

The Warwickshire Fungus group Newsletter 2024

The season started slowly. Only two fresh agarics were seen on the Spring meeting at Bannams Wood plus a small handful of dead brackets and crusts that were still identifiable after the winter frosts. The December foray to Cock Robin Wood was cancelled because the fruiting season had ended.

The Indoor Meeting at The Barn was held to encourage more members to buy microscopes. During this year Stephanie Gaskin has been working alongside Fran and Di Napier and she now has the confidence to name a wider variety of species especially of *Russula* and *Lactarius* which many members would not be happy to name in the field. It is a pity that Russ and Elsbeth bought microscopes just as fruiting was petering out, but there will be plenty of opportunity in 2025. It is very encouraging that the level of expertise has risen so quickly and I am sure it will take some of the pressure off Fran and David.

The well-used WhatsApp group set up by Naomi has enabled photos to be swapped instantly and pictures of spores and microscopic structures to be posted online where they can be seen and identified by national and sometimes international experts. The trip to Dunchurch Meadow was a bit of a disaster. The Wildlife Trust gave us the key code for a gate that we did not know about and after some messing about we quickly moved on to Draycote

Meadows nearby. The waxcap season was a little late, but at Burton Dassett small numbers of a huge range of species were seen. This long list of grassland CHEGD species was down to many hours of neck-aching work over computer, books, Smartphone and microscope by Di Napier. It was a heroic effort and Di has written a report that has been passed on to the WBRC. David, Di, John and Monika represented the group at the Warwickshire Recorders Meeting in March, and the same four, along with ex-member Gary Hiller spent a rather frustrating afternoon trying to verify photos whilst eating pizza at The Charterhouse for the City Wildlife Challenge. Two of the founders of the Warwickshire Fungus Survey, John Sells and David Antrobus, both passed away in 2024 after long debilitating illnesses. David Antrobus was the group's Secretary for many years and put together seventeen of the Newsletters which are still available online. John Sells was an excellent mycologist and one of the main contributors to the Newsletter. Every year there would be a new list of unusual species that he had found in Brandon Wood just around the corner from his house.

Although not very mobile, John came to the first post-COVID meeting of the Warwickshire Fungus Group at New Close Wood, Binley Wood on 29 August 2021. Jane, his widow has passed on his fungus books to be used by the group as was John's wish. In the new 2025 season Stephanie Gaskin will be taking over from John Walton as the Recording Co-ordinator and all your findings will now need to be sent to her after the meetings. John will continue to arrange the meeting venues.

Bannams Wood, Heart of England Forest 28 April 2024

Eleven members met this cold morning in steady rain and only two agarics were seen. The *Fomes*, *Daldinia*, *Hypoxylon* and *Xylaria* records were of old shrivelled fruiting bodies from the previous Autumn. It was a good opportunity to dig out the fungus books and get ourselves ready for the season to come.

Forayers: DC, DG, FV, JH, JSW, LG, NF, NJ, SM, SW, SG
19 species

Basidiomycetes

<i>Auricularia auricula-judae</i>	Jelly Ear	On fallen wood of indeterminate species	SW
<i>Byssomerulius corium</i>	Netted Crust	On birch twig	JSW
<i>Crepidotus cesatii</i>	Roundspored Oysterling	On fallen wood of indeterminate species	FV
<i>Dacrymyces stillatus</i>	Common Jellyspot	On fallen wood of indeterminate species	DC
<i>Exidia thuretiana</i>	White Brain	On fallen wood of indeterminate species	DG
<i>Fomes fomentarius</i>	Hoof Fungus	Birch	SG
<i>Ganoderma australe</i>	Southern Bracket	Fallen	FV
<i>Inosperma (Inocybe) cf. bongardii</i>	Fruity Fibrecap	On soil in deciduous woodland	FV sequenced
<i>Parasola plicatilis</i>	Pleated Inkcap	On soil.	FV
<i>Trametes versicolor</i>	Turkeytail	Birch	FV
<i>Tremella mesenterica</i>	Yellow Brain	Probably on Hazel	RV

Ascomycetes

<i>Cercospora mercurialis</i>	Hyphomycete	On leaf of <i>Mercurialis perennis</i> . Dog's Mercury	JSW
<i>Daldinia concentrica</i>	Cramp Balls	On fallen wood of indeterminate species	SG
<i>Hypoxyton fuscum</i>	Hazel Woodwart	On Hazel	SW
<i>Lachnum virgineum</i>	Snowy Disco	Mossy stump	DG
<i>Melampsora rostrupii (populnea)</i>	Rust, stage 1	On stem and leaf of <i>Mercurialis perennis</i> , Dog's Mercury	JSW
<i>Puccinia sessilis</i>	Rust, stage 1	On leaf of <i>Arum maculatum</i> , Lords and Ladies	JSW
<i>Scutellinia sp.</i>	Common Eyelash	On deciduous twigs.	FV
<i>Xylaria hypoxyton</i>	Candlesnuff Fungus	On stump, old fruiting body.	FV



Left: *Byssomerulius corium*
Netted Crust on a birch twig.

Right: *Inosperma* sp. New to science, awaiting formal article and press release.



Left: John, Simon, and Dinah. Observing *Trametes versicolor* on a tree trunk.

Right: *Lachnum virgineum*
Snowy Disco on deciduous twigs.

Snitterfield Bushes Nature Reserve 1 September 2024

A short walk around some bone dry woodland produced a reasonable list. It was difficult to get access

from the path as it was overgrown with Bramble. Even so two rare species were seen.

Forayers: AS, AW, CH, A169DG, FV, JSW, MVW, NM, RT, SW, SG

21 species

Basidiomycetes

Abortiporus biennis	Blushing Rosette	Under oak trees, on buried wood	FV
<i>Armillaria</i> sp.	Honey Fungus	Rhizomorphs seen	FV
<i>Coprinellus disseminatus</i>	Fairy Inkcap	Buried wood on path edge	DG
<i>Daedaleopsis confragosa</i>	Blushing Bracket	On cut willow wood	FV
<i>Lactarius quietus</i>	Oakbug Milkcap	Under oak trees	FV
<i>Leccinum duriusculum</i>	Slate Bolete	Under aspen	FV
<i>Leccinum scabrum</i>	Brown Birch Bolete	Under birch	FV
<i>Parasola plicatilis</i> s.l.	Pleated Inkcap	In wet grassland	FV

<i>Paxillus ammoniavirescens</i>	Rollrim	Under birch	FV sequenced, second county record
<i>Rheubarbariboletus armeniacus</i>	Apricot Bolete	Found on path by entrance	FV First County Record
<i>Russula luteotacta</i>		Under oak trees	SG
<i>Russula chloroides</i>	Blue Band Brittlelegill	Under oak	FV
<i>Trametes versicolor</i>	Turkeytail	On stump	DG
<i>Tubaria furfuracea</i>	Scurfy Twiglet		FV

Ascomycetes

Ascomycetes, smuts, rusts, etc			
<i>Chlorociboria aeruginascens</i>	Green Elfcap	On rotten fallen wood	JSW
<i>Claviceps purpurea</i>	Ergot	On <i>Schedonorus giganteus</i> Giant Fescue	DG
<i>Coleosporium tussilaginis</i>		Rust on <i>Tussilago farfara</i> Coltsfoot	JSW
<i>Daldinia concentrica</i>	Cramp Balls	On fallen ash branches	AW
<i>Hypoxylon fuscum</i>	Hazel Woodwart	On fallen hazel branch	FV
<i>Microsphaera alphitoides</i>	Oak Mildew	On oak leaves	MVW
<i>Trochila ilicina</i>	Holly Peckle	On dead holly leaf	DG



Left: *Leccinum duriusculum* Slate Bolete, note the pink staining.

Right: *Paxillus ammoniavirescens* Rollrim.



Left: ***Chlorociboria aeruginascens***
Green Elfcap on rotten fallen wood.

Right: ***Coprinellus disseminatus***,
Fairy Inkcap on some buried wood on the path edge.

Alne Wood, Sunday 15 September 2024

Sam Macvie took us through just a small part of this Heart of England Forest woodland, which was made up of mainly Oak, Ash with a Hazel understorey. A good selection of agarics and brackets were seen.

Forayers: AW, DC, DN, JB, JHI, JSW, LF, NJM, NF, SM, TK.
40 Species

Basidiomycetes

<i>Armillaria</i> sp.	Honey Fungus sp	Rhizomorphs seen	AW
<i>Bjerkandera adusta</i>	Smoky Bracket	On fallen log	DN
<i>Clavulina coralloides</i>	Crested Coral	Turf under oak	DN
<i>Collybia peronata</i>	Wood Woolly-foot	Under	DC
<i>Coprinellus lagopus</i>	Hare'sfoot Inkcap	Leaf litter	DC
<i>Coprinellus micaceus</i>	Glistening Inkcap	Leaf litter	TK
<i>Fistulina hepatica</i>	Beefsteak Fungus		DC
<i>Fomitopsis betulina</i>	Birch Polypore	Birch stump	TK
<i>Ganoderma australe</i>	Southern Bracket	On Oak	DC
<i>Inocybe geophylla</i> var. <i>lilacina</i>	White Fibrecap	Leaf litter	DC
<i>Kuehneromyces mutabilis</i>	Sheathed woodtuft	Birch stump	DC
<i>Lactarius pyrogalus</i>	Fiery Milkcap	Under hazel	DC
<i>Lactarius quietus</i>	Oakbug Milkcap	Under oak	JSW
<i>Megocollybia platyphylla</i>	Whitelaced Shank	Leaf litter	DC
<i>Mycaena haematopus</i>	Burgundydrop Bonnet	Dead Birch branch	TK
<i>Mycena filopes</i>	Iodine Bonnet	On the ground	DN
<i>Parasola leiocephala</i>	Bald Inkcap	In grass	DN
<i>Phaeolus schweintzii</i>	Dyer's Mazegill	Rotting wood	DC
<i>Phallus impudicus</i>	Stinkhorn	Leaf litter	DC
<i>Phellinus pomaceus</i>	Cushion Bracket	On Blackthorn	DC
<i>Pluteus cervinus</i>	Deer Shield		DN
<i>Pluteus leoninus</i>	Lion Shield	Fallen Oak	DC
<i>Pluteus salicinus</i>	Willow Shield	On rotting Wood	DC

<i>Rickenella fibula</i>	Orange Moss-cap		TK
<i>Russula cyanoxantha</i>	Charcoal Burner	Under oak	DC
<i>Scleroderma verrucosum</i>	Scaly Earthball	In leaf litter	JSW
<i>Trametes versicolor</i>	Turkeytail	On stump	JSW
<i>Xerocomellus cisalpinus</i>	Bluefoot Bolete	Under Oak	DC

Ascomycetes (Smuts, rusts, etc)

<i>Arcyria sp.</i>	Slime Mould	On fallen branch	DC
<i>Daldinia concentrica</i>	Cramp Balls	On fallen ash branches	TK
<i>Eudolaca carici</i>	Hyperparasite	On Puccinia caricina	DN
<i>Fuligo septica</i>	Dog's Vomit	On grass	DN
<i>Hymenoscyphus frutigenus</i>	Nut Disco	On acorn	DC
<i>Hypomyces chrysospermus</i>	Boletus Eater	On unidentifiable Bolete	JSW
<i>Hypoxyton fuscum</i>	Hazel Woodward	On fallen hazel branch	FV
<i>Microsphaera alphitoides complex</i>	Oak Mildew	On oak leaves	JSW
<i>Phragmidium violaceum</i>	Bramble Rust, stages 2 and 3	On bramble leaves	JSW
<i>Puccinia caricina</i>	Rust, stage 3	On Carex pendula	DN
<i>Puccinia circaeae</i>	Rust, stage 3	On <i>Circaea lutetiana</i> , Enchanter's Nightshade	DN
<i>Xylaria hypoxylon</i>	Candlesnuff Fungus	Sexual stage on rotting wood	DC

There were no pictures taken at Alne wood.

Alvecote Wood, Sunday 29 September 2024

Stephen Briggs, the owner of this private wood, first took us to see some of his mature oaks that were suffering from Acute Oak Decline. Caused by a mixture of bacteria, fungus and a rather smart looking beetle that made D-shaped holes in the bark, this seems to be the next disease to attack our native tree species. Our fungus list was limited as the woodland was mainly oak, with a few hazel bushes and one birch tree which was eagerly examined.

Forayers: DC, DP, EL, FV, HB, JSW, LL, MVW, NIJ, NJM, NM, RT, SG, WD

56 species

Basidiomycetes

<i>Amanita muscaria</i>	Fly Agaric	Under Birch	DC
<i>Chlorophyllum rhacodes</i>	Shaggy Parasol	On grassy path	DC

Chondrostereum purpureum	Silverleaf Fungus	On stump	DC
Clitocybe fragrans	Fragrant Funnel	under Oak	FV
Clitocybe nebularis	Clouded Funnel	Under Oak	FV
Clitocybe odora	Aniseed Funnel	Under Oak	DC
Collybia confluens	Clustered Toughshank	On stump	FV
Coprinopsis lagopus	Hare'sfoot Inkcap	Woodchip	DC
Coprinus comatus	Lawyer's Wig	Beside Grassy path	JSW
Coprinus micaceus	Glistening Inkcap	On stump	DC
Exidia glandulosa	Witches Butter	On twig.	FV
Fistulina hepatica	Beefsteak	On Oak trunk	DC
Gymnopilus fusipes	Spindleshank	Base of Oak	FV
Gymnopus dryophilus	Russet Toughshank	Under Oak	DC
Hebeloma mesophaeum	Veiled Poisonpie	Under Oak	FV
Hypholoma fasciculare	Sulphur Tuft	Under Oak	FV
Inosperma maculatum		under Oak	FV sequenced
Laccaria laccata	The Deceiver	under Oak	FV
Lactarius quietus	Oakbug Milkcap	Under Oak	FV
Lactarius tabidus	Birch Milkcap	Under Birch	FV
Lactarius turpis	Ugly Milkcap	Under Birch	FV
Laetiporus sulphureus	Chicken of the Woods		NIJ
Lepista flaccida	Tawny Funnel	Under Oak	DC
Lycoperdon pyriforme	Stump Puffball	On stump	FV
Melanophyllum haematospermum	Redspored Dapperling	Under Oak	DC
Mycena arcangeliana	Angel's Bonnet	On fallen branch under oak	FV
Mycena filopes	Iodine Bonnet		SG
Mycena galericulata	Common Bonnet	On stump	DC
Mycena haematopus	Burgundydrop Bonnet	On stump	DC
Mycena leptcephala	Nitrous Bonnet	On log	FV
Mycena pseudocorticola	Steely Bonnet	On log	FV sequenced
Mycena rosea	Rosy Bonnet	Under Oak	FV
Mycena stylobates	Bulbous Bonnet	In litter	DC
Mycena tenerrima	Frosty Bonnet	On log	FV
Parasola plicatilis	Pleated Inkcap	under Oak	FV
Phallus impudicus	Stinkhorn	Under Oak	FV
Pluteus cervinus	Deer Shield		FV
Pluteus chrysophaeus	Yellow Shield	Rotten log	DC
Pluteus leoninus	Lion Shield	On log	DC
Psathyrella piluliformis	Common Stump Brittlestem	On stump	FV

Radulomyces molaris	Oak Tooth Crust	on fallen branch, probably Oak	DC
Rhodocollybia maculata	Spotted Toughshank	Under Oak	FV
Russula parazurea	Powdery Brittlegill	Under Oak	SG
Scleroderma citrinum	Common Earthball	On path	FV
Scleroderma verrucosum	Scaly Earthball	Beside Grassy path	JSW
Stereum hirsutum	Hairy Curtain Crust	On stump	JSW
Stropharia caerulea	Blue Roundhead	Woodland litter	DC
Trametes versicolor	Turkeytail	On stump	JSW
Xerocomellus cisalpinus	Bluefoot bolete	Under Oak	DC

Ascomycetes (Smuts, rusts, etc)

Ascocoryne sarcoides	Purple Jellydisc	On rotting trunk	DC
Ciboria batschiana		On woodland litter, probably a dead acorn	FV
Hypoxylon fuscum	Hazel Woodwart	Rotting Hazel branch	JSW
Microsphaera alphitoides complex	Oak Mildew	On oak leaves	JSW
Phragmidium bulbosum, stage 3.	Rust on Bramble	On bramble leaves	JSW spores with 6 or more cells and large apiculus
Rhytisma acerinum	Sycamore Tar-spot	Sycamore leaf	JSW
Xylaria hypoxylon	Candlesnuff Fungus	On stump	FV



Left: ***Xylaria hypoxylon***, Candlesnuff Fungus on a stump.

Right: ***Stropharia caerulea*** Blue Roundhead within some woodland litter.



Left: The group surrounding a tree affected by the Acute Oak decline, Stephen Briggs explaining how the disease spreads and how it affects the forest.

Right: *Mycena pura s.l.*, Lilac Bonnet under oak trees.

Brandon Marsh, Saturday 5 October 2024

This foray was held to commemorate UK Fungus day and it was focused on promoting fungi for the general public. Habitats surrounding water were visited and they mainly had poplar, oak, willow and birch.

Forayers: AS, BB, CB, CH, DC, DG, DT, ES, FV, JB, KR, MJR, OT, RT, SD, SG and SW.
50 species

Basidiomycetes

<i>Agaricus campestris</i>	Field Mushroom	On grass	FV
<i>Amanita muscaria</i>	Fly Agaric	Under birch	DC
<i>Atheniella adonis</i>	Scarlet Bonnet	On woody debris	DG
<i>Chondrostereum purpureum</i>	Silverleaf Fungus	On log	DC
<i>Clavulina coralloides</i>	Crested Coral	Under willow and dogwood	DG
<i>Clitocybe rivulosa</i>	Ivory Funnel	On grass	FV sequenced
<i>Coprinellus disseminatus</i>	Fairy Inkcap	On stump	MJR
<i>Coprinopsis lagopus</i>	Hare'sfoot Inkcap	Under birch	AS
<i>Coprinus comatus</i>	Lawyer's Wig	Beside grassy path	DC
<i>Coprinus micaceus s.l.</i>	Glistening Inkcap	On stump	SG
<i>Cortinarius subbalustinus</i>		Under poplar and oak	FV sequenced
<i>Cortinarius hemitrichus</i>	Frosty Webcap	Under birch	SG
<i>Crepidotus mollis</i>	Peeling Oysterling	On stump	KR
<i>Crepidotus sp.</i>	Oysterling	On stump	AS
<i>Daedaleopsis confragosa</i>	Blushing Bracket	On stump	DC
<i>Entoloma sericeum</i>	Silky Pinkgill	On grass	SG, FV sequenced
<i>Fomitopsis betulina</i>	Birch Polypore	On birch	MJR
<i>Galerina marginata</i>	Funeral Bell	On fallen willow	FV

Hebeloma velutipes	A Poisonpie	Under poplar, oak and birch	FV sequenced
Helvella crispa	White Saddle	On grass	AS
Hygrocybe glutinipes	Glutinous Waxcap	On grass	SG
Hypholoma fasciculare	Sulphur Tuft	On stump	KR
Inocybe geophylla	White Fibrecap	Under birch	FV
Inocybe geophylla var. lilacina	Lilac Fibrecap	Under poplar, oak and birch	DC
Inocybe rimosa	Torn Fibrecap	Under birch & hawthorn	SG, FV sequenced
Kuehneromyces mutabilis	Sheathed Woodtuft	On stump	AS
Laccaria laccata	Deceiver	Under oak	KR
Lacrymaria lacrymabunda	Weeping Widow	Beside grassy path	FV
Lactarius controversus	Blushing Milkcap	Under poplar, oak and willow	DC
Lactarius lacunarum		Under birch	SG
Lactarius spinosulus	Lilacscale Milkcap	Under birch	SG
Leccinum scabrum	Brown Birch Bolete	Under birch	FV
Lepista nuda	Wood Blewit	Under oak	SW
Lepiota cristata	Stinking Dapperling	Under willow and dogwood	FV
Lycoperdon pyriforme	Stump Puffball	On white willow	DC
Melanoleuca polyoleuca	Common Cavalier	On grass	FV
Mycena acicula	Orange Bonnet	On stick	DG
Mycena galericulata	Common Bonnet	On stump	FV
Mycena pura	Lilac Bonnet	Under oak	FV
Paxillus involutus	Brown Rollrim	Under birch	SW
Psathyrella multipedata	Clustered Brittlestem	Beside grassy path	DC
Pluteus cervinus	Deer Shield	On stump	FV
Rickenella fibula	Orange Moss-cap	On grass	DG
Trametes versicolor	Turkeytail	On stump	KR
Tremella mesenterica	Yellow Brain	On log	KR
Tricholoma argyraceum		Under poplar, oak and willow	SG
Tricholoma fulvum	Birch Knight	Under birch	FV
Tubaria furfuracea	Scurfy Twiglet	On twig	FV

Ascomycetes, smuts, rusts, etc

Ascocoryne cylichnium		On rotting stump	DC
Xylaria hypoxylon	Candlesnuff Fungus	On stump	KR



Left: ***Crepidotus sp.*** Oysterling on a stump.

Right: ***Atheniella adonis*** Scarlet Bonnet
On woody debris amongst moss.



Left: ***Lepista nuda*** Wood Blewit
unearthed with the full fruit displayed.

Right: Tiny ***Mycena acicula*** Orange
Bonnet specimen pictured under a hand
lens.

Draycote Meadows, Sunday 13 October 2024

This foray was supposed to be at Dunchurch meadow but the padlock on the gate proved to be a hard nut to crack, as the Wildlife Trust had given us the code for a different gate we did not know about. As we couldn't get in, we chose to go to Draycote Meadow instead. The habitat was a meadow surrounded by oak, hazel, common alder, willow, hawthorn, etc. Only a single species of waxcap, the meadow waxcap, was found in the grass. The sides of the meadow, under the trees cover, proved to be the most productive areas. Finding ergot again on Cat's-tail was a highlight and a macro photo-collage was later produced.

Forayers: AW, DC, DG, FV,JP, KR, NM,PP, RT, SD, SG and TK.

24 species

Basidiomycetes

Agaricus sylvicola	Wood Mushroom	Under common alder	FV
Candolleomyces candolleanus	Pale Brittlestem	Under hawthorn	KR
Clitocybe rivulosa	Ivory Funnel	On grass	FV

<i>Chlorophyllum rhacodes</i>	Shaggy Parasol	Under hazel and goats willow	SG
<i>Conocybe tenera</i>	Common Conecap	On grass	KR
<i>Coprinopsis nivea</i>	Snowy Inkcap	On horse dung	DC
<i>Coprinellus micaceus</i> s.l.	Glistening Inkcap	On stump	DG
<i>Cortinarius albadustus</i>			FV sequenced, First County Record, 4th UK record
<i>Crepidotus</i> sp.	Oysterling	On branch	KR
<i>Cuphophyllum pratensis</i>	Meadow Waxcap	On grass	DC
<i>Dracrymyces stillatus</i>	Common Jellyspot	On rotting trunk	DC
<i>Daedaleopsis confragosa</i>	Blushing Bracket	On tree	RT
<i>Hebeloma</i> sp.		Under oak	DC
<i>Laccaria laccata</i>	Deceiver	Under oak	AW
<i>Parasola</i> sp.		Under oak	TK
<i>Parasola auricoma</i>	Goldenhaired Inkcap	On woody debris	SG
<i>Phragmidium violaceum</i>	Violet Bramble Rust	On bramble leave	NM
<i>Psathyrella corrugis</i>	Red Edge Brittlestem	On woody debris	SG
<i>Stropharia caerulea</i>	Blue Roundhead	On grass	DC
<i>Tremella mesenterica</i>	Yellow Brain	On log	DG
<i>Tubaria furfuracea</i>	Scurfy twiglet	On woody debris	FV
<i>Exidia thuretiana</i>	White Brain	On wood	DG

Ascomycetes, smuts, rusts, etc

<i>Claviceps purpurea</i>	Ergot	On Phleum (Timothy/Cat's tail)	DG
<i>Xylaria hypoxylon</i>	Candlesnuff	On stump	TK



Left: Mature *Psathyrella corrugis*
Red Edge Brittlestem.

Right: Immature *Coprinopsis nivea*
specimens on horse dung.



Left: *Agaricus sylvicola*, Wood
Mushroom under oak.

Right: *Chlorophyllum rhacodes*
Shaggy Parasol.



Collage of images demonstrating the Ergot fungus *Claviceps purpurea*. The *Claviceps* genus affects a range of flowering grasses and cereals, such as rye. They contain toxic alkaloids that cause a fatal poisoning called ergotism if consumed. In its early infection it causes a secretion called 'honeydew' and later forms distinct black *Sclerotia* or 'kernels' (as pictured).

Temple Balsall Sunday 20 October 2024

Only a small number met up with Adrian Smith to brave the remnants of the first named Autumn storm and were pleasantly surprised by what we found. We spent a long time around the car park and even more time on the lawns where there were a good selection, if not number of waxcaps. This variety indicates that the site is one of regional importance and one of the county's most diverse. We have already pencilled in a return visit in 2025, when we might even manage to get as far as the nature reserve. Camille Newton at the WBRC has been informed. This list includes 16 CHEGD species (indicators of grasslands that are rich in specialist grassland fungi) highlighted in pink.

CHEGD: spindles, club and coral fungi (Clavarioids), the waxcaps (previously they were all Hygrocybes), pinkgills (Entoloma), earthtongues (Geoglossum and relatives), and crazed caps (Dermoloma and relatives).

Forayers, ASM, DN, JSW, NW, SG, RT, TK

56 species

Basidiomycetes

Agaricus silvaticus	Blushing Wood Mushroom	Grassland	DN
Amanita rubescens	Blusher	Grassland near oak	TN
Armillaria gallica	Bulbous Honey Fungus		DN
Atheniella flavoalba	Ivory Bonnet	Grassland	DN
Auricularia auricula-judae	Jelly Ear	On alder	TK
Clavaria falcata s. lat.	a spindle with spores like C. tenuipes	Grassland	DN
Clavulinopsis corniculata	Meadow Coral	Grassland	SG
Clavulinopsis helvola	Yellow Club	Grassland	DN
Clavulinopsis laeticolor	Handsome Club	Grassland	DN
Clavulinopsis luteoalba	Apricot Club	Grassland	DN
Clitocybe fragrans	Fragrant Funnel	Lawn	DN
Clitocybe odora	Aniseed Funnel	In hedgerow	DN
Clitocybe rivulosa	Ivory Funnel	Grassland	DN
Collybia confluens	Clustered Toughshank	In hedgerow	RT
Coprinus lagopus	Hare's-foot Inkcap	Lawn	TN
Cortinarius anomalus	Variable Webcap	In hedgerow	SG
Cuphophyllus pratensis	Meadow Waxcap	Grassland	TN
Cuphophyllus virgineus	Snowy Waxcap	Grassland	DN
Cystoderma amianthemum	Earthy Powdercap		DN
Entoloma sp	Pink-gill	Grassland	DN
Galerina clavata	Ribbed Bell		DN

<i>Gliophorus psittacinus</i>	Parrot Waxcap	Lawn	JW
<i>Gymnopilus dryophilus</i>	Russet Toughshank		SG
<i>Hygrocybe ceraceus</i>	Butter Waxcap	Lawn	DN
<i>Hygrocybe chlorophana</i>	Golden Waxcap		SG
<i>Hygrocybe coccinea</i>	Scarlet Waxcap	Lawn	DN
<i>Hygrocybe conica</i>	Blackening Waxcap	Grassland	TK
<i>Hygrocybe insipida</i>	Spangle Waxcap	Grassland	TK/DN
<i>Hygrocybe irrigata</i>	Slimy Waxcap	Grassland	SG
<i>Hygrocybe reidii</i>	Honey Waxcap		SG
<i>Laccaria laccata</i>	The Deceiver	In hedgerow	TK
<i>Lactarius quietus</i>	Oakbug Milkcap	Oak	DN
<i>Lepista nuda</i>	Wood Blewit	In hedgerow	DN
<i>Lycoperdon pyriforme</i>	Stump Puffball		DN
<i>Mycena aetites</i>	Drab Bonnet	Lawn	DN
<i>Mycena galopus</i>	Milky Bonnet	In hedgerow	DN
<i>Paxillus involutus</i>	Brown Rollrim	In hedgerow	SG
<i>Pholiota squarrosa</i>	Shaggy Scalycap	By cherry tree	SG
<i>Piptoporus betulinus</i>	Birch Polypore	On birch	JW
<i>Postia subcaesia</i>	Blueing Bracket	Old stump	SG
<i>Psathyrella candolleana</i>	Pale Brittlestem	Grassland	SG
<i>Rickenella fibula</i>	Orange Moss-cap	Grassland	SG
<i>Rickenella swartzii</i>	Collared Moss-cap	Grassland	DN
<i>Russula atropurpurea</i>	Purple Brittlegill	Oak	JW
<i>Stereum hirsutum</i>	Hairy Curtain Crust	Old stump	DN
<i>Stropharia cyanea</i> (was <i>S. caerulea</i>)	Blue Roundhead	Grassland	DN
<i>Tricholoma sulphureum</i>	Sulphur Knight	In hedgerow	TK
<i>Tricholoma ustale</i>	Burnt Knight		SG
<i>Typhula juncea</i>	Slender Club		DN
<i>Xerocomellus cisalpinus</i>	Bluefoot Bolete	Grassland	SG/DN

Ascomycetes, rust, smuts, etc

<i>Helvella crispa</i>	White Saddle	In hedgerow	SG
<i>Hypomyces chrysospermus</i>	Boletus Eater	On <i>Xerocomellus</i> sp	SG
<i>Microsphaera alphitoides</i> complex	Oak Mildew	Oak Leaves	DH
<i>Glutinoglossum pseudoglutinosum</i>	a Glutinous Earthtongue	Grassland	DN
<i>Trichoglossum hirsutum</i>	Hairy Earthtongue	Grassland	DN

Xylaria hypoxylon	Candlesnuff	On old stump	DN
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Left: ***Amanita rubescens***.
Blusher in Grassland near oak.
Right: ***Hygrocybe conica***.
Blackening Waxcap. It is named as such as It blackens over time or when touched.



Left: ***Clitocybe odora***
Aniseed Funnel. It has a distinct, strong aniseed smell.
Right: ***Geoglossum fallax***.
Glutinous Earthtongue. This is one of the CHEGD species.

Burton Dasset Hills Country Park 3 November 2024

The quality of this site was a real surprise. Twenty-seven CHEGD species were seen including thirteen Waxcaps. This makes the site of National importance.

Forayers: AS, BB, DN, EL, FV, ID, JSW, KR, NM, RT, SG, STW, SW, TH, TK

58 species

Basidiomycetes

Agaricus benessii	Mull Mushroom		DN
Agaricus campestris	Field Mushroom		KR/DN
Agaricus xanthodermus	Yellow Stainer		SW
Atheniella flavoalba	Ivory Bonnet		DN
Bolbitis titubans	Yellow Fieldcap		FV
Clavaria acuta	Pointed club		
Clavaria fragilis	White spindles		TK
Clavaria fumosa	Smoky Spindles		DN
Clavulinopsis corniculata	Meadow Coral		DN
Clavulinopsis helvola	Yellow club		DN
Clavulinopsis laeticolor	Handsome club		DN

<i>Clavulinopsis luteoalba</i>	Apricot Club		DN
<i>Clitocybe nebularis</i>	Clouded Funnel	In beech plantation nearby	TK
<i>Clitocybe rivulosa</i>	Ivory Funnel		FV
<i>Cuphophyllus colemanniana</i>	Toasted waxcap		DN
<i>Cuphophyllus pratensis</i>	Meadow Waxcap		TK
<i>Cuphophyllus virgineus</i>	Snowy Waxcap		FV
<i>Cuphophyllus virgineus</i> var. <i>ochraceopallida</i>	Snowy Waxcap var.		DN
<i>Cuphophyllus virgineus</i> var. <i>fuscescens</i>	Snowy Waxcap var.		DN
<i>Cyathus olla</i>	Field Birdsnest		FV
<i>Dacrymyces stillatus</i>	Common Jellyspot	On wooden pole	TK
<i>Dermoloma cuneifolium</i>	Crazed-cap		DN
<i>Entoloma infula</i>	Chaste Pinkgill		DN/Entoloma Fb group
<i>Entoloma porphyrophaeum</i>	Lilac Pinkgill		DN/Cheil Nordeloos
<i>Entoloma sericeoides</i>	Satin Pinkgill		DN/Cheil Nordeloos
<i>Galerina graminea</i>	Turf Bell		DN
<i>Gliophorus psittacinus</i>	Parrot Waxcap		TK
<i>Hemimycena mairei</i>	Fanvault bonnet		DN
<i>Hygrocybe acutoconica</i> var. <i>acutoconica</i>	Persistent Waxcap		DN
<i>Hygrocybe aurantiosplendens</i>	Orange Waxcap		DN
<i>Hygrocybe ceracea</i>	Butter Waxcap		DN
<i>Hygrocybe chlorophana</i>	Golden Waxcap		DN
<i>Hygrocybe coccinea</i>	Scarlet Waxcap		DN
<i>Hygrocybe conica</i>	Blackening Waxcap		TK
<i>Hygrocybe insipida</i>	Spangle Waxcap		DN
<i>Hygrocybe irrigata</i>	Slimy Waxcap		SG
<i>Hygrocybe quieta</i>	Oily Waxcap		DN
<i>Laetisaria fuciformis</i>	Red Thread		DN
<i>Limonomyces roseipellis</i>	Pink Patch		EL/DN
<i>Lycoperdon pratense</i>	Meadow Puffball		AS
<i>Marasmius oreades</i>	Fairy-ring Champignon		DN
<i>Melanoleuca polioleuca</i>	Common Cavalier		DN
<i>Metarhizium marquandii</i>	Lavender Waxcap Mould		DN
<i>Mycena aetites</i>	Drab Bonnet		DN

Paneolina foenisecii	Brown Mottlegill		FV
Paneolus acuminatus	Dewdrop Mottlegill		FV
Parasola misera	Least Inkcap		DN
Ramariopsis kunzei	Ivory Coral		
Stropharia cyanea	Blue roundhead		
Stropharia inuncta	Smoky Roundhead		FV
Stropharia pseudocyanea	Peppery Roundhead		DN

Ascomycetes, rust, smuts, etc

Comatricha nigra	Slime mould	On dead log	DN
Fuligo septica	Flowers of Tan slime mould	On grass stems	FV
Geoglossum umbratile	Plain Earthtongue		DN
Leocarpus fragilis	Egg-shell slime mould	On grass stems	DN
Peziza repanda	Palamino Cup	On dead log	FV
Trichoglossum hirsutum	Hairy Earthtongue		FV
Xylaria hypoxylon	Candlesnuff	On wood	AS



Left: ***Cyathus olla*** Field Birdsnest.

Right: ***Atheniella flavoalba***.



Left: ***Entoloma porphyrophaeum***. Lilac Pinkgill.

Right: ***Parasola misera*** Least Inkcap.

Kingsbury Water Park 17 November 2024

A 600 acre country park in North Warwickshire near to Birmingham and owned by Warwickshire County Council. It is a mixture of wet willow woodland, with plenty of fallen wood, but no ancient woodland and meadows. Although it is heavily used by the public, there are still plenty of places to hunt fungi.

Foragers:EL, FV, HB, JOB, JP, PP, RT, SG, STW, SW.

47 species

Basidiomycetes

Armillaria sp (boot-lace rhizomorphs in wood)	Honey Fungus	woodland	FV
Abortiporus biennis	Blushing Rosette	Tree stump	SG
Athienella flavoalba	Ivory Bonnet	Grassland	SG
Athyienella (Mycena) adonis	Scarlet Bonnet	Fallen wood	SG
Auricularia auricula-judae	Jelly Ear		PP
Byssomerulius corium	None	Fallen branch	EL
Calyptella capula	The Bowl Hoodie	Geum	RT
Chondrostereum purpureum	Silverleaf Fungus	Fallen trunk	RT
Clavulina rugosa	Wrinkled Club	Under Birch	SG
Coprinellus micaceus	Glistening inkcap		FV
Crepidotus cesatii	The Roundspored Oysterling		RT
Cyanosporus subcaesia	Blueing bracket	On willow	EL
Daedaleopsis confragosa	Blushing Bracket	? willow, fallen	FV
Fomitopsis betulina	Birch polypore	On Birch	SG
Galerina marginata	Funeral Bell		FV
Ganoderma applanatum	Artist's Bracket	? willow, fallen	FV
Hypholoma fasciculare	Sulphur Tuft	Tree stump	JB
Inocybe geophylla	White Fibrecap	Under birch/oak	FV
Kuehneromyces mutabilis	Sheathed Woodtuft	? willow, fallen	FV
Laccaria laccata	The Deceiver	Under oak	FV
Lycoperdon pyriforme	Stump Puffball	Tree stump	SW
Melanoleuca polioleuca	Common Cavalier	Under bramble in grass	RT
Mycena arcangeliana	Angel's Bonnet	Fallen wood	SG
Mycena galericulata	Common Bonnet	?Willow, fallen	FV
Paralepista flaccida	Tawny Funnel	Under willow	FV
Phlebia tremellosa	Jelly Rot	? willow, fallen	SG

Phloeomana alba		Log	FV sequenced First County Record
Phloeomana hiemalis	Winter Bonnet	Log	FV sequenced
Pholiota squarrosa	Shaggy Scalycap	? willow, fallen	FV
Pluteus phlebophorus	Wrinkled Shield	Hidden wood	FV
Polyporus durus (badius)	Bay Polypore		FV
Psathyrella candolleana	Pale Brittlestem	grassland	FV
Psilocybe semilanceata	Liberty Cap	grassland	FV
Sarcomyxa serotinus	Olive Oysterling	? willow, fallen	FV
Scleroderma verrucosum	Scaly Earthball	Under Holm oak	FV
Stereum hirsutum	Hairy Curtain Crust	Fallen branches	FV
Trametes hirsuta	Hairy Bracket	Fallen branch	EL
Trametes versicolor	Turkeytail		RT
Tricholoma argyraceum	None	Under Holm oak	FV
Tubaria furfuracea	Scurfy Twiglet	Wood mulch	SG

Ascomycetes, rust, smuts, etc

Annulohypoxylon multiforme	Birch Woodward	On Alder	EL
Cudoniella acicularis	Oak Pin Fungus	Wood fragment	EL
Lachnum virgineum	Snowy Disco	Fallen wood	EL
Mollisia cinerea	Common Grey Disco	Fallen wood	EL
Nectria cinnabarina	Coral Spot		EL
Sarcoscypha austriaca	Scarlet Elf Cup	Fallen branch	EL
Scutellina crinita	Eyelash sp	Fallen willow	SG
Xylaria hypoxylon	Candlesnuff Fungus	Tree stump	HB



Left: *Sarcomyxa serotinus*, Olive Oysterling

Right: *Mycena alba*



Left: Undetermined micro fungus.

Right: *Scutellina critina* Eyelash sp. Cup Fungi with distinct hair-like projections.

The proposed foray to Cock Robin Wood in Rugby on Sunday 1st December was cancelled as the fruiting season had finished.