrobus (01293 449191) [www.metrobus.co.uk](http://www.metrobus.co.uk) NB. Not all services are frequent!



**Travel to Tyland Barn by car**

The Barn is adjacent to the A229 (just north of J6 of the M20), but it is only accessible via Chatham Road off the southbound carriageway of the A229, taking the turning immediately beside the entrance to the Shell garage on the southbound carriageway.

**Follow the brown 'badger signs'** on the Maidstone to Chatham road (A229), between the M2 (Junction 3) and the M20 (Junction 6).

If you are travelling northwards from Maidstone on the A229 dual carriageway, you have to go past the Barn (with a blue butterfly sign) on your right and go up to the next junction in order to return down the southbound carriageway. So, from the A229 northbound, north of the M20 (J6), take the left turn after the golf course entrance, proceed to the crossroads by the Lower Bell Pub, turn right, pass under the A229, and turn right and back onto the A229 going south. You have to turn off the A229 again almost immediately after joining it, immediately after/beside the Shell garage!