**Foray Reports for 2010**

**Haywood Oaks, Saturday 20th March 2010**

Today's meeting was postponed from 16 January as we saw little point in searching for Fungi under the snow and ice which carpeted Haywood Oaks that day. The weather had improved... in as much as it didn't rain all morning.

There were 21 of us including three new comers; John from Worksop and Ted and Esmeralda from Nottingham who had set off on Public Transport at 7.30 that morning. Welcome to them.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the morning and we found approximately 25 species, an unexpectedly high number for this time of year. Not many specimens had stalks and most grew on dead wood. The star of the day was a patch of Scarlet Elfcup which stood out very brightly from some sodden leaf litter.

We enjoyed lunch at the Gleaners Pub in Calverton (a good venue, not just for the food and drink but its geographic position in Notts long and thin County)

We had the free use of their upstairs room for a session on microscopy with 11 of us staying for about two hours. Three microscopes were set up, Howard, Di and Richard showing the rest of us how to make slides and identify various structures. It's fair to say we have a lot to learn but also that none were so puzzled that we will not try to improve our skills.

A provisional list of 27 species has been drawn up including:

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| Annulohypoxylon multiforme - Birch Woodwart  | Calocera pallidospathulata - Pale Stagshorn  | Dacrymyces stillatus - Common Jellyspot  |
| Diatrype stigma - Common Tarcrust  | Dichomitus campestris  | Exidia glandulosa - Witches' Butter  |
| Fomes fomentarius - Hoof Fungus  | Ganoderma applanatum - Artist's Palette  | Heterobasidion annosum - Root Rot  |
| Lophodermium pinastri - Pine Needle Split  | Lycoperdon excipuliformis - Pestle Puffball  | Lycoperdon perlatum - Common Puffball  |
| Mollisia cinerea - Common Grey Disco  | Nectria cinnabarina - Coral Spot  | Peniophora quercina  |
| Piptoporus betulinus - Birch Polypore  | Pleurotus ostreatus - Oyster Fungus  | Polyporus brumalis - Winter Polypore  |
| Rhopographus filicinus - Bracken Map  | Rhytisma acerinum - Sycamore Tarspot  | Sarcoscypha austriaca - Scarlet Elf Cap  |
| Stereum hirsutum - Hairy Curtain Crust  | Stereum rameale  | Trametes ochracea  |
| Trametes versicolor - Turkey Tail  | Tremella mesenterica - Yellow Brain  | Vuilleminia comedens - Waxy Crust  |

**Peafield Lane Wood, Saturday 22th May 2010**

A warm sunny morning saw a sizeable gathering, including children, in the car park of the Red Brick House. Even before we set out someone had brought along a bag of plump white mushrooms to be identified - they were Calocybe gambosa, St George's Mushroom, an edible springtime species. We were able to demonstrate just what the smell/taste description 'mealy' actually means - a term frequently encountered in fungi texts.

The foray itself turned up 23 species in all, mostly brackets or other wood-hosted fungi. The Hoof Fungus, Fomes fomentarius, on birch aroused interest and brought out the cameras. On beechmast we found Xylaria carpophila, a scrawnier and easily missed relation of the better-known Candlesuff Fungus, X. hypoxylon. Of the more conventional soil and litter fungi we found only three. One was Deer Shield, Pluteus cervinus, a common but striking brown fungus with white gills turning pink, here growing on and around an oak stump. The two others were Vinegar Cup, Helvella acetabulum, a beige-grey species with a cup on a white furrowed stalk, growing in soil and beech litter; and Charcoal Cup, Peziza echinospora, a stemless brown cup fungus on a scorched birch log - not uncommon on old firesites and, under the microscope, with distinctly spiny spores. Two more for the photographers.

Back at the pub car park the party split up, some of us going in to enjoy a meal and a drink to round off a very pleasant morning.

Howard Williams

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| Annulohypoxylon multiforme - Birch Woodwart  | Daedaleopsis confragosa - Blushing Bracket  | Diatrype stigma - Common Tarcrust  |
| Diatrypella quercina  | Exidia glandulosa - Witches' Butter  | Fomes fomentarius - Hoof Fungus  |
| Helvella acetabulum - Vinegar Cup  | Heterobasidion annosum - Root Rot  | Hypholoma fasciculare - Sulpur Tuft  |
| Hypoxylon fragiforme - Beech Woodwart  | Kuehneola uredinis, a rust  | Lycogala terrestre, a myxomcete  |
| Peziza echinospora  | Phanerochaete sordida  | Piptoporus betulinus - Birch Polypore  |
| Pluteus cervinus - Deer Shield  | Reticularia lycoperdon, a myxomcete  | Rhopographus filicinus - Bracken Map  |
| Rhytisma acerinum - Sycamore Tarspot  | Schizopora paradoxa - Split Porecrust  | Stereum hirsutum - Hairy Curtain Crust  |
| Stereum rameale  | Trametes ochracea  | Xylaria carpophila - Beechmast Candlesnuff  |
| Xylaria hypoxylon - Candlesnuff  |  |  |

**Budby South Forest, Saturday 4th September 2010** (a 'members only' foray)

At the first autumn foray of 2010, 19 members roamed the heath at Budby Forest along with the Long Horned Cattle; enjoying the sunshine. I must point out that we had kind permission from Thoresby Estates - the land owner and Natural England as the site is a SSSI and National Nature Reserve. On our last visit - one November day - I recall the wind and rain were relentless but we soldiered on and this year we positively enjoyed the weather.

After the previous week of wind and sun I was afraid that everything might have dried up, but, we did well for fungi species, the weather and PURPLE heather

Most of us were clutching books to refresh our ID skills - getting to family was an achievement but we all recognised our own favourites and proudly told anyone who would listen why it was what it was !

So I think a beautiful day has whetted our appetites for the season ahead.

Ann Ward

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| Agaricus silvicola - Wood Mushroom  | Amanita excelsa - Grey Spotted Amanita  | Amanita rubescens - The Blusher  |
| Amanita vaginata - Grisette  | Amantia fulva - Tawny Grisette  | Boletus badius - Bay Bolete  |
| Boletus edulis - Cep  | Boletus luridiformis - Scarletina Bolete  | Boletus subtomentosus - Suede Bolete  |
| Chalciporus piperatus - Peppery Bolete  | Clitopilus prunulus - The Miller  | Coprinopsis atramentarius - Common Inkcap  |
| Coprinus cordisporus  | Entoloma conferendum - Star Pinkgill  | Fomes fomentarius - Hoof Fungus  |
| Gymnopilus penetrans - Common Rustgill  | Hygrocybe miniata - Vermillion Waxcap  | Hygrocybe persistens - Persisting Waxcap  |
| Hygrocybe psittacina - Parrot Waxcap  | Hygrophoropsis aurantiaca - False Chanterelle  | Inocybe assimilata  |
| Laccaria amethystina - Amethyst Deceiver  | Laccaria laccata - The Deceiver  | Lactarius pubescens - Bearded Milkcap  |
| Lactarius quietus - Oakbug Milkcap  | Lactarius tabidus - Birch Milkcap  | Leccinum versipelle - Orange Birch Bolete  |
| Lycoperdon lividum - Grassland Puffball  | Lycoperdon nigrescens - Dusky Puffball  | Lycoperdon perlatum - Common Puffball  |
| Mycena galericulata - Common Bonnet  | Panaeolus acuminatus  | Panaeolus fimicola - Turf Mottlegill  |
| Panaeolus semiovatus - Egghead Mottlegill  | Paxillus involutus - Brown Rollrim  | Phaeolus schweinitzii - Dyers's Mazegill  |
| Piptoporus betulinus - Birch Polypore  | Rhodocollybia maculata - Spotted Toughshank  | Russula aeruginea - Green Brittlegill  |
| Russula atropurpurea - Purple Brittlegill  | Russula betularum - Birch Brittlegill  | Russula caerulea - Humpback Brittlegill  |
| Russula nigricans - Blackening Brittlegill  | Russula nitida - Purple Swamp Brittlegill  | Stereum hirsutum - Hairy Curtain Crust  |
| Suillus luteus - Slippery Jack  | Trichaptum abietinum - Purplepore Bracket  | Tricholomopsis rutilans - Plums and Custard  |

**Nottingham Arboretum Sunday 19th September 2010**

When the Nottingham Arboretum (the second in the country after Derby's Arboretum) opened in 1852, it is recorded that 15,000 people paid to take part in the proceedings. There were far fewer today for our first visit to this Victorian establishment but we too had a jolly time. Twenty one forayers turned up, there were lots of new faces as well as a welcome return of the very first Secretary of the Notts Fungi Group, Rosanna.

Rosanna brought with her the main curiosity of the day; some morels picked earlier in the week at the nearby Trent University growing, most unusually, on wood chip and in September not, as is the normal case, in spring. Some have been sent to the British Mycological Society for their comments

The soil looked very dry but we had a surprisingly good haul of fungi although many, apart from a very young Fly Agaric, looked a bit tired. Not as old, however, as the statues of Samuel Morley and Fergus O'Conner, two controversial radical Nottingham MPs whose busts decorate the arboretum as well as some cannons from the Crimean war.

Tony Kavanagh

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| Agaricus silvaticus - Blushing Wood Mushroom  | Amanita muscaria - Fly Agaric  | Armillaria mellea - Honey Fungus  |
| Boletus chrysenteron - Red Cracking Bolete  | Boletus pruinatus - Matt Bolete  | Boletus pulverulentus - Inkstain Bolete  |
| Boletus rubellus - Ruby Bolete  | Boletus subtomentosus - Suede Bolete  | Bovista plumbea - Grey Puffball  |
| Coprinopsis lagopus - Hare'sfoot Inkcap  | Cyathus striatus - Fluted Bird's Nest  | Gymnopus confluens - Clustered Toughshank  |
| Gymnopus erythropus - Redleg Toughshank  | Hebeloma crustuliniforme - Poisonpie  | Hypholoma fasciculare - Sulphur Tuft  |
| Laccaria laccata - Deceiver  | Lactarius pubescens - Bearded Milkcap  | Lactarius turpis - Ugly Milkcap  |
| Lepiota cristata - Stinking Dapperling  | Lycoperdon lividum - Grassland Puffball  | Lycoperdon nigrescens - Dusky Puffball  |
| Marasmius oreades - Fairy Ring Champignon  | Melanophyllum haematospermum - Redspored Dapperling  | Mycena flavoalba - Ivory Bonnet  |
| Mycena leptocephala - Nitrous Bonnet  | Panaeolina foenisecii - Brown Mottlegill  | Parasola plicatilis - Pleated Inkcap  |
| Paxillus involutus - Brown Rollrim  | Polyporus durus - Bay Polypore  | Postia subcaesia - Blueing Bracket  |
| Rickenella fibula - Orange Mosscap  | Scleroderma bovista - Potato Earthball  | Scleroderma citrinum - Common Earthball  |
| Scleroderma verrucosum - Scaly Earthball  | Stereum hirsutum - Hairy Curtain Crust  | Vascellum pratense - Meadow Puffball  |
| Xylaria polymorpha - Dead Man's Fingers  |  |  |
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**Rufford CP Foray September 28th 2010**

On a grey reasonably warm morning after rain a party of about 15 of us began this foray by searching the Wilderness Woodland near the car park. Peter Thompson of Woverhampton came to join us and his expertise in Ascomycetes will add some interesting records. Meanwhile Mary Hawkins collected Mycena sanguinolenta Bleeding Bonnet, with red-edged gills and 'blood', and Graham Piearce's sharp eyes spotted the tiny Simocybe haustellaris on a piece of rotten twig in litter. Stereum subtomentosum Yellowing Curtain Crust, which yellows when scratched by a fingernail attracted attention here too. Out onto the grass lawns where we found Panaeolus acuminatus, Mycena spp, Inocybe rimosa Split Fibrecap, Hygrocybe conica Blackening Waxcap, some bright yellow waxcaps Hygrocybe ceracea Butter Waxcap, and a fine specimen of the pinky-orange Meadow Waxcap Hygrocybe pratensis. Much debate was caused as to the sweet smell coming from a very young fruitbody - finally a consensus that it was of almonds. The fungus was an Agaricus but too undeveloped to identify.

Most people had to leave about 12.30 but 5 of us continued on around the Lake for another hour or so, where Di Mears spotted a chalk-white cluster of Lyophyllum connatum White Domecap, in soil; and we were impressed by the numbers of Agaricus bitorquis Pavement Mushroom, with its double ring along the path edges and in the shrub beds.

Altogether a very fruitful morning.

Howard Williams

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| Amanita rubescens - Blusher  | Auricularia auricula-judae - Jelly Ear  | Calocera pallidospathulata - Pale Stagshorn  |
| Calocybe carnea - Pink Domecap  | Clavulina coralloides - Crested Coral  | Clitocybe gibba - Common Funnel  |
| Clitocybe nebularis - Clouded Funnel  | Crepidotus cesatii  | Daedaleopsis confragosa - Blushing Bracket  |
| Diatrypella quercina  | Entoloma serrulatum - Blue Edge Pinkgill  | Exidia nucleata - Crystal Brain  |
| Fistulina hepatica - Beefsteak Fungus  | Fomes fomentarius - Hoof Fungus / Tinder Bracket  | Ganoderma australe - Southern Bracket  |
| Gymnopus confluens - Clustered Toughshank  | Gymnopus dryophila - Russet Toughshank  | Gymnopus peronata - Wood Woollyfoot  |
| Hebeloma crustuliniforme - Poisonpie  | Hebeloma leucosarx  | Hebeloma pumilum  |
| Hebeloma sacchariolens - Sweet Poisonpie  | Hygrocybe ceracea - Butter Waxcap  | Hygrocybe pratensis - Meadow Waxcap  |
| Hypholoma fasciculare - Sulphur Tuft  | Inocybe geophylla - White Fibrecap  | Inocybe rimosa - Split Fibrecap  |
| Laccaria proxima - Scurfy Deceiver  | Lactarius quietus - Oakbug Milkcap  | Lactarius subdulcis - Mild Milkcap  |
| Lactarius tabidus - Birch Milkcap  | Lactarius turpis - Ugly Milkcap  | Lyophyllum connatum - White Domecap  |
| Marasmius androsaceus - Horsehair Parachute  | Meripilus giganteus - Giant Polypore  | Mycena arcangeliana - Angel's Bonnet  |
| Mycena galericulata - Common Bonnet  | Mycena galopus - Milking Bonnet  | Mycena inclinata - Clustered Bonnet  |
| Mycena pura - Lilac Bonnet  | Mycena sanguinolenta - Bleeding Bonnet  | Mycena vitilis - Snapping Bonnet  |
| Panaeolus acuminatus - Dewdrop Mottlegill  | Paxillus involutus - Brown Rollrim  | Phallus impudicus - Stinkhorn  |
| Phellinus ferruginosus - Rusty Porecrust  | Piptoporus betulinus - Birch Polypore  | Pluteus cervinus - Deer Shield  |
| Psathyrella microrhiza - Rootlet Brittlestem  | Rhodocollybia butyracea - Butter Cap  | Russula atropurpurea - Purple Brittlegill  |
| Russula betularum - Birch Brittlegill  | Russula claroflava - Yellow Swamp Brittlegill  | Russula heterophylla - Greasy Green Brittlegill  |
| Russula ochroleuca - Ochre Brittlegill  | Schizopora paradoxa - Split Porecrust  | Simocybe haustellaris  |
| Stereum subtomentosum - Yellowing Curtain Crust  | Trametes versicolor - Turkeytail  | Vuilleminia comedens - Waxy Crust  |
| Xylaria hypoxylon - Candlesnuff Fungus  | Xylaria polymorpha - Dead Man's Fingers  |  |
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**Upper Saxondale 2nd October 2010**(NFG members invited by the Friends of Upper Saxondale)

Our first visit to Upper Saxondale was a great success; not only was it on a glorious Autumn day we also found a good variety of fungi. We had been invited by the Friends of Upper Saxondale who enthusiastically, last Spring, promised us a wealth of fungi; a promise amply fulfilled.

Our foray was around the gardens of an old Psychiatric Hospital built in 1899 and there is good reason, not least the age of some of the trees, to assume this site has been undisturbed for well over a century.

Twenty one of us found at least 50 species; with the likelihood of more being identified later. On arriving at the Car park we saw some splendid Inkcaps but the main highlights of the day were drifts of the pretty lilac form of the White Fibrecap as well as a big group of Fleecy Milkcaps the largest of which was at least a foot across. The Friends were particularly impressed by a couple of vibrant Parrot waxcaps.We were puzzled about whether or not some fungi were either the edible Field mushroom or the poisonous Yellow Stainer. We did find one specimen which clearly showed the Chrome yellow at the base of the stipe but we decided against eating the others.

We were given tea and biscuits afterwards by The Friends but even without the attraction of their hospitality we had decided to Foray Saxondale again.

Tony Kavanagh

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| Abortiporus biennis - Blushing Rosette  | Agaricus arvensis - Horse Mushroom  | Agaricus xanthodermus - Yellow Stainer  |
| Amanita muscaria - Fly Agaric  | Amanita rubescens - Blusher  | Chlorophyllum rhacodes - Shaggy Parasol  |
| Coprinopsis atramentaria - Common Inkcap  | Coprinus comatus - Shaggy Inkcap  | Cystoderma amianthinum - Earthy Powdercap  |
| Fistulina hepatica - Beefsteak Fungus  | Ganoderma australe - Southern Bracket  | Gymnopus dryophila - Russet Toughshank  |
| Hygrocybe conica - Blackening Waxcap  | Hygrocybe glutinipes - Glutinous Waxcap  | Hygrocybe psittacina - Parrot Waxcap  |
| Hygrocybe virginea - Snowy Waxcap  | Inocybe geophylla - White Fibrecap  | Inocybe geophylla var. lilacina - Lilac Fibrecap  |
| Laccaria laccata - Deceiver  | Lactarius tabidus - Birch Milkcap  | Lactarius vellereus - Fleecy Milkcap  |
| Leccinum variicolor - Mottled Bolete  | Lepiota cristata - Stinking Dapperling  | Lyophyllum decastes - Clustered Domecap  |
| Marasmius setosus  | Melanoleuca polioleuca - Common Cavalier  | Meripilus giganteus - Giant Polypore  |
| Mycena aetites - Drab Bonnet  | Mycena filopes - Iodine Bonnet  | Mycena flavoalba - Ivory Bonnet  |
| Mycena leptocephala - Nitrous Bonnet  | Mycena olivaceomarginata - Brownedge Bonnet  | Mycena vitilis - Snapping Bonnet  |
| Paxillus involutus - Brown Rollrim  | Pholiota squarrosa - Shaggy Scalycap  | Pleurotus dryinus - Veiled Oyster  |
| Pluteus cervinus - Deer Shield  | Rhytisma acerinum - Sycamore Tarspot  | Russula amoenolens  |
| Russula atropurpurea - Purple Brittlegill  | Russula exalbicans - Bleached Brittlegill  | Russula fellea - Geranium Brittlegill  |
| Schizopora paradoxa - Split Porecrust  | Scleroderma verrucosum - Scaly Earthball  | Stropharia caerulea - Blue Roundhead  |
| Xerula radicata - Rooting Shank  |  |  |
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**Clifton Woods 10th October 2010**

Not everyone who will read this (330 of you logged into this site last month) know about Nottingham's Goose Fair, which takes place annually and has done, they say, for the last 716 years. Who knows what it was originally but over the centuries it has changed into what is claimed to be the largest funfair in Europe.

We, who live here, however, know it as the time when the weather becomes drab, dull and depressing and so it was when about thirty of us met on a very grey morning. But there were lots of new faces, an indication that there is lots of potential interest in Fungi in the south of the County. Three new members joined, welcome to Brian Hill, Rebecca Stephens and Robin Steward

Natural England describe the site in this way - *The steep escarpment along the Trent Valley Way is an impressive example of Gunthorpe and Edwalton sedimentary rock formation. Ornamental and veteran trees including 2 impressive redwoods can be found throughout the site. There is mixed deciduous woodland. Indicators of ancient woodland such as yellow archangel are present along with woodland plants such as wood stichwort.*

However the long strip of ground 70 or so feet above the Trent did not initially seem promising. To contrast with the sky we did find some very colourful fungi; funnel cups whose colour covered all the beige/yellow range as well as the flecked purpley blues of the wood blewitts.As usual we found any number of pretty little fungi we could not immediately identify which were taken home for further examination

Tony Kavanagh

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| Armillaria gallica - Bulbous Honey Fungus  | Armillaria mellea - Honey Fungus  | Auricularia auricula-judae - Jelly Ear  |
| Bjerkandera adusta - Smoky Bracket  | Bolbitius titubans - Yellow Fieldcap  | Clitocybe nebularis - Clouded Funnel  |
| Clitopilus prunulus - The Miller  | Dacrymyces stillatus - Common Jellyspot  | Diatrypella quercina  |
| Flammulina velutipes - Velvet Shank  | Gymnopus fusipes - Spindle Toughshank  | Gymnopus peronatus Wood Woollyfoot  |
| Hymenoscyphus fructigenus - Nut Disco  | Inocybe geophylla var. lilacina - Lilac Fibrecap  | Lepista flaccida - Tawny Funnel  |
| Lepista nuda - Wood Blewit  | Marasmius epiphyllus - Leaf Parachute  | Marasmius rotula - Collared Parachute  |
| Melanoleuca polioleuca - Common Cavalier  | Mycena arcangeliana - Angel's Bonnet  | Mycena epipterygia - Yellowleg Bonnet  |
| Mycena leptocephala - Nitrous Bonnet  | Mycena olivaceomarginata - Brownedge Bonnet  | Mycena pura - Lilac Bonnet  |
| Mycena rosea - Rosy Bonnet  | Mycena vitilis - Snapping Bonnet  | Rhodocollybia butyracea - Butter Cap  |
| Rhytisma acerinum - Sycamore Tarspot  | Russula atropurpurea - Purple Brittlegill  | Schizopora paradoxa - Split Porecrust  |
| Stropharia caerulea - Blue Roundhead  | Xylaria carpophila - Beechmast Candlesnuff  | Xylaria hypoxylon - Candlesnuff Fungus  |
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**Gamston Wood 19th October 2010**

After a rainy, windy night the weather turned fine and sunny for our foray in this damp northern wood on clay alkaline soil, where 13 members and guests plus the warden, John, all had a really good time with many species recorded and collected. The previous Sunday I had made a brief pre-visit and recorded 26 species. On Tuesday, foray day, 14 of us recorded in excess of 82 species with more to be identified; which shows that the more eyes you have on a foray the better your results are going to be.

Old favourites like Amanita muscaria, Fly Agaric, turned up, not only in huge numbers but also in huge sizes. Waxcaps like Hygrocybe pratensis, Meadow Waxcap, and Hygrocybe glutinipes, Glutinous Waxcap, which we are more accustomed to see in fields occurred in clearings here along with Mutinus caninus, Dog Stinkhorn, and Lactarius glyciosmus, Coconut Milkcap, smelling, as its name suggests, pleasantly of coconut. On a fallen oak twig the brilliantly deep green cups of Chlorociboria aeruginascens, Green Elfcup, drew much attention: the green-staining is frequently seen but fully formed cups are less often so. Some impressively sized Boletus edulis, Cep, were recorded among the birch and collected 'in moderation' by some for eating.

Sizeable fungi were a feature of this foray: apart from those mentioned, the uncommon pink-gilled, white Lactarius controversus was growing to nearly a foot across, one with a smaller one growing out of the cap of a larger. This was first recorded for Notts here in the wood on a 1999 foray. Its only other known site in the county is Rushcliffe Golf Course. Towards the end of the morning another large species, Clitoybe geotropa, Trooping Funnel, was recorded too.

County firsts and rare fungi recorded were Cortinarius olidus, an attractive straw-yellow fungus; the very small date-brown Inocybe acuta; and Hebeloma populinum under aspen, birch and willow. The first two were collected by Di Mears, the last by me on the Sunday pre-visit. The list is not yet complete with Peter Thompson's ascomycetes to be added in due course as well as a few more to be identified by others of us.

Howard Williams

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| Agrocybe erebia - Dark Fieldcap  | Aleuria aurantia - Orange Peel Fungus  | Amanita citrina - False Deathcap  |
| Amanita muscaria - Fly Agaric  | Amanita rubescens - Blusher  | Armillaria gallica - Bulbous Honey Fungus  |
| Armillaria mellea - Honey Fungus  | Armillaria ostoyae - Dark Honey Fungus  | Boletus badius - Bay Bolete  |
| Boletus chrysenteron - Red Cracking Bolete  | Boletus edulis - Cep  | Chalciporus piperatus - Peppery Bolete  |
| Chlorociboria aeruginascens - Green Elfcup  | Chlorophyllum rhacodes - Shaggy Parasol  | Chondrostereum purpureum - Silverleaf Fungus  |
| Clavulina coralloides - Crested Coral  | Clavulinopsis fusiformis - Golden Spindles  | Clitocybe geotropa - Trooping Funnel  |
| Coniophora puteana - Wet Rot  | Coprinellus micaceus - Glistening Inkcap  | Coprinopsis atramentaria - Common Inkcap  |
| Coprinus comatus - Shaggy Inkcap  | Cortinarius olidus  | Dacrymyces stillatus - Common Jellyspot  |
| Daedaleopsis confragosa - Blushing Bracket  | Diatrypella quercina  | Entoloma rhodopolium - Wood Pinkgill  |
| Gymnopilus penetrans - Common Rustgill  | Gymnopus confluens - Clustered Toughshank  | Hebeloma crustuliniforme - Poisonpie  |
| Hebeloma populinum  | Hygrocybe conica - Blackening Waxcap  | Hygrocybe glutinipes - Glutinous Waxcap  |
| Hygrocybe pratensis - Meadow Waxcap  | Hypholoma fasciculare - Sulphur Tuft  | Hypholoma marginatum - Snakeskin Brownie  |
| Hypoxylon petriniae  | Inocybe acuta  | Inocybe geophylla var. geophylla - White Fibrecap  |
| Inocybe geophylla var. lilacina - Lilac Fibrecap  | Inocybe sindonia  | Laccaria amethystina - Amethyst Deceiver  |
| Laccaria laccata - Deceiver  | Laccaria proxima - Scurfy Deceiver  | Lactarius controversus  |
| Lactarius glyciosmus - Coconut Milkcap  | Lactarius pubescens - Bearded Milkcap  | Lactarius subdulcis - Mild Milkcap  |
| Lactarius torminosus - Woolly Milkcap  | Lactarius turpis - Ugly Milkcap  | Lactarius vietus - Grey Milkcap  |
| Leccinum scabrum - Brown Birch Bolete  | Lepiota cristata - Stinking Dapperling  | Lycoperdon molle - Soft Puffball  |
| Lycoperdon nigrescens - Dusky Puffball  | Lycoperdon perlatum - Common Puffball  | Lycoperdon pyriforme - Stump Puffball  |
| Lyophyllum loricatum  | Macrotyphula juncea - Slender Club  | Marasmiellus ramealis - Twig Parachute  |
| Mutinus caninus - Dog Stinkhorn  | Mycena arcangeliana - Angel's Bonnet  | Mycena inclinata - Clustered Bonnet  |
| Mycena polygramma - Grooved Bonnet  | Mycena pura - Lilac Bonnet  | Paxillus involutus - Brown Rollrim  |
| Peniophora quercina  | Pholiota gummosa - Sticky Scalycap  | Pluteus cervinus - Deer Shield  |
| Rhodocollybia butyracea - Butter Cap  | Rhytisma acerinum - Sycamore Tarspot  | Rickenella fibula - Orange Mosscap  |
| Russula betularum - Birch Brittlegill  | Russula ochroleuca - Ochre Brittlegill  | Russula parazurea - Powdery Brittlegill  |
| Stereum rameale  | Stropharia aeruginosa - Verdigris Agaric  | Trametes ochracea  |
| Tricholoma fulvum - Birch Knight  | Typhula erythropus - Redleg Club  | Typhula setipes  |
| Xylaria carpophila - Beechmast Candlesnuff  | Xylaria hypoxylon - Candlesnuff Fungus  |  |
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**Spalford Warren 31st October 2010**

Spalford Warren is a Notts Wildlife Trust Reserve north of Newark. The main habitat is sand blown heath which makes it a rare site in the county, thus giving it SSSI status. Much of the area is planted with Corsican and Scots pine with some oak and birch.

Eleven members plus visitors met here on a dreary morning weather wise. Our spirits were soon raised when we began the foray in the southern section of the reserve. Lepista nuda [wood blewitt] was spotted just through the gateway and we were kept busy identifying a wide range of species in a very small area. The ageing process was clearly seen in specimens of Collybia butyracea [buttercap], with dark brown cap when young, fading to almost white with age. Clitocybe fragrans was easily recognised by its strong scent. Another interesting find was Rhodotus palmatus [wrinkled peach] probably growing on elm.

Later in the morning we moved on to the heathland in the northern section. A lot of tree felling has taken place to restore the heathland habitat. Clusters of Thelephora terrestris [earthfan] were growing in the moss and Tapinella panuoides [oyster rollrim] ochre brown in colour was growing on a pine stump.

Perhaps the best finds of the day were two species which were the first of their kind to be recorded in the county. The first, Amanita gemmata [jewelled amanita], an uncommon very toxic fungi with a cream cap was growing on a pine stump.

Secondly two specimens of Hygrophoropsis fuscosquamula, yellowish capped fungi with dark brown stipes and white gills were also growing on a pine stump.

A successful foray and the rain held off until midday.

Dorothy Burton

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| Amanita gemmata - Jewelled Amanita  | Amanita muscaria - Fly Agaric  | Boletus badius - Bay Bolete  |
| Calocera viscosa - Yellow Stagshorn  | Chalciporus piperatus - Peppery Bolete  | Chlorophyllum rhacodes - Shaggy Parasol  |
| Clitocybe clavipes - Club Foot  | Clitocybe fragrans - Fragrant Funnel  | Clitocybe metachroa  |
| Clitocybe nebularis - Clouded Funnel  | Clitocybe phyllophila - Frosty Funnel  | Cystoderma amianthinum - Earthy Powdercap  |
| Dacrymyces stillatus - Common Jellyspot  | Gymnopilus junonius - Spectacular Rustgill  | Gymnopilus penetrans - Common Rustgill  |
| Hebeloma crustuliniforme - Poisonpie  | Hygrophoropsis aurantiaca - False Chanterelle  | Hygrophoropsis fuscosquamula  |
| Hygrophorus hypothejus - Herald of Winter  | Hypholoma fasciculare - Sulphur Tuft  | Laccaria proxima - Scurfy Deceiver  |
| Lactarius glyciosmus - Coconut Milkcap  | Lactarius hepaticus - Liver Milkcap  | Lactarius rufus - Rufous Milkcap  |
| Lactarius turpis - Ugly Milkcap  | Lepista flaccida - Tawny Funnel  | Lepista nuda - Wood Blewit  |
| Lycoperdon nigrescens - Dusky Puffball  | Lycoperdon perlatum - Common Puffball  | Nectria cinnabarina - Coral Spot  |
| Panaeolus acuminatus - Dewdrop Mottlegill  | Paxillus involutus - Brown Rollrim  | Phlebia tremellosa - Jelly Rot  |
| Rhodocollybia butyracea - Butter Cap  | Rhodocollybia maculata - Spotted Toughshank  | Rhodotus palmatus - Wrinkled Peach  |
| Rhopographus filicinus - Bracken Map  | Rickenella fibula - Orange Mosscap  | Russula ochroleuca - Ochre Brittlegill  |
| Schizopora paradoxa - Split Porecrust  | Stereum hirsutum - Hairy Curtain Crust  | Suillus luteus - Slippery Jack  |
| Tapinella panuoides - Oyster Rollrim  | Thelephora terrestris - Earthfan  | Trametes versicolor - Turkeytail  |
| Tricholoma imbricatum - Matt Knight  | Tricholomopsis rutilans - Plums and Custard  | Tubaria furfuracea - Scurfy Twiglet  |
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**Portland Park Saturday 6th November 2010**

We wondered how many would join us at Portland Park with it being the same day as a foray at Attenborough, but we did well and have a new member to show for it. There were 12 of us in lovely sun shine - just as I had requested.

Finding fungi was more of a challenge than we had expected as the leaves had fallen recently carpeting the ground like a duvet. There were probably lots more fungi than we found hidden in the parks valley woodland but we found about 30.

At the furthest end of the park we crossed the freight railway line to access the NWT Bentinck siding meadow. In the summer when I visited it was full of orchids, yellow wort and other meadow blooms, hopefully a few of Saturday's team will be able to find the meadow again next summer to enjoy the picture I tried to paint. In August I had another excuse to visit this meadow and found 3 waxcaps, we tried hard to find them again but our timing was just off the mark. We did however keep finding Mycena and kept calling for Mary but she was busy with Attenborough and could not hear us....Perhaps I need a Swiss book on Mycena too.

We ended the foray at the cafe - tea and a bacon cob being the order of the day, and tried to ID a few of the findings on a picnic table!!

As always we took samples home and hopefully soon there will be a list to show for a super morning with good company and fine weather.

Ann Ward

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| Annulohypoxylon multiforme - Birch Woodwart  | Ascocoryne sarcoides - Purple Jellydisc  | Auricularia auricula-judae - Jelly Ear  |
| Chondrostereum purpureum - Silverleaf Fungus  | Coprinellus domesticus - Firerug Inkcap  | Coprinellus micaceus - Glistening Inkcap  |
| Crepidotus cesatii  | Daldinia concentrica - King Alfred's Cakes / Cramp Balls  | Exidia nucleata - Crystal Brain  |
| Flammulaster granulosa  | Flammulina velutipes - Velvet Shank  | Hypholoma fasciculare - Sulphur Tuft  |
| Lycoperdon perlatum - Common Puffball  | Lycoperdon pyriforme - Stump Puffball  | Mycena clavularis  |
| Mycena epipterygia - Yellowleg Bonnet  | Mycena inclinata - Clustered Bonnet  | Mycena metata  |
| Nectria cinnabarina - Coral Spot  | Oxyporus populinus - Poplar Bracket  | Panaeolus fimicola - Turf Mottlegill  |
| Parasola plicatilis - Pleated Inkcap  | Piptoporus betulinus - Birch Polypore  | Psathyrella corrugis - Red Edge Brittlestem  |
| Rhodocollybia butyracea - Butter Cap  | Trametes versicolor - Turkeytail  | Tricholoma cingulatum - Girdled Knight  |
| Tubaria dispersa  | Xylaria hypoxylon - Candlesnuff Fungus  |  |
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**Kirton Wood Foray 14th November 2010**

22 people turned out for the foray in this attractive Ash-Wych Elm woodland on heavy clays owned by the Notts Wildlife Trust. Although nights had turned cold, the days were still largely fine and the sheltered environment of the wood meant there were still plenty of late-season fungi to be seen. Being on clays some of the brighter fungi like Russulas were not to be expected, but there was a good range of those associated with fallen or buried wood. The numbers of Psathyrella and Mycena species were considerable and afforded an opportunity for newcomers to sort out the two genera, which can often seem quite similar to the inexperienced eye.

Some of the more conspicuous fungi were Daedaleopsis confragosa (Blushing Bracket) on birch with its 'blushing' lower surface; Pleurotus ostreatus (Oyster Fungus) on wood; Lepista nuda and Lepista saeva (Wood and Field Blewit respectively) giving an opportunity to compare both types; Rhodotus palmatus (Wrinkled Peach) on a fallen elm and perhaps the most uncommon fungus found today; the blue bracket on a fallen branch Postia subcaesia (Blueing Bracket); Bisporella citrina (Lemon Disco) with its bright yellow discs on rotten wood; a fine clump of Clavulina cinerea (Grey Coral) found by one of the lady visitors among leaf litter; and both young and old brackets of Polyporus durus (Bay Polypore) on ash wood, which caused some confusion at first even for the experienced among us by the apparent disparity in appearance between the two stages.

Talking to some of our visitors at the end, it was good to hear how much they had enjoyed the walk around the wood and the fungi we had recorded and collected. Perhaps they may think about joining us as full members. Our forays take in the south of the county as well as the north and central areas.

Howard Williams

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| Annulohypoxylon multiforme - Birch Woodwart  | Armillaria mellea - Honey Fungus  | Auricularia auricula-judae - Jelly Ear  |
| Bisporella citrina - Lemon Disco  | Chlorophyllum rhacodes - Shaggy Parasol  | Clavulina cinerea - Grey Coral  |
| Clitocybe nebularis - Clouded Funnel  | Clitocybe phyllophila - Frosty Funnel  | Coprinellus disseminatus - Fairy Inkcap  |
| Cylindrobasidium laeve  | Dacrymyces stillatus - Common Jellyspot  | Daedaleopsis confragosa - Blushing Bracket  |
| Daldinia concentrica - King Alfred's Cakes / Cramp Balls | Diatrypella quercina  | Exidia nucleata - Crystal Brain  |
| Fomes fomentarius - Hoof Fungus / Tinder Bracket  | Galerina laevis  | Hypholoma fasciculare - Sulphur Tuft  |
| Lepista nuda - Wood Blewit  | Lepista saeva - Field Blewit  | Mycena galericulata - Common Bonnet  |
| Mycena leptocephala - Nitrous Bonnet  | Nectria cinnabarina - Coral Spot  | Peniophora quercina  |
| Phyllactinia guttata  | Pleurotus ostreatus - Oyster Mushroom  | Polyporus durus - Bay Polypore  |
| Postia subcaesia - Blueing Bracket  | Psathyrella candolleana - Pale Brittlestem  | Psathyrella conopilus - Conical Brittlestem  |
| Psathyrella corrugis - Red Edge Brittlestem  | Psathyrella prona var prona  | Rhodotus palmatus - Wrinkled Peach  |
| Russula ochroleuca - Ochre Brittlegill  | Schizopora paradoxa - Split Porecrust  | Stereum subtomentosum - Yellowing Curtain Crust  |
| Tubaria furfuracea - Scurfy Twiglet  | Xylaria hypoxylon - Candlesnuff Fungus  |  |
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**Broughton Brake 21st November 2010**

Even though there was no wind to speak of the wood was very cold and damp, but a good number of locals and NFG members attended (13 all together).

We set off along the well made up path much loved by dog walkers and the carpet of orange beech leaves glowed - just like my nose. The photographers amongst the party got some super pictures of a mass of Glistening Inkcaps and the purple of the Amethyst Deceiver in the beech litter which was an amazing colour contrast - if only the cameras could show the true colours.

The local friends group members and our new member Tony found the colour variation, size and sheer abundance of the Butter Cap hard to comprehend but a real eye opener to the complexities of species ID. The highlight of the foray for me was the group of Black Helvella or Elfin Saddles under beech - and how difficult it was to spot them in deep orange leaf litter.

I have just heard from Howard Williams that the provisional list of species already stands at 42 and that's without the samples taken home being sent into him after further analysis and a stack of books being used!!

Ann Ward

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| Amanita muscaria - Fly Agaric  | Amanita rubescens - Blusher  | Ampulloclitocybe clavipes - Club Foot  |
| Annulohypoxylon multiforme - Birch Woodwart  | Bisporella citrina - Lemon Disco  | Boletus badius - Bay Bolete  |
| Calocera pallidospathulata - Pale Stagshorn  | Clitocybe fragrans - Fragrant Funnel  | Clitocybe metachroa  |
| Clitocybe nebularis - Clouded Funnel  | Clitocybe phyllophila - Frosty Funnel  | Coprinellus micaceus - Glistening Inkcap  |
| Crepidotus variabilis - Variable Oysterling  | Dacrymyces stillatus - Common Jellyspot  | Daedaleopsis confragosa - Blushing Bracket  |
| Fomes fomentarius - Hoof Fungus / Tinder Bracket  | Gymnopilus penetrans - Common Rustgill  | Helvella lacunosa - Elfin Saddle  |
| Heterobasidion annosum - Root Rot  | Hygrophorus hypothejus - Herald of Winter  | Hymenoscyphus fructigenus - Nut Disco  |
| Hypholoma fasciculare - Sulphur Tuft  | Laccaria amethystina - Amethyst Deceiver  | Laccaria laccata - Deceiver  |
| Laccaria proxima - Scurfy Deceiver  | Lycoperdon perlatum - Common Puffball  | Lycoperdon pyriforme - Stump Puffball  |
| Mycena galericulata - Common Bonnet  | Nectria cinnabarina - Coral Spot  | Phlebia radiata - Wrinkled Crust  |
| Phlebia tremellosa - Jelly Rot  | Piptoporus betulinus - Birch Polypore  | Pleurotus dryinus - Veiled Oyster  |
| Rhodocollybia butyracea - Butter Cap  | Rhopographus filicinus - Bracken Map  | Russula ochroleuca - Ochre Brittlegill  |
| Schizopora paradoxa - Split Porecrust  | Scleroderma citrinum - Common Earthball  | Stereum gausapatum - Bleeding Oak Crust  |
| Stereum hirsutum - Hairy Curtain Crust  | Stereum subtomentosum - Yellowing Curtain Crust  | Trametes versicolor - Turkeytail  |
| Xylaria carpophila - Beechmast Candlesnuff  | Xylaria hypoxylon - Candlesnuff Fungus  |  |