**Foray Reports for 2011**

**CenterParcs Sherwood, May 21st 2011** (a members-only foray)

The weather having been so dry during the last two and a half months, we wondered if we would find much this spring. However, our small optimistic group of 7 adults and 2 children was taken by Conservation Officer Joelle Bryan in the minibus to explore the logs, fallen branches, woodchips and leaf litter of Compartment 23. In the event we did quite well to find some 23 species (see list below). To these I have added a few (\*) found here by Di Mears and me on an earlier preliminary walk. The list is provisional and may yet be added to; the definitive list may be obtained later by members from the Secretary or Chair.

A variety of fungi were discovered, most at this time of year growing in various shapes and sizes on wood. The orange Eyelash Fungus attracted much attention with its margin of dark brown hairs; the Smoky Bracket was easily recognised with its smoke-grey lower surface; Hoof Brackets on birch, and Turkeytail were also present. The most unusual of these wood fungi was probably the semi-pileate crust Skeletocutis amorpha, staining orange-pink below - old and rather tattered on a pine log but unmistakable. Marion Bryce's sharp eyes spied a curious assemblage of tiny black spheres encrusted on the bark of a fallen hardwood branch. These later turned out to be Gibberella baccata, a county first, with only 188 records on the national database (FRDBI).

Of the more mushroom/toadstool types we found just four, all on woodchips: Coprinopsis lagopus with grey veil; a single Agrocybe praecox smelling rather chocolatey, but crushed tasting and smelling mealy; a single Volvariella gloiocephala, silver-grey with prominent bag-like volva at base; and a small troop of golden Conocybes. Richard consulting his field guide suggested it might be Conocybe rugosa but I felt a bit sceptical about that. However, examination back home proved him right. This is another county first for us, with only 99 records on the FRDBI.

Our thanks go to Joelle for patiently showing us round and pointing out some of the spots to explore.

Howard Williams

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

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| Annulohypoxylon multiforme - Birch Woodwart  | Bjerkandera adusta - Smoky Bracket  | Botryobasidium conspersum \*  |
| Conocybe rugosa  | Coprinopsis lagopus - Hare'sfoot Inkcap  | Daedaleopsis confragosa - Blushing Bracket  |
| Diatrypella quercina - Oak Barkspot  | Fomes fomentarius - Hoof Fungus / Tinder Bracket  | Gibberella baccata  |
| Heterobasidion annosum - Root Rot  | Hypoxylon fuscum - Hazel Woodwart  | Kuehneola uredinis - Pale Bramble Rust  |
| Lophodermium pinastri - Pine Needle Split  | Lycogala terrestre, a myxomcete  | Phacidium multivalve \*  |
| Piptoporus betulinus - Birch Polypore  | Psilachnum chrysostigmum \*  | Rhopographus filicinus - Bracken Map  |
| Schizopora paradoxa - Split Porecrust  | Scutellinia scutellata - Common Eyelash  | Skeletocutis amorpha  |
| Stereum hirsutum - Hairy Curtain Crust  | Trametes versicolor - Turkeytail  | Volvariella gloiocephala - Stubble Rosegill  |
| Xylaria hypoxylon - Candlesnuff  |  |  |

**NFG Foray at Sherwood Forest NNR, 10th September 2011**

A cloudy start to our first Autumn foray here soon became fine and sunny, and the 12 people present had an excellent morning searching for fungi among the old oaks. The few nights' rain preceding the foray had proved highly effective in stimulating the emergence of various types of fungi. In the event we recorded over 40 species, about 35 more than I had found on my own 5 days before. Perhaps, apart from the ever popular Fly Agaric, Amanita muscaria, the Russulas drew most attention. A deep yellow Russula which caused much speculation turned out to be not Russula ochroleuca, Ochre Brittlegill, as suspected, but Russula farinipes, an apparently not uncommon mushroom but not one we seem to find often in the county. The pallid dull brown to sepia Russulas resembling Russulas sororia or amoenolens was Russula praetervisa, a new record for us and a second for the county (under the name of Russula pectatinoides) - also rather uncommon. The latter was in the grass paddock near the Visitor Centre as were several of the dark purple Russula ionochlora, Oilslick Brittlegill, both in grass with oak and birch. The foray ended with Graham Piearce finding a young white succulent bracket growing on a fallen birch branch. This was Tyromyces chioneus with a pleasant smell and mild taste, though not for eating. It is not that common.

Talking of tasting, some of our visitors and new members were brave enough to indulge in some smelling and tasting of some of the fungi found, a necessity if you're to make headway with identifications. Good for them!

Howard Williams

A provisional list of 46 species has been drawn up including:

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| Amanita citrina - False Deathcap  | Amanita fulva - Tawny Grisette  | Amanita muscaria - Fly Agaric  |
| Amanita rubescens - Blusher \*  | Ampulloclitocybe clavipes - Club Foot  | Annulohypoxylon multiforme - Birch Woodwart  |
| Bolbitius titubans - Yellow Fieldcap  | Boletus chrysenteron - Red Cracking Bolete  | Chalciporus piperatus - Peppery Bolete  |
| Clitocybe candicans  | Coprinellus micaceus - Glistening Inkcap  | Coprinopsis atramentaria - Common Inkcap  |
| Erysiphe alphitoides - Oak mildew  | Fistulina hepatica - Beefsteak Fungus  | Fomes fomentarius - Hoof Fungus / Tinder Bracket  |
| Gymnopus fusipes - Spindle Toughshank  | Hypholoma fasciculare - Sulphur Tuft  | Inocybe maculata - Frosty Fibrecap  |
| Laccaria proxima - Scurfy Deceiver  | Lactarius quietus - Oakbug Milkcap  | Laetiporus sulphureus - Chicken of the Woods \*  |
| Leccinum scabrum - Brown Birch Bolete  | Lepiota cristata - Stinking Dapperling  | Lycogala terrestre, a myxomcete  |
| Phlebia tremellosa - Jelly Rot  | Panaeolus papilionaceus var. parvisporus  | Parasola plicatilis - Pleated Inkcap  |
| Paxillus involutus - Brown Rollrim  | Phallus impudicus - Stinkhorn  | Phragmidium violaceum - Violet Bramble Rust  |
| Piptoporus betulinus - Birch Polypore  | Pluteus cervinus - Deer Shield  | Psathyrella candolleana - Pale Brittlestem  |
| Psathyrella piluliformis - Common Stump Brittlestem  | Russula aurora - Dawn Brittlegill \*  | Russula fellea - Geranium Brittlegill  |
| Russula ionochlora - Oilslick Brittlegill  | Russula parazurea - Powdery Brittlegill  | Russula praetervisa  |
| Scleroderma citrinum - Common Earthball  | Scleroderma verrucosum - Scaly Earthball  | Stereum hirsutum - Hairy Curtain Crust  |
| Stropharia semiglobata - Dung Roundhead  | Trametes versicolor - Turkeytail  | Tubaria conspersa - Felted Twiglet  |
| Tyromyces chioneus - White cheese polypore  |  |  |
| \* = spp found on prewalk 5/9/2011  |  |  |

**NFG Foray at Mansfield Cemetery, 21st September 2011**

Thirteen forayers met on a bright late-summer morning. We were disappointed to find that the grass had been cut, perhaps worth considering a prior request to the contrary if we visit again. Nevertheless, the group quickly scattered to look for fungi accompanied by the song and calls of Nuthatch, Blue Tit, Blackbird and Robin. A good haul including those listed below. The waxcaps are always a favourite but probably the most striking find was a purple-black pinkgill with edged gills - Entoloma serrulatum, the Blue Edge Entoloma, which is only the a second county record (the last being in 1897 at Thoresby!)

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| Agaricus augustus - The Prince  | Amanita muscaria - Fly Agaric  | Amanita rubescens - Blusher  |
| Bjerkandera adusta - Smoky Bracket  | Boletus chrysenteron - Red Cracking Bolete  | Boletus pruinatus - Matt Bolete  |
| Clavulinopsis helvola - Yellow Club  | Clitocybe fragrans - Fragrant Funnel  | Conocybe velutipes  |
| Coprinellus micaceus - Glistening Inkcap  | Entoloma serrulatum - Blue Edge Pinkgill  | Fistulina hepatica - Beefsteak Fungus  |
| Galerina clavata  | Galerina vittiformis f tetraspora  | Gymnopus peronatus - Wood Woollyfoot  |
| Hebeloma crustuliniforme - Poisonpie  | Hygrocybe vitellina  | Hygrocybe conica - Blackening Waxcap  |
| Hygrocybe psittacina - Parrot Waxcap  | Hygrophoropsis aurantiaca - False Chanterelle  | Hypholoma fasciculare - Sulphur Tuft  |
| Inocybe sindonia  | Inonotus hispidus - Shaggy Bracket  | Laccaria proxima - Scurfy Deceiver  |
| Lactarius turpis - Ugly Milkcap  | Leccinum scabrum - Brown Birch Bolete  | Macrolepiota procera - Parasol  |
| Mycena filopes - Iodine Bonnet  | Mycena flavoalba - Ivory Bonnet  | Mycena galericulata - Common Bonnet  |
| Mycena leptocephala - Nitrous Bonnet  | Mycena olivaceomarginata - Brownedge Bonnet  | Paxillus involutus - Brown Rollrim  |
| Peltigera canina - Dog Lichen  | Pluteus cervinus - Deer Shield  | Psathyrella piluliformis - Common Stump Brittlestem  |
| Rhytisma acerinum - Sycamore Tarspot  | Rickenella swartzii - Collared Mosscap  | Russula amoenolens  |
| Russula delica - Milk White Brittlegill  | Russula fellea - Geranium Brittlegill  | Russula grisea  |
| Russula parazurea - Powdery Brittlegill  | Suillus luteus - Slippery Jack  | Tubaria furfuracea - Scurfy Twiglet  |

**NFG Foray at Fox Covert Wood 25th September 2011**

Unfortunately a report for this foray is not available but here is the list of species found (\* = occasional to uncommon spp):

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| *Agaricus silvaticus* - Blushing Wood Mushroom  | *Amanita fulva* - Tawny Grisette  | *Amanita muscaria*- Fly Agaric  |
| *Ampulloclitocybe clavipes* - Clubfoot  | *Armillaria mellea* - Honey Fungus  | *Bjerkandera adusta* - Smoky Bracket  |
| *Bolbitius titubans* - Yellow Fieldcap  | *Boletus chrysenteron* - Red-cracked Bolete  | *Boletus luridiformis* - Scarletina Bolete  |
| *Calocera pallidospathulata* - Pale Stagshorn  | *Clitocybe gibba - Common Funnel*  | *Clitocybe nebularis*- Clouded Agaric  |
| *Clitocybe phyllophila*- Frosty Funnel  | *Collybia cookeii* - Splitpea Shanklet  | *Coprinellus disseminatus*- Fairy Inkcap  |
| *Coprinellus micaceous* - Glistening Inkcap  | *Dacrymyces stillatus* - Common Jellyspot  | *Daedaleopsis confragosa* - Blushing Bracket  |
| *Diatrype stigma*- Common Tarcrust  | *Flamulina velutipes* - Velvet Shank  | *Fomes fomentarius* - Hoof Fungus  |
| *Gymnopus confluens* - Clustered Toughshank  | *Gymnopus dryophilus* - Russet Toughshank  | *Gymnopus erythropus* - Redleg Toughshank  |
| *Gymnopus peronata*- Wood Woollyfoot  | *Hymenoscyphus fructigenus*- Nut Disco  | *Hypholoma fasciculare*- Sulphur Tuft  |
| *Lactarius camphoratus*- Curry Milkcap  | *Lactarius quietus* - Oak milk cap  | *Lanzia echinophila \** |
| *Lycoperdon perlatum* - Common Puffball  | *Lycoperdon pyriforme*- Stump Puffball  | *Mycena arcangeliana* - Angel's Bonnet  |
| *Mycena galopus*- Milking Bonnet  | *Mycena polygramma* - Grooved Bonnet  | *Mycena stylobates* - Bulbous Bonnet  |
| *Mycena vitilis* - Snapping Bonnet  | *Nectria cinnabarina* - Coral Spot  | *Paxillus involutus* - Brown Rollrim  |
| *Phallus impudicus* - Stink Horn  | *Phragmidium violaceum* - Violet Bramble Rust  | *Piptoporus betulinus* - Razorstrop Fungus  |
| *Pluteus cervinus* - Deer Shield  | *Pluteus leoninus \** - Lion Shield  | *Polyporous squamosus* - Dryad's Saddle  |
| *Polyporus durus* - Bay Polypore  | *Psathyrella obtusata* | *Psathyrella piluliformis* - Common Stump Brittlestem  |
| *Rhytisma acerinum* - Tar spot  | *Rickenella fibula* - Orange Mosscap  | *Russula amoenolens* |
| *Russula ochroleuca* - Ochre Brittlegill  | *Scleroderma citrinum* - Common Earth ball  | *Stereum subtomentosum* - Yellowing Curtain Crust  |
| *Xylaria hypoxylon* - Candlesnuff  | *Xylaria polymorpha* - Dead Man's Fingers  |  |

**NFG Foray at Walesby Scout Camp NFG Foray, 1st October 2011**

After a week of hot dry weather, today's foray took place on another warm sunny morning, so it was with some doubt of finding very much that about 12 of us set out to explore the grounds of the Camp. In the event the oak-pine-birch woodland here did, for such dry conditions, result in a reasonable bag of around 30 fungi. Indeed we found some rare to uncommon species. For instance we were baffled at the time by a tough spongy bracket on pine that bruised immediately brown on contact. Later examination showed it to be Postia fragilis, a first for the county and only 113 national records. Ann Ward found two more interesting fungi: a small pretty creamy brown Coprinus which also turned out to be a rarity with only 53 national records - Coprinellus callinus; and a rather small version of what looked superficially to be an Agaricus sp., white with ring, and gills with a pinkish flush. The cap texture was unlike Agaricus, however. Later examination proved it to be Leucoagaricus carneifolius with white not dark brown spores. It goes to show great care needs to be taken before jumping to conclusions as most Agaricus are edible but Leucocoprinus contains poisonous species. There have been a handful of previous records for Notts but not many. Other finds worth mentioning here were Hygrophoropsis pallida in needle litter, a second county record - not one that I'd seen before; the black-brown bracket Ischnoderma benzoinum on pine stumps; and one of our newest members found a fine young Boletus edulis at the end of the foray about which there was some speculation as to whether it was the usual type or a variety. I pulled rank in the end and opted for its being no more than a standard very young Boletus edulis.

Howard Williams

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| *Amanita muscaria* - Fly Agaric  | *Boletus edulis* - Cep  | *Coprinellus callinus* (1st County record)  |
| *Coprinus comatus* - Shaggy Inkcap  | *Diatrypella quercina* - Oak Barkspot  | *Fomes fomentarius* - Hoof Fungus / Tinder Bracket  |
| *Ganoderma australe* - Southern Bracket  | *Gymnopus peronatus* - Wood Woollyfoot  | *Hygrophoropsis pallida* - Pallid False Chanterelle (2nd County record)  |
| *Hypholoma fasciculare* - Sulphur Tuft  | *Ischnoderma benzoinum* - Benzoin Bracket  | *Lepiota cristata* - Stinking Dapperling  |
| *Leucoagaricus carneifolius* | *Lycoperdon excipuliformis* - Pestle Puffball  | *Lycoperdon nigrescens* - Dusky Puffball  |
| *Lycoperdon perlatum* - Common Puffball  | *Nectria cinnabarina* - Coral Spot  | *Paxillus involutus* - Brown Rollrim  |
| *Phragmidium violaceum* - Violet Bramble Rust  | *Piptoporus betulinus* - Birch Polypore  | *Postia fragilis* (1st County record)  |
| *Rhytisma acerinum* - Sycamore Tarspot  | *Rickenella fibula* - Orange Mosscap  | *Russula ochroleuca* - Ochre Brittlegill  |
| *Schizopora paradoxa* - Split Porecrust  | *Stereum hirsutum* - Hairy Curtain Crust  | *Trametes versicolor* - Turkeytail  |
| *Trichaptum abietinum* - Purplepore Bracket  | *Xylaria hypoxylon* - Candlesnuff  | *Xylaria polymorpha* - Dead Man's Fingers  |

**NFG Foray at Bestwood Country Park, 16th October 2011**

The last time a foray was scheduled at the eastern end of Bestwood Country Park (entry via Bestwood Lodge Drive) it had to be cancelled because of heavy snow. This time, when 23 of us met at the eastern car park we feared that the recent dry weather might also make finding fungi a challenge but we were wrong to be pessimistic! Thanks to local knowledge and help the end of morning list was a provisional 31 species of mostly common, but nevertheless interesting, fungi. The most unusual find was the Dark Fieldcap (Agrocybe erebia) which has been previously recorded at Bestwood. There was a lot of interest in Fluted Bird's Nest (Cyathus striatus) and we found an impressive cluster of quite late fruiting Dryad's Saddle (Polyporus squamosus).

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| *Agrocybe erebia*- Dark Fieldcap  | *Armillaria mellea* - Honey Fungus  | *Auricularia auricula-judae* - Jelly Ear  |
| *Bjerkandera adusta* - Smoky Bracket  | *Chondrostereum purpureum*- Silverleaf Fungus  | *Clitocybe fragrans*- Fragrant Funnel  |
| *Clitocybe geotropa*- Trooping Funnel  | *Clitopilus prunulus* - The Miller  | *Cyathus striatus*- Fluted Bird's Nest  |
| *Daedaleopsis confragosa*- Blushing Bracket  | *Fomes fomentarius*- Hoof Fungus / Tinder Bracket  | *Ganoderma australe*- Southern Bracket  |
| *Gymnopus erythropus*- Redleg Toughshank  | *Gymnopus peronatus*- Wood Woollyfoot  | *Hypholoma fasciculare*- Sulphur Tuft  |
| *Hypoxylon multiforme*- Birch Woodwart  | *Lepista nuda*- Wood Blewit  | *Lycogala epidendrum* |
| *Mycena arcangeliana* - Angel's Bonnet  | *Mycena vitilis*- Snapping Bonnet  | *Nectria cinnabarina* - Coral Spot  |
| *Parasola plicatilis* - Pleated Inkcap  | *Phlebia tremellosa*- Jelly Rot  | *Pleurotus ostreatus* - Oyster Mushroom  |
| *Polyporus squamosus* - Dryad's Saddle  | *Rhytisma acerinum*- Sycamore Tarspot  | *Schizopora paradoxa* - Split Porecrust  |
| *Stereum gausapatum*- Bleeding Oak Crust  | *Trametes gibbosa*- Lumpy Bracket  | *Xylaria hypoxylon* - Candlesnuff  |
| *Xylaria polymorpha* - Dead Man's Fingers  |  |  |

**NFG Foray at Bunny Wood, 20th October 2011**

It was after the first night of hard frost in parts of the county that about a dozen of us set off to foray in this ash-elm woodland on clays. The weather was sunny and after a while it became warmer. This is a dampish wood but for all that we only recorded about 5 agarics i.e. the typical mushrooms with caps, gills and stems. There were plenty of other fungi, however, in the shape of brackets, crusts and growths of various shape and size on fallen wood, stumps and trunks. An ash logpile produced Bulgaria inquinans, Black Bulgar, looking like small rubber buttons; and we found the silvery-grey (through the hairs on its surface) Trametes hirsuta, Hairy Bracket, on birch in a similar logpile. The latter is a relation of the well-known Trametes versicolor, Turkeytail, also present. On a twig was found the curious thin white crust called Elder Whitewash, Lyomyces sambuci, looking just as if someone had been splashing emulsion paint about. Of the agarics recorded one was noteworthy: Psathyrella pseudocorrugis with red-edged gills and few national records. This was recorded by us in 2007 in Kirton Wood, a similar ashwood on clays to this one. The pretty little Pleated Inkcap found beside the path in a few places turned out to be Parasola leiocephala, a woodland relation of Parasola plicatilis more often recorded in open grassland.

Our ascomycete colleague, Peter Thompson of Wolverhampton, walked through the wood the day after our foray and to our provisional list below I have added his records (marked +), many of these being microfungi on fallen sticks and leaves.

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| *Auricula auricularia-judae*- Jelly Ear  | *Basidioradulum radula*-  | *Bisporella sulfurina +* |
| *Bulgaria inquinans*- Black Bulgar  | *Chaetosphaerella phaeostroma* | *Chondrostereum purpureum*- Silver Leaf Fungus  |
| *Conocybe subovalis* | *Coprinopsis lagopus*- Hare's Foot Inkcap  | *Crepidotus cesatii* |
| *Crocicreas coronatum +* | *Crocicreas dolosellum +*  | *Daedaleopsis confragosa*- Blushing Bracket  |
| *Daldinia concentrica*- King Alfred's Cakes  | *Diatrype stigma*- Common Tarcrust  | *Exidia nucleata +*- Crystal Brain  |
| *Henningsomyces candidus +* | *Hypoxylon fuscum*- Hazel Woodwart  | *Hypoxylon petriniae +* |
| *Inonotus hispidus Shaggy Bracket*  | *Leptosphaeria doliolum +*-  | *Lyomyces sambuci*- Elder Whitewash  |
| *Mycoacia uda +*  | *Nectria cinnabarina*- Coral Spot  | *Parasola leiocephalus* |
| *Peniophora quercina*  | *Polyporus durus*- Bay Polypore  | *Polyporus squamosus*- Dryad's Saddle  |
| *Psathyrella pseudocorrugis \** | *Psathyrella spadiceogrisea*- Spring Brittlestem  | *Scleroderma verrucosum*- Scaly Earthball  |
| *Stegonsporium pyriforme* | *Trametes hirsuta*- Hairy Bracket  | *Trametes versicolor*- Turkeytail  |
| *Typhula erythropus +*- Redleg Club  | *Uromyces muscari +*  |  |
| \* = uncommon species  |  |  |
| + = species added 21/10/2011  |  |  |

**NFG Members only foray to a private area on the edge of Sherwood Forest which is a site of Special Scientific Interest**

**30th October 2011**

At the end of October we were fortunate to be able to visit a triple SI in the Mansfield area. It is of interest because it is a site of lowland heathland with Birch, Oak and Pine which is a nationally rare habitat type although it was formerly extensive in Nottinghamshire. It is a very large site and in our limited time we were only able to survey a very small area. However, we did record 61 species. There were three notable finds. Two of these, Tephrocybe tylicolor and Cortinarius pholideus were county records, and the third, Pluteus petasatus, growing on wood chips, had not been recorded in the county since 1897. Other interesting finds were the Herald of Winter (*Hygrophorus hypothejus*), Tiger's eye (*Coltricia perennis*), Vermilion Waxcap (*Hygrocybe miniata*), Orange Birch Bolete (*Leccinum versipelle)* and Bracken Club (*Typhula quisquiliaris*). The fly agaric (*Amanita muscaria*) was abundant and we recorded three species of Russula and two species of Lactarius which seem to have been infrequent this season. The site has a high potential for fungi and hopefully we will be able to visit it again. Thanks are due to the owners of the site and Natural England for giving us permission to visit the site.

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| *Amanita fulva*- Tawny Grisette  | *Amanita muscaria*- Fly Agaric  | *Amanita rubescens*- The Blusher  |
| *Armillaria ostoyae*- Dark Honey fungus  | *Ascocoryne sarcoides*- Purple Jellydisc  | *Boletus badius*- Bay Bolete  |
| *Bjerkandera adusta* - Smoky racket  | *Bulgaria inquinans* - Black Bulgar  | *Calocera cornea*- Small Stagshorn  |
| *Chalciporus piperatus*- Peppery bolete  | *Chondrostereum purpureum* - Silverleaf fungus  | *Clitocybe clavipes*- Club foot  |
| *Clitocybe phyllophila* - Frosty Funnel  | *Clitoplius prunulus* - Miller  | *Collybia cirrhata*- Piggyback Shanklet  |
| *Collybia dryophila* - Russet Toughshank  | *Coltricia perennis*- Tiger's Eye  | *Cortinarius pholideus*- Scaly Webcap  |
| *Crepidotus mollis*- Peeling Oysterling  | *Crepidotus variabilis* - Variable Oysterling  | *Cystoderma amianthinum*- Earthy Powercap  |
| *Entoloma conferendum* - Star Pinkgill  | *Entoloma sericeum*- Silky Pinkgill  | *Galerina clavata* |
| *Hygrocybe miniata* - Vermilion Waxcap  | *Hygrophoropsis aurantiaca* - False Chanterelle  | *Hygrophorus hypothejus* - Herald of Winter  |
| *Hypholoma fasiculare* - Sulphur Tuft  | *Laccaria amythestina* - Amethyst Deceiver  | *Lactarius glyciosmus* - Cocnut Milkcap  |
| *Lactarius turpis* - Ugly Milkcap  | *Leccinum versipelle*- Orange Birch Bolete  | *Lycoperdon nigrescens* - Dusky Puffball  |
| *Macrolepiota rhacodes* - Shaggy Parasol  | *Marasmius androsaceus* - Horsehair Parachute  | *Melanoleuca polioleca* - Common Cavalier  |
| *Mycena aetites* - Drab Bonnet  | *Mycena cinerella* - Mealy Bonnet  | *Mycena galericulata* - Common Bonnet  |
| *Mycena leptocephala* - Nitrous Bonnet  | *Mycena olivaceomarginata*- Brownedge Bonnet  | *Mycena speirea* - Bark Bonnet  |
| *Mycena vitilis* - Snapping Bonnet  | *Paxillus involutus* - Brown Rollrim  | *Phlebia tremellosa*- Jelly Rot  |
| *Pluteus cervinus*- Deer Shield  | *Pluteus petasatus* | *Psathyrella piluliformis* - Common Stump Brittlestem  |
| *Rickenella fibula* - Orange Mosscap  | *Rickenella swartzii*- Collared Mosscap  | *Russula atropurpurea* - Purple Brittlegill  |
| *Russula ochroleuca* - Ochre Brittlegill  | *Russula vesca* - The Flirt  | *Scleroderma citrinum* - Common Earthball  |
| *Stereum rugosum* - Bleeding Broadleaf Crust  | *Tephrocybe tylicolor* | *Thelophora terrestris* - Earthfan  |
| *Trametes versicolor*- Turkeytail  | *Trichaptum abietinum*- Purplepore Bracket  | *Typhula quisquiliaris* - Bracken Club  |
| *Xylaria hypoxylon*- Candlesnuff Fungus  |  |  |

**NFG foray at Upper Saxondale, 5th November 2011**

We were looking forward to visiting Saxondale again this year having had an excellent foray there last year. Two days before the foray I decided to do a recce as I was concerned that the dry weather would mean that there would be few fungi around. I was even more concerned after my visit as I could find very little. However two days of rain made a huge difference and we were able to record a good number of fungi both on the park area and in the residents' gardens. Ann crawled around on her hands and knees looking for tiny fungi and was rewarded by finding Ciboria batschiana, the small cup fungus on old oak wood, and Hymenoscyphus fructigenus and Lachnum fuscescens on beech husks. Ray Cobb recorded Pholiota lenta, an uncommon species, and I found the brown edged Mycena olivaceomarginata.
Di visited the nearby nature reserve and added to the list. This is a newly planted area which will be well worth looking at in future years.
Mary

The provisional list includes:

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| *Abortiporus biennis*- Blushing Rrosette  | *Amanita muscaria*- Fly Agaric  | *Auricularia auricula-judae*- Jelly Ear  |
| *Boletus chrysenteron*- Red-cracking Bolete  | *Ciboria batschiana* | *Coprinopsis atramentarius*- Common Inkcap  |
| *Coprinus comatus*- Lawyer's Wig  | *Coprinellus micaceus*- Glistening Inkcap  | *Cortinarius decipiens*- Sepia Webcap  |
| *Cystoderma amianthinum*- Earthy Powdercap  | *Exidia thuretina*- White Brain  | *Fuligo septica var. flava* |
| *Galerina laevis* | *Hebeloma crustuliniforme*- Poisonpie  | *Hebeloma mesophaeum*- Veiled poisonpie  |
| *Hymenoscyphus fructigenus*- Nut Disco  | *Inocybe geophylla*- White Fibrecap  | *Inocybe geophylla var lilacina*- White Fibrecap  |
| *Laccaria laccata*- Deceiver  | *Laccaria proxima*- Scurfy Deceiver  | *Lachnum fuscescens* |
| *Lactarius blennius*- Beech Milkcap  | *Lactarius glyciosmus*- Coconut Milkcap  | *Lactarius tabidus*- Birch Milkcap  |
| *Leccinum scabrum*- Brown Birch Bolete  | *Lepiota cristata*- Stinking Dapperling  | *Lepista nuda*- Wood Blewitt  |
| *Lycoperdon perlatum*- Common Puffball  | *Macrotyphula fistulosa*- Pipe Club  | *Marasmius oreades*- Fairy Ring Champignon  |
| *Melanoleuca polioleuca*- Common Cavalier  | *Mycena epipterygia*- Yellowleg Bonnet  | *Mycena aetites*- Drab Bonnet  |
| *Mycena filopes*- Iodine Bonnet  | *Mycena flavoalba*- Ivory Bonnet  | *Mycena leptocephala*- Nitrous Bonnet  |
| *Mycena olivaceomarginata*- Brownedge Bonnet  | *Mycena vitilis*- Snapping Bonnet  | *Parasola plicatilis*- Pleated Inkcap  |
| *Paxillus involutus*- Brown rollrim  | *Pholiota lenta* | *Psathyrella conopilus*- Conical Brittlestem  |
| *Psathyrella multipedata*- Clustered brittlestem  | *Rhytisma acerinum*- Sycamore Tarspot  | *Rickenella schwartzii*- Collared Mosscap  |
| *Russula ochroleuca*- Ochre Brittlegill  | *Scleroderma citrinum*- Common Earthball  | *Stereum subtomentosum*- Yellowing Curtain Crust  |
| *Stropharia coronilla*- Garland Roundhead  | *Tricholoma terreum*- Grey Knight  | *Tricholoma ustale*- Burnt Knight  |

**NFG foray at Eaton Wood 12th November 2011**

After 4 days of mild, grey, misty skies, this foray took place in bright sunshine with late autumn yellows and russets still on the trees. The plan was to make a circuit of the wood. However, it soon became apparent that our dozen or so members were all finding so many species in the first 200 yards or so of the East Ride that it was unlikely we would stick to that itinerary. In the event we got two thirds the way down the West Ride before turning back the way we came about 2 hours later. In that time we collected the species on the provisional list below, with a few more yet to come in.

Recently joined member Gareth Hazlewood had some nice finds: Simocybe haustellaris on a hazel twig and Pluteus romelli (Goldleaf Shield) with its bay cap and yellow stem; Craig Levy found a pretty little Lepiota castanea (Chestnut Dapperling), Pluteus umbrosus (Velvet Shield) on an ash stump and Crepidotus mollis (Peeling Oysterling) whose rubbery cuticle we peeled back; Ann Ward's eagle eye spotted (again!) a tiny black Xylaria carpophila (Beech Candlesnuff) on an old beech husk.

Janet Fernley discovered a neat cluster of the bright brown cups of Rutstroemia firma (Brown Cup) on an oak twig; both Di Mears and Gareth found the rarest mushroom in different spots, Stropharia albonitens with only 14 national records. It puzzled us at first but Ann suggested a Stropharia, and so later it turned out to be. Di also found the miniscule yellow cups of Bisporella sulfurina on rotten wood, a second county record, and also Mycena rorida (Dripping Bonnet), its stem covered with a bright translucent mucus (much prettier to see than it sounds).

Mike Clark found us a super Megacollybia platyphylla, whose mycelial cords must have been in excess of a foot long and thick to boot, justifying its English name of Whitelaced Shank. I recorded and photographed Mycena maculata in soil and woodchip near the entrance, almost certainly growing from a piece of beech wood - a quite rare fungus with red-spotting gills, hence the Latin name. A curious find early on was a form of the common Fly Agaric, Amanita muscaria: a fully mature specimen with a beautiful pale yellow-cream coloration especially stem and gills but also infusing the cap. A really enjoyable foray!

Howard Williams

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| *Annulohypoxylon multiforme* - Birch Woodwart  | *Amanita muscaria* - Fly Agaric  | *Amanita muscaria var.formosa \*+* - Yellow Fly Agaric  |
| *Armillaria bulbosa $* - Honey Fungus  | *Armillaria mellea*- Honey Fungus  | *Bisporella sulfurina* |
| *Byssomerulius corium*- Netted Crust  | *Calocera cornea*- Small Stagshorn  | *Clitocybe geotropa*- Trooping Funnel  |
| *Clavaria acuta*- Pointed Club  | *Clitocybe fragrans*- Fragrant Funnel  | *Clitocybe gibba $*- Common Funnel  |
| *Clitocybe nebularis*- Clouded Agaric  | *Clitocybe odora*- Aniseed Funnel  | *Conocybe subovalis* |
| *Coprinopsis atramentaria*- Common Inkcap  | *Coprinopsis lagopus*- Hare's Foot Inkcap  | *Coprinellus disseminatus*- Fairy Inkcap  |
| *Coprinellus micaceus*- Glistening Inkcap  | *Coprinus comatus*- Shaggy Inkcap  | *Cortinarius alboviolacea*- Pearly Webcap  |
| *Crepidotus cesatii* | *Crepidotus mollis* - Peeling Oysterling  | *Daedaleopsis confragosa* - Blushing Bracket  |
| *Diatrype stigma $*- Common Tarcrust  | *Entoloma rhodopolium*- Wood Pinkgill  | *Fomes fomentarius*- Hoof Fungus  |
| *Gymnopilus penetrans $*- Common Rustgill  | *Gymnopus dryophila $*- Russet Toughshank  | *Hebeloma crustuliniforme* - Poison Pie  |
| *Heterobasidion annosum* - Root Rot  | *Hygrocybe conica* - Blackening Waxcap  | *Hypholoma fasciculare*- Sulphur Tuft  |
| *Hypoxylon fragiforme $* - Beech Woodwart  | *Inocybe geophylla* - White Fibrecap  | *Inocybe geophylla var. lilacina* - Lilac Fibrecap  |
| *Lacrymaria lacrymabunda* - Weeping Widow  | *Lactarius fulvissimus*- Tawny Milkcap  | *Lactarius subdulcis* - Mild Milkcap  |
| *Leccinum scabrum* - Birch Bolete  | *Lepiota cristata* - Stinking Dapperling  | *Lepiota castanea* - Chestnut Dapperling  |
| *Lepista nuda* - Wood Blewit  | *Lycoperdon pyriforme $*- Stump Puffball  | *Marasmiellus ramealis* - Twig Parachute  |
| *Marasmius epiphyllus* - Leaf Parachute  | *Megacollybia platyphyllus*- Whitelaced Shank  | *Mycena aetites* - Drab Bonnet  |
| *Mycena arcangeliana* - Angel's Bonnet  | *Mycena capillaris* - Beechleaf Bonnet  | *Mycena epipterygia* - Yellowleg Bonnet  |
| *Mycena galericulata* - Common Bonnet  | *Mycena galopus* - Milking Bonnet  | *Mycena maculata \*+* |
| *Mycena mucor \*+* | *Mycena polygramma* - Grooved Bonnet  | *Mycena pura* - Lilac Bonnet  |
| *Mycena rorida* - Dripping Bonnet  | *Mycena sanguinolenta* - Bleeding Bonnet  | *Mycena vitilis* - Snapping Bonnet  |
| *Piptoporus betulinus* - Birch Polypore  | *Pluteus cervinus* - Deer Shield  | *Pluteus romelli* - Goldleaf Shield  |
| *Pluteus umbrosus \** - Velvet Shield  | *Polyporus brumalis* - Winter Polypore  | *Polyporus squamosus $* - Dryad's Saddle  |
| *Psathyrella conopilus* - Conical Brittlestem  | *Psathyrella fulvescens \** | *Psathyrella microrrhiza* - Rootlet Brittlestem  |
| *Psathyrella multipedata* - Clustered Brittlestem  | *Rhodocollybia butyracea* - Buttercap  | *Rutstroemia firma* - Brown Cup  |
| *Simocybe haustellaris \** | *Stereum hirsutum* - Hairy Curtain Crust  | *Stropharia albonitens \** |
| *Trametes versicolor* - Turkeytail  | *Tricholoma terreum $* - Grey Knight  | *Tubaria dispersa $* |
| *Tubaria furfuracea* -Scurfy Twiglet  | *Volvariella gloiocephala* - Stubble Rosegill  | *Xylaria carpophila* - Beech Candlesnuff  |
| *Xylaria hypoxylon* - Candlesnuff  |  |  |
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| \* = uncommon spp  |  |  |
| + = 1st county record  |  |  |
| $ = added from pre-walk the previous day  |  | *73 spp*  |

**NFG members-only foray at Centre Parcs 19th November 2011**
Some 20 odd members including 2 keen young children gathered at the CenterParcs check-in point for this foray on a bright sunny morning. This site has always proved a popular and productive site and so it did again as the provisional list below shows. Our ranger guide, Becky, intended to walk us over to where we forayed in May, but it soon became evident that we were finding so much in the wood edges along the paths that we were never going to get that far. It really didn't matter as over the next two hours or so we encountered a whole range of fungi rich in variety and interest. Some that caught the attention particularly were rather fine rings of Clitocybe nebularis, Clouded Agaric, in the pine needles. Other interesting types were the red-capped and once uncommon Stropharia aurantiaca in needles found by Mary Hawkins which I somehow never got to see personally; Clitopilus prunulus, The Miller, gave some of us a tasting session with its strongly floury taste & smell; so did Macrocystidia cucumis, Cucumber Cap, dark brown and handsome but tasting of cod liver oil and smelling of fish oil or cucumber depending upon the individual; Ray Cobb later identified a small fan-shaped Crepidotus as C. epibryus, not that common; an intriguing group of small bright brown striate fungi in sand seen by Mary and me turned out to be a 2nd county record of Galerina nana, an oddity with Inocybe-like cystidia under the microscope; Mary's friend Peter spotted Thelephora pencillata camouflaged among needle litter, not common; even less common and a 1st county record was a very ordinary-looking white, russet-tinged, stiped fungus on a willow trunk that Craig Levy thought was like a Gymnopus (Collybia) and so it turned out as Gymnopus ocior, a fungus of which I'm afraid I had not even heard; both Craig and Dorothy Burton separately found a small dull brown fungus with willows and birch which puzzled us at the time and later proved to be Naucoria subconspersa; several Inocybes were collected the best of which was probably the lilac-stiped Inocybe cincinnata var. major, another county first, though the cinammon-yellow, scaly Inocybe dulcamara was more eye-catching.

Thanks to Becky for her patience with us enthusiasts and to all who sent in their foray records.

Howard Williams

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| *Amanita rubescens* - Blusher  | *Antrodia serialis*  | *Armillaria ostoyae* - Dark Honey Fungus  |
| *Baeospora myosura* - Conifer Conecap  | *Boletus badius* - Bay Bolete  | *Boletus chrysenteron* - Red-cracking Bolete  |
| *Boletus edulis* - Penny Bun  | *Boletus pruinatus* - Matt Bolete  | *Chlorophyllum rhacodes* - Shaggy Parasol  |
| *Chondrostereum purpureum* - Silverleaf Fungus  | *Clitocybe fragrans* - Fragrant Funnel  | *Clitocybe gibba* - Common Funnel  |
| *Clitocybe odora* - Aniseed Funnel  | *Clitocybe metachroa*  | *Clitocybe nebularis* - Clouded Agaric  |
| *Clitopilus prunulus* - Miller  | *Conocybe arrhenii* - Ringed Conecap  | *Conocybe subovalis*  |
| *Coprinus comatus* - Shaggy Inkcap  | *Crepidotus variabilis* - Variable Oyster  | *Crucibulum laeve* - Common Bird's Nest  |
| *Cystolepiota seminuda* - Bearded Dapperling  | *Entoloma rhodopolium* - Wood Pinkgill  | *Gymnopilus penetrans* - Common Rustgill  |
| *Gymnopus ocior* -  | *Hebeloma mesophaeum* - Veiled Poison Pie  | *Hygrophoropsis aurantiaca* - False Chanterelle  |
| *Hypholoma fasciculare* - Sulphur Tuft  | *Inocybe cincinnata var. major*  | *Inocybe dulcamara*  |
| *Inocybe lucifuga*  | *Inocybe nitidiuscula*  | *Inocybe posterula*  |
| *Inocybe sindonia*  | *Laccaria laccata* - Deceiver  | *Lactarius turpis* - Ugly Milkcap  |
| *Leccinum versipelle* - Orange Birch Bolete  | *Lepiota cristata* - Stinking Dapperling  | *Lepista nuda* - Wood Blewit  |
| *Macrocystidia cucumis* - Cucumber cap  | *Melanoleuca polioleuca* - Common Cavalier  | *Mycena galopus* - Milking Bonnet  |
| *Mycena filopes* - Iodine Bonnet  | *Naucoria subconspersa*  | *Nectria cinnabarina* - Coral Spot  |
| *Paxillus involutus* - Brown Rollrim  | *Pleurotus ostreatus* - Oyster Fungus  | *Rhodocollybia butyracea* - Buttercap  |
| *Rhodocollybia maculata* - Spotted Toughshank  | *Russula atropurpurea* - Purple Brittlegill  | *Stropharia aurantiaca* - Redlead Roundhead  |
| *Stropharia caerulea* - Blue Roundhead  | *Thelephora pencillata*  | *Xylaria hypoxylon* - Candlesnuff Fungus  |

**NFG foray at Clumber Park 24th November 2011**
19 of us foregathered in the main car park for this last foray of the year. Following our NT guide and fellow NFG member, Vicky Buckberry, we made our way in elegant motorcade to Compartment 80 of the Park. This was an area of grass clearings and woodland dominated by birch, with an adjacent conifer stand; so good habitat variety. We were yet again favoured by bright sunshine and autumn colours. Five species of Boletus were found including Boletus edulis, Penny Bun, and Boletus luridiformis, Scarletina Bolete, the latter producing some gasps when it rapidly turned dark blue all over on being cut. In one of the clearings under a birch we saw a photogenic group of Parasols, Macrolepiota procera, with their tell-tale snakeskin stem pattern. Another group on a birch log which caught the attention of the photographers was Panellus serotinus, Olive Oysterling, with olive-green caps and yellow gills. It was good to welcome back our ex-Secretary, Tony Kavanagh, to this foray and he duly came up with a not very common 'little brown job', Tubaria conspersa, Felty Twiglet, among litter and woody debris. Another Tony, Tony Spratley, led us to a cluster of medium-sized fungi at the base of a birch trunk, which stymied us all at the time. Later investigation showed it to be Psathyrella spadicea (Chestnut Brittlestem), one of the bigger Psathyrellas and one of the few to grow on living tree bases as well as stumps. Its English name can be misleading as our specimens showed, for these caps were not the usual reddish brown and can vary, ours being a sort of pale flesh-beige. Age certainly and maybe weather conditions can cause it, though these looked fresh enough. The chestnut gills were right though. At the end Vicky showed me a Suillus luteus, Slippery Jack, in her basket, one of the few fungi found today with the pines. Conifers are much maligned these days, often rightly so, but where fungi are concerned they host a wide range of species and would be greatly missed by forayers were they all removed.

An excellent end to our official foray programme.

Howard Williams

The provisional list includes:

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| *Amanita fulva* - Tawny Grisette  | *Amanita muscaria* - Fly Agaric  | *Amanita rubescens* - Blusher  |
| *Amanita vaginata* - Grisette  | *Boletus edulis* - Penny Bun  | *Boletus chrysenteron* - Red-cracking Bolete  |
| *Boletus luridiformis* - Scarletina Bolete  | *Boletus pruinatus* - Matt Bolete  | *Bulgaria inquinans* - Black Bulgar  |
| *Chalciporus piperatus* - Peppery Bolete  | *Clitocybe candicans*  | *Clitocybe fragrans* - Fragrant Funnel  |
| *Clitocybe metachroa*  | *Clitocybe nebularis* - Clouded Agaric  | *Clitocybe odora* - Aniseed Funnel  |
| *Coprinopsis nivea* - Snowy Inkcap  | *Dacrymyces stillatus* - Common Jellyspot  | *Daedaleopsis confragosa* - Blushing Bracket  |
| *Fomes fomentarius* - Hoof Fungus  | *Gymnopus confluens* - Clustered Toughshank  | *Hygrophorus hypothejus* - Herald of Winter  |
| *Hypholoma fasciculare* - Sulphur Tuft  | *Hypochnicium eichleri*  | *Laccaria laccata* Deceiver  |
| *Lactarius pubescens* - Bearded Milkcap  | *Lactarius quietus* - Oak Milkcap  | *Lactarius tabidus* - Birch Milkcap  |
| *Lactarius turpis* - Ugly Milkcap  | *Lepista flaccida* - Tawny Funnel  | *Lepista nuda* - Wood Blewit  |
| *Lycoperdon nigrescens* - Dusky Puffball  | *Lycoperdon perlatum* - Common Puffball  | *Macrolepiota procera* - Parasol  |
| *Meripilus giganteus* - Giant Polypore  | *Mycena arcangeliana* - Angel's Bonnet  | *Mycena galericulata* - Common Bonnet  |
| *Mycena pura* - Lilac Bonnet  | *Panellus serotinus* - Olive Oysterling  | *Paxillus involutus* - Brown Rollrim  |
| *Peniophora quercina*  | *Phallus impudicus* - Stinkhorn  | *Phlebia radiata* - Wrinkled Crust  |
| *Phlebia tremellosa* - Jelly Rot  | *Piptoporus betulinus* - Birch Polypore  | *Rhodocollybia butyracea* - Buttercap  |
| *Rhodocollybia butyracea var. asema* - Dark Buttercap  | *Russula atropurpurea* - Purple Brittlegill  | *Russula nitida* - Purple Swamp Brittlegill  |
| *Russula ochroleuca* - Ochre Brittlegill  | *Schizopora paradoxa* - Split Porecrust  | *Stereum hirsutum* - Hairy Curtain Crust  |
| *Suillus luteus* - Slippery Jack  | *Trametes versicolor* - Turkeytail  | *Tubaria conspersa* - Felted Twiglet  |
| *Xylaria hypoxylon* - Candlesnuff Fungus  |  | *55 spp*  |