

North West Fungus Group 2019 Foray Programme In association with the British Mycological Society

Contact Foray Leader if unsure about weather/terrain/access; strong footwear; [cover arms/ legs against ticks and check for these after](#); whistle or mobile phone. Last minute changes will be notified by email. Most events start on **Sundays** promptly at **10.30** - during BST, otherwise at 10.00 - 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 from Geoffrey Kibby.** 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.

17th March (10.00) Dean Wood, Gathurst, WN5 0LL. Leave M6, J27, A5209 west, turning left immediately towards Appley Bridge; turn left to follow B5375 under motorway; turn left onto B5206 on Gathurst Lane, finally turning in to Garhurst Station (+Inn) to park on Ackhurst Lane, **SD540073**. Half km walk under motorway to reach Dean Wood, SD 5306 0643. Leader - John Watt (01695 578843/ 07768 043 461).

14th April – Rixton Clay Pits, nr Warrington. WA3 6EE, SJ 684908 (Sheet 109). Leave the M6 at J 21 & 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)

19th May - Spring Wood, nr Whalley. SD741361 (Sheet103) (**BB7 9TD** nearest). Leave A59

roundabout onto A671, Burnley Road for 1 km to traffic lights and Spring wood is signed on left. Park in long-stay section near visitors’ centre; small parking charge. Leader – Irene Ridge (0112540237274/07484 242523)

Sunday 16th June – Microscope Workshop and Beginners Foray. Risley Moss, nr Warrington (WA3 6QS). Meet 10.30. A morning beginners’ foray will be followed by an afternoon microscope workshop. Details and bookings with Irene Ridge (01254 247274).

14th July – Wigan Flashes Nature Reserve. SD579032 (Sheet108/Explorer 285) Meet at Welham Road entrance, **WN3 5PA**. Turn off Poolstock Lane(B5238) into Carr Lane (sign-posted Hawley Hall High School) and follow this for approx 1 m. Street parking in vicinity of high school. Level walking on good canal-side paths with wet carr woodland. Leader - Christopher Bowden (01772 812910/07597 021981).

18th August - Hay Bridge Nature Reserve, Low Hay Bridge, Bouth, Ulverston, LA13 8JG: SD335876. Leave M6, J 36, bear left onto A590 (speed cameras); after ~ 3 miles, take 1st left signpost Barrow. At Newby Bridge roundabout, 1st exit staying on A590 then after ~ 4 miles turn right to Bouth. At Bouth village, turn right at White Hart Inn and follow this lane ~ ½ mile. Where it swings left, continue ahead on small narrow lane ‘Hay Bridge only’ until you reach car park in ~ 2 miles. Facilities in centre building, and suggested donations for non-members of £2.00 welcome. Leader - Helen Speed (07900 915328).

1st September – Hawarden Castle Grounds, SJ 322 655 (sheet 117). a) Take J35 off A35 to Hawarden exit. After approx one mile go down large dip and find car Tinkersdale park on right (nearest post code **CH5 3NS**). If you meet T junction at top, you’ve gone too far: or b) Take St David’s Park exit off A494 and continue into Hawarden. After ~ one mile turn right at Glynne Arms and find free car park on your left down the dip. Leader - Clive Garnett (07990 016450).

8th September – Dibbinsdale, CH62 2BJ. Meet at Woodslee Cottages, **SJ346828** (Sheet108). Leave M53 at J 4 onto B5137, Spital Road. Reserve on right ~ 2 miles after right hand bend: or 15 mins walk from Spital Rail station. Leader - Jeanette Maddy (07548 838946).

15th 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) & Sue and Sarah.

20-23rd September – Residential Foray at Keswick Convention Centre. Cost inc. meals, for members and for non-members will be £90.00 for members. Booking form in Newsletter. Contact Irene Ridge (01254-247274).

Thursday 3-Monday 7th October – Isle of Man residential foray with Isle of Man group.

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6th October- Freshfield & Ainsdale NNR,

Merseyside. Leave A565 Formby by-pass onto B5424 at roundabout signposted Formby Point BUT at mini roundabout keep straight on until Freshfield Road then turn right. Meet in station car park **SD291084** (sheet 108); **L37 7DD**. Leader - Tony Carter(0151-724-4600).

13th 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).

27th October – 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).

3rd November – Turn Slack Clough, Littleborough.

OL15 9JZ: SD 935173 (Sheet 109). Meet @ **10.00** 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).

10th November – Rostherne Mere, WA16 6SB:

SJ743833(Sheet 109). Leave M56 at J 7, follow directions Northwich & A556 for 1 km, then slip road onto B5569, (signposted Knutsford) up to A5034 at traffic lights by Premier Inn; then turn immediately Left onto Cicely Mill Lane onto T-junction at centre of

village; turn Right for car park 200 years past church on the left. Leader - Tim Rogers (07890949997).

Some other national events of interest include:

BMS Spring Foray, Devon,

Friday 12th to 19th April.

Microfungi, Kindrogan FSC with Bruce Ing;

Friday 10th to Wed 15th May.

October 6th – National Fungus Day. To see

events - <http://www.ukfungusday.co.uk/>

Advanced Macrofungi, Preston Montford FSC,

with Geoffrey Kibby;

Saturday 14th to 21st September.

Identification of Macrofungi, Preston Montford

FSC Intermed. course with Jeanette Maddy;

Fri 11th to Mon 14th October.

BMS Autumn foray, Glamorgan,

19th to 26th October.

- 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, Greater 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
- microscopy instruction

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.**

Officers include: Chair: Dr. Irene Ridge,
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