

North West Fungus Group Forays and Programme 2018
In association with the British Mycological Society

Contact Foray Leader if unsure about weather/terrain/access; strong footwear; whistle or mobile phone. Last minute changes will be notified by email. Most events start on **Sundays** promptly at **10.30** - (or at 10.00 after the clocks have gone back) - and continue into the afternoon with a pause for refreshments over lunchtime. Beginners are welcome at ALL forays. Please note that forays may not be suitable for very small children. **No DOGS.**

Saturday 24th February - Risley Moss, north Warrington, WA3 6QS SJ664920 (Sheet 109). **AGM & Presidential address with Geoffrey Kibby. Summerfield Book sale/display.** Access from M62 Jct 11. Continue along A574 to first island, turn left. Reserve signposted. Ample parking. 10am (Coffee) for 10.30. Short foray after your lunch.

11th March - Liverpool World Museum fungal herbarium; L3 8EN A behind-the-scenes tour of the botanical collection, including the fungi archives which hold George Massey illustrations and Bess Harthan's illustrations & notebooks. <http://fungus.org.uk/nwfg/history/htm> 10.30 to 12.30 + option to spend more time in the collection store or visit public galleries after lunch. Car parking at Hunter Street Car Park - access via Cuerden St, under Churchill Way at back of Museum; Car parking: £6.00 for > 4 hours. Or 5 mins walk from Lime St station. Book through JW (07768 043 461)

13th May - Roudsea Wood, South Cumbria, SD 330827, M6 Jn 36, onto A590 and after Newby Bridge, turn left onto B6278 opp Steam Railway station into Haverthwaite and park on road by Anglers Arms, LA12 8AJ; from where we shall car shuttle at 10.30 for final mile into reserve, where limited parking. Leader Helen Speed (07900 915328)

24th June - Moor Piece NR, Bashall Eaves, BB7 3DA. Meet in Bashall Eaves Village Hall car park at **SD 696434** (Sheet 103) on right just past Red Pump Inn before onward journey to the Reserve. (Follow signs for Whitewell/Trough of Bowland). Terrain is rough and wet. Leader - Irene Ridge (01254-247274).

Sunday 22nd July - Microscope Workshop and Beginners Foray. Risley Moss, nr Warrington (WA3 6QS). Meet 10.30. A morning foray will be followed by an afternoon microscope workshop. Details and bookings with Irene Ridge (01254 247274).

12th August - Loggerheads Country Park, CH7 5LH. OS Expl Sheet 265, GR **SJ 197625** From M6 direction, take M56 to m/w end, continuing on A5117, then A494 signed Mold, next signed Ruthin. The park is on the A494 Mold-Ruthin road, 3 miles west of Mold on the R at the bottom of a half-mile downward hill, wooded both sides. Entrance first R after "We Three at Loggerheads" pub on L; Leader John Ratcliffe (07751 330 120)

19th August Clock Face Colliery Country Park, Bold, St. Helens, WA9 4SN . -

Meet 10.30 at Gorse Lane Car Park. From Jct 7 of M62 follow A57 Warrington Rd. After 2 miles turn left on to A569 Clock Face Road. After 1.5 miles, (passing back under M'way), turn right into Gorse Lane (blue cycling sign Burtonwood). Continue to entry on right. **SJ 535915** (Sheet 108). Leader - Tom Ferguson (01744 739774/ 077020 38212).

2nd September - Gait Barrows NNR, SD 479777. Option 1) Leave M6, J35 onto A6 northward 3 miles, going L at crossroads to Yealand Redmayne to T junction in village, then R and R at next fork passing Leighton Hall on Brackenthwaite Rd and bear left at Cold Well Farm junct. Option 2 from Milnthorpe via B5282 turning L after railway bridge away from Arnside onto Black Dyke Road. Keep left then turn right onto Ford Lane at Cold Well Farm junction **LA7 7LF**. Turn L after 250 m along narrow track for Reserve parking. Limited Sunday rail service to Silverdale stn.- liaise if to be collected from there. Leader John Watt (07768 043 461) with Arnside Nat Hist gp.

9th September - Wigan Flashes Nature Reserve. Meet at Welham Road entrance **SD 579032** (Sheet108/Explorer 285). Turn off Poolstock Lane (B5238) into Carr Lane (sign-posted *Hawkley Hall High School*) and follow this for approx. 1 mile. *Street parking* in vicinity of high school **WN3 5NY**. *Level walking on good paths* but can be wet underfoot in places; canal-side and mixed woodland(carr) Leader - Christopher Bowden (01772 812910/07597 921981).

16th September - Ainsdale NNR, PR8 3QW). Meet at car park at Reserve Manager's Office **SD 303112** (sheet 108)

Take A565 north past Woodvale Airport, turn on to Coastal Road, over railway bridge and left into private drive. Leader - Tony Carter (0151-724-4600).

23rd September - Rixton Clay Pits, nr Warrington. SJ 684908 Sheet 109 WA3 6EE

Leave the M6 at junction 21 and take the A57 (Manchester Road) toward Irlam. After about 1 ½ miles turn left into Moat Lane. Roadside parking after about ½ mile near the 'Anglers car park' Leaders Judith/John Lovelady (07921 189525/07921 189516)

Friday 28th Sept to Monday 1st October: Residential Foray at Keswick Convention Centre. Cost inc. meals, for members and for non-members will be announced later. Booking form in Newsletter. Contact Irene Ridge (01254-247274).

October 6th/7th - National Fungus Day. To see events - <http://www.ukfungusday.co.uk/>

7th October - Beginners' Foray at Moore NR, Lapwing Lane, Warrington. WA4 6XE. SJ 578855 (Sheet 108). 2 miles south of Warrington on A56 turn north to Moore at traffic lights at Higher Walton. 1 mile turn R crossing railway and ship canal. Go to end of road to reach entrance. Car park to right of entrance road. Leader- Paul Hamlyn (0161-434-1401).

14th October - Turn Slack Clough, Littleborough. OL15 9JZ. SD 935173 (Sheet 109) Meet @ **10.30** at Clough. Left off A58 onto Whitelees Road approaching Littleborough from west, continue along Calderbrook Road turning left at Clough Road. Leader - Norman Bamforth (0161-336-3914).

21st October - Errwood; Goyt Valley. From A6 take A5004 through Whalley Bridge, past A5470 crossing, through Fernilee, then turn R into Goyt Lane (signed Goyt Valley). Cross dam to T-junction with 'The Street' meeting at car park **SK 013758** Sheet 119. Leader Lynne (07938 663232)/Tim

28th October - Raven Meols Hills, Formby - SD 275065. @10.00. From A565 Formby-By-Pass turn west to Formby at Tesco traffic lights on to B5195 Altcar Road. Continue to travel west to Formby Point, past Formby Railway Station to end of Kirkdale Road (1.8 miles). Turn left past church to Shorrocks Hill Night Club (**L37 2EB**) then right on to Lifeboat Road to car park Bay One. Leader - Tony Carter (0151-724-4600)

4th November - Lytham Hall, FY8 4JX. Meet @ **10.00 SD 3592864** (Sheet 102). From M55 J4 take A583 (Kirkham) at first roundabout, and take first right (Whitehall Rd) after second then immediately left onto Peel Rd. After 1.6 m turn right onto Ballam Rd and after 0.6 m turn right into Lytham Park and proceed to Hall (free entry for NWFG). Leader - Irene Ridge (07484 242523).

About the North West Fungus Group

The North West Fungus Group is a regional group aiming to promote an interest in fungi across the counties of Cheshire, Lancashire, Grter Manchester, Merseyside, Cumbria and North Wales. Membership benefits include:-

- two newsletters per year
- Recording forays and special events
- Outreach activities centering around National Fungus Day
- Presidential address at AGM

Membership Individual membership - £7.50
Family membership - £10.00 Members joining after November 1st will receive membership for the following year.
Membership Form available on website or from Secretary to whom cheque may be posted.

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