

BMS Recording Network News

September 2022

To: BMS Recording Network Contacts
Cc: BMS Field Mycology & Conservation Committee members

From: Nathan Smith, BMS Recording Network Coordinator

1. Upcoming Online Talk: Are fungal medicines the future of psychiatry?

The **BMS Talk** on the 13th October will feature the psychiatrist and the Professor of Neuropsychopharmacology David Nutt. His talk will focus on the historic use of fungal products, especially psilocybin and how it is being developed as a powerful new agent for the treatment of depression and addiction today. An area at the forefront of modern medicine, it promises to be an exciting talk about the wider applications of fungi and fungal knowledge.

Book via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/418909588857>

2. Upcoming Online Event: Truffle Pursuit: an online quiz for UK Fungus Day

The UK Fungus Day quiz returns for the third year! An exciting way to kick off UK Fungus Day 2022 and test your fungal knowledge.

Book via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/423984698647>

3. BMS Recording Network News

Articles and news any size (but particularly those under 500 words) are also requested for future editions of the *BMS Recording Network News*. Please share upcoming events, news, and mycological top tips and tricks. Please send articles to myself at cwe.smith@gmail.com.

4. Featuring in the BMS members' newsletter

The next issue of the BMS members' newsletter will be published at the end of September. As mentioned previously, I'd like to feature news and updates from local fungus groups, to raise awareness of the great work being done to identify, record, conserve and promote fungi. Please send your news snippets, event notices, or anything else you'd like to share with the BMS membership to me at emma@britmycolsoc.info. Thanks!

*Emma Thompson
Scientific Communications & Development Officer, BMS*

5. **Advanced Notice: Waxcap Workshop**

Date: Sat/Sun 22/23 October 2022

Location: Moorland Discovery Centre, National Trust Longshaw Estate, Derbyshire

All those with an interest in the recording of waxcap grassland fungi are invited to book the following event.

This is a restart of the series of workshops on **(CHEG) Waxcap Grassland Fungi** - this year we are concentrating on the Waxcaps (**Hygrocybes**) themselves, leaving Clubs and Corals (**Clavariaceae**), Pinkgills (**Entolomas**) and Eathtongues (**Geoglossaceae**) to future years.

After a break of several years, the workshop will once again be based at the Longshaw Estate in the Derbyshire Peak District, ranked as one of the best waxcap grassland sites in the country. It is an all weekend event, hosted by the National Trust in the Moorland Discovery Centre.

The event will be organised by the Longshaw National Trust in combination with the Sorby Fungus Group, associated to the British Mycological Society. Members of the BMS and other fungus groups are invited to come along and contribute. The idea is it is a skill-share rather than a master-class.

It will be a combination of talks and forays out onto the site to collect specimens for identification. Steve Hindle – waxcap grassland expert from NT Hardcastle Crag - will be coming along to help me with the tutoring. Most of the talks will concentrate on how waxcaps can be identified in the field. However, some can be superficially very similar and their differentiation and identification is aided by the use of microscopy. We will have a projecting microscope set up for demonstration presentations.

All interested in fungi will be welcome. No previous experience with microscopy is required. It is especially hoped that many of those who have attended our previous workshops on waxcap-grassland fungi will attend, but no prior knowledge of these fungi will be assumed

Although it is possible to come for just one day, it would be better to attend both days.

Those travelling a fair distance can find B&B in nearby Fox House and Millstones Inns or the Peak District villages of Hathersage, Bamford, Hope, Castleton, Eyam etc.

There may be a charge of a few pounds per person, towards the costs of hand- outs etc.; this will be collected on the day. Numbers may be restricted, so if you want to attend please contact me now (robdfoster@yahoo.co.uk) to book a place.

Rob Foster

6. **Fungus Groups and UK Fungus Day**

UK Fungus Day will be on 8th October 2022. Our theme for this year's UK Fungus Day is *Connections & Connectivity*. A large number of events have been put together by groups, institutions, and individuals across the country and the details of these events can be found here:

<https://www.ukfungusday.co.uk/join-in/events-attractions>. There is still time for inclusion so please don't forget to send details of your events to Norman to ensure they are included:

ukfungusday@britmycolsoc.info. Reports on events are also sought, particularly for the BMS Recording Network News and should be sent to cwe.smith@gmail.com.

7. **Feedback on Fungus Group Discussions**

In the last Recording Network newsletter, a report on this year's Group Leaders' Meeting was provided along with an invitation to give feedback on the meeting discussions and questions raised.

The feedback form will remain open until **Friday 14th October** and a copy of the full set of feedback questions (with links to associated notes and presentations) for reference has been included with this month's edition of the newsletter in advance of completing the **online form: [here](#)**.