

North West Fungus Group Forays and Programme 2017
In association with the British Mycological Society

Bring strong footwear. Details about terrain and accessibility of sites can be obtained from the foray leader. Forays start at promptly at **10.30** - (or else at 10.00 after the clocks have gone back) - and continue into the afternoon with a pause for refreshments over lunchtime. If travelling a considerable distance it may be advisable to confirm with the leader that the foray is taking place as on rare occasions forays have had to be changed at short notice. Any changes will be sent around by email. Beginners are welcome at ALL forays. Please note that forays may not be suitable for very small children. **No DOGS.**

Saturday 25th February - Risley Moss, north Warrington, WA3 6QS SJ664920 (Sheet 109). **AGM & Presidential address with 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 lunch.

Saturday 25th March - Stuart Skeates leads an frdbi.info recording-training day; Risley Moss, (WA3 6QS).10.30 into afternoon; bring packed lunch; bring lap top, if available, to be able to be signed up with password and explore website. NWFG members will have first priority.

Sunday 9th April - Ainsdale NNR, PR8 3QW). Meet at car park at Reserve Manager's Office SD303112 (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).

Sunday 21st May - Rostherne Mere, WA16 6SB. Take the third turn on the left going south on the Chester Road (A556) from the M56 Jct 8. The car park is 200 yards past the church on the left hand side SJ743833 (Sheet 109); or park on road. Leader - Tim Rogers (07890949997).

Sunday 18th June - Moor Piece NR, Bashall Eaves, BB7 3DA. Meet in Bashall Eaves Village Hall car park at SD696434 (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 16rd July - Smithills Hall Woods, Bolton BN1 7NP. Approach Smithills Dean Road off A58 Bolton ring road or from Scout Road after it turns off A675 Belmont Road. Turn into drive and immediately after R branch towards Hall, take L towards Open Farm and park 10 yards on along roadside opposite rhodies; SD699 119,(Sheet 109). Cafe and toilets on site. Leader - John Watt (07768 043 461).

Sunday 13th August - Hay Bridge Nature Reserve, Low Hay Bridge, Bouth, Ulverston, LA12 8JG. 10.30 in the meeting room adjacent to the car park at SD336876 (Sheet 97). Leave the M6 at J36 and bear left onto the A590 signposted to Barrow. After ~3 miles take the first left signposted to Barrow. (NB 60mph speed cameras on A590). At Newby Bridge roundabout take 1st exit, stay on the A590 signposted Barrow/Ulverston then after ~ 4 miles turn right to Bouth. At Bouth village, turn right at the White Hart

Inn and follow this lane for ~ ½ mile. Where it swings left, go straight ahead on a small narrow lane signposted 'Hay Bridge Only'. Follow this narrow lane until you reach the car park at the end (about 2 miles). The building immediately before the car park has facilities. Suggested donations towards private reserve for non-members £2.00. Leader - Mike Hall (015242-76460).

Sunday 20th August - 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 to be made with Irene Ridge (01254 247274).

Sunday September 3rd - Beginners' Foray at Moore NR, Lapwing Lane, Warrington. WA4 6XE. 2 miles south of Warrington on A56 turn north to Moore at traffic lights at Higher Walton. 1 mile turn right, crossing railway and ship canal. Go to end of road to reach entrance. Car park to right of entrance road. SJ578855 (Sheet 108). Leader- Paul Hamlyn (0161-434-1401).

Sunday 17th September - Dibbinsdale, CH62 2BJ. Meet at Woodslee Cottages. SJ346828 (Sheet 108) Leave M53 at Jct4 onto B5137 Spital Road. Reserve on right about 2 miles after RH bend. 15 mins walk from Spital Railway Station. Leader - Jeanette Maddy (07548 838946).

Sunday September 24th 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. SD 535915 (Sheet 108). Leader - Tom Ferguson (01744 739774/ 07743 509671).

Friday 29th Sept to Monday 2nd 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 7th/8th - National Fungus Day. To see events - <http://www.ukfungusday.co.uk/>

Sunday 15th October - Lyme Park, Disley, Stockport. Meet in car park 200 yards from house; SJ962824 (Sheet 109) By road: Entrance on A6 only. SatNav: Use **SK12 2NR** and stay on A6. Ignore any directions other than those to the A6 entrance. By train - Disley ½ mile from entrance. The house, garden & car park are about one mile from main gate. Leader - Jeanette Maddy (07548 838946).

Sunday 22nd October - Wigan Flashes Nature Reserve. Meet at Welham Road entrance SD579032 (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) ; No facilities. Leader - Christopher Bowden (01772 812910/07597 921981).

Sunday 29th October - Lytham Hall, FY8 4JX. Meet at **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).

Sunday 5th November - Turn Slack Clough, Littleborough. Meet at **10.00** at Clough. Left off A58 onto Whitelees Road approaching Littleborough from west, continue along Calderbrook Road turning left at Clough Road. SD935173 (Sheet 109) (OL15 9JZ). Leader - Norman Bamforth (0161-336-3914).

Sunday 12th November - Raven Meols Hills, Formby - 10.00. (SD275065) 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 (1.8miles). 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)

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. Benefits of membership include:-

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

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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