**Jann Billker – winner of the 2017 Gilbert White Youth Award for recording terrestrial and freshwater wildlife**

Jann Billker (13 years old) started collecting and pinning flies around the age of ten, back in 2014, and joined the Dipterists Forum as a member, a year later. By 2016 he was identifying flies first to family level, which is difficult – with 106 families in the UK – and is a task that challenges many adults. Jann then started identifying flies to species level.

During a walk in Burnham Beeches National Nature Reserve celebrating his 12th birthday, Jann saw the Nationally Scarce hoverfly Callicera aurata depositing eggs on a dead, rotting beech trunk. He recorded this on his father’s phone. Jann exhibited it at the Dipterists Day and AGM in November 2016. His exhibit was included in the report on the exhibits ‘Dipterists Day Exhibits 2016’ and was published in Dipterists Digest. Jann has impressed all of the adult Dipterist Forum members because he is hard working, very good, committed and learns fast.