



North Eastern Fungus Study Group

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NEXT ISSUE: The deadline for articles for the Autumn newsletter is 24th November 2019
All contributions will be gratefully received!



Forthcoming Events

Sunday September 1st

Slacks Wood Quarry

Alan Simpkins

Slacks Wood Quarry [just outside Great Ayton, North Yorkshire]--Grid Ref NZ577114



From the A19 leave at the Parkway A174 interchange signed Redcar/Teesport -if coming from north turn left [reverse if coming from the south] towards Redcar and leave the A174 at the Middlesbrough interchange and go right on the A172 towards Stokesley until you get to a small roundabout [R/B] with the Tree Bridge Hotel on your right. Turn left at this R/B signed to Great Ayton. At a T-junction about 1 mile ahead turn left, then right at a miniR/B, across next miniR/B and in village centre take next left, and left again [signed to Great Ayton railway station].

After about half a mile cross the railway line by road bridge and after about quarter of a mile turn left [at a white house] up a cul de sac road ling to Airyholme Farm. Parking is quite plentiful on the road verges where the red arrow on the map indicates.

Slacks Wood Quarry is an overgrown whinstone quarry [Cleveland Dyke] now inhabited by a variety of deciduous trees, and in wet weather can be quite damp underfoot.

Sunday September 8th **Ormesby Hall** **Alan Simkins + Cleveland Nats**

Ormesby Hall--Grid Ref NZ531167



From the A19 leave at the Parkway A174 interchange signed Redcar/Teesport-if coming from north turn left [reverse if coming from south] towards Redcar and leave the A174at the Middlesbrough interchange and turn left on the A172, then right at crossroads traffic lightsafter about half a mile on to the B1380. Pass under a railway in a half mile but DO NOT enter the Ormesby Hall site at the main car entrance a short distance beyond the railway line. Continue for a further half mile and take the first road [Church Lane] on the right signposted for coaches to Ormesby Hall. Proceed down Church Lane and take the second road on the right into Ormesby Hall site and drive to the car park shown by the red arrow on the attached map.

Ormesby Hall [National Trust] provides a circular foray through mixed deciduous and coniferous woodland/parkland.

Saturday September 14th **Bamburgh** **Borders Fungus Group**

We will meet at 10.30am in the large free car park just below Bamburgh Castle on the landward side, NU18363490. Enter from the B1342 / B1340 Links Road. OS Landranger map 75 the aim is to visit the nearby sand dunes in search of the specialised fungi that should be found growing there. Late in the year on a previous visit a very small un-identified earth star was found and we would really like to refind this species to find out what it is. As well as the sand dunes there are wet boggy areas and some mixed woodland. Stout footwear and protective clothing depending on the weather that day will be required. Bring a packed lunch, sufficient liquids and if we are lucky - sun cream.



Sunday September 15th

Fallodon

Mike Cruse

(This foray could be combined with the previous day's foray at Bamburgh with the BFG for those who like to make a w/e of it.)

Directions :- From the A1 North , 6 miles past the Alnwick exit take the B6347 to Christon Bank , drive through the village and take the 1st left signed Fallodon . After crossing the railway line parking is immediately on the right . Further map details (2) are in the link below.

[Fallodon Hall, Newton-by-the-Sea, Northumberland](https://britishlistedbuildings.co.uk/101041743-fallodon-hall-newton-by-the-sea)

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Saturday September 21st

Bedburn

Cath Gillie

From the A68 travelling south turn right after Witton Le Wear for Hamsterley village From the A68 travelling North turn left for Hamsterley before the river. In the centre of the village in Hamsterley turn right (near toilets) and follow the road taking the first right again signed Howlea onto Howlea lane. Follow this lane over a bridge and as you go up the hill from the bridge past a few cottages - look for a turning on the right over a cattle grid at the farm entrance for Carrwood Hill Farm Park on the grass verges - there will be a sign here to guide you! **Meeting at 11am** - We plan to foray along Harthope beck which has been fruitful for us in the past, It's a circular route mainly along the beck side but we do cross the beck and there is only one Bridge and a ford so wear wellingtons or waterproof boots if you don't want to walk back to the bridge, although if the beck is in flood we may all have to use the bridge! The plan is to return to the cars for a late lunch so that those that need to go early can do so and then Foray in Low Burnlea wood near the Bedburn beck for as long as time allows. My mobile number is 07834 658562 please feel free to call if you have any questions ?



Saturday September 28th

Danby Park

Alan Simkins

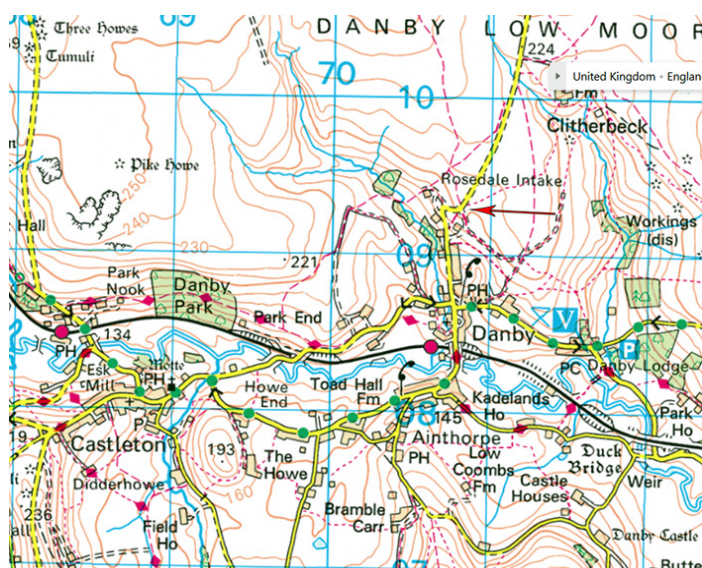
Danby is a couple of miles south of the A171 Guisborough to Whitby road. Take the turning signposted to Danby [about 3 miles east of the road to Castleton by Lockwood Beck Reservoir].

Follow the road to Danby until you see a "chevron" indicating a sharp right turn down to Danby. Park in the untarmaced car park on the left side of the road just before the "chevron" [Grid ref. NZ708093].

The habitat is a mixture of open moorland and deciduous woodland--particularly birch woodland when we get to Danby Park.

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Sunday October 6th

Allensford

Mike Cruse

Directions :- Situated by the A68 near Consett , map details are provided in the link below .

[Allensford Caravan Park, Durham, UK DH8 9BA - Your Parks](https://www.yourparks.co.uk/park/allensford-caravan-park)

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Please park at the car park just outside the Caravan Park not the one by the A68 at Allensford .

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Saturday October 12th

Hadrian's Wall

Alan Simkins

Details to follow by e-mail

Sunday October 13th

Ragpath

Val Standen + DWT

Grid Ref:- NZ194418 Ragpath Wood is a continuation of the Deerness Woodlands we visited last year.

From the Nevilles Cross traffic lights on the A167 west of Durham City, take the A690 towards 'Crook'. At the bottom of the bank turn right at the roundabout onto the B6302 towards Ushaw Moor. In Ushaw Moor there is a left, then right 'dog leg' junction - then carry on to Esh Winning. Enter Esh Winning village and turn into Brandon Road on the left - before the main road bends left. Park on the road where Brandon Road meets Acton Road as a T-junction.

Mobile phone - 07792072012.



Sunday October 20th

Ebchester

Mike Cruse

Directions :- Ebchester is situated north of Consett and Shotley Bridge on the A694 . Meet outside the lodges a short distance down the B6309 , a sharp turn left after crossing the R.Derwent . Please park adjacent to the chalets at Bridge End at the western end **not near the buildings at the eastern end** . For map details go to the ABOUT US section in the link below .

[Lodges with Private Hot Tub | Vindomora Country Lodges ...](#)

<https://www.vindomoracountrylodges.co.uk>

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Friday October 25th - Tuesday October 29th

LAKE DISTRICT WEEKEND

Draft Programme

Friday 25th—NEFSG arrive from 2p.m.and check in from 4p.m.

11 MAK members arrive approx 5p.m.

(Flights are LH939 FRA 13.25 - MAN 14.05 but 4 will be in cars)

On arrival members can wander and Foray in the grounds at Brathay if wished

Evening meal booked for 7p.m. at Brathay Hall

Move to meeting room for welcome and drinks .

Saturday 26th— Breakfast from 8a.m.

Collect packed lunches(meeting room) and decide who is going with whom as NEFSG will need to car share with MAK)

Following breakfast there is a choice of foraying around Brathay woods/fields or boarding a boat in Ambleside to visit Brockhole (Boats leave from Ambleside at 9.50 and 10.45 and it's a 75 minute round trip to Bowness-or we can stop at Brockhole and get a later ferry to return to Ambleside).

2p.m. all meet back up at The Armitage Museum in Ambleside (where there is an exhibition by Beatrix Potter)

5.30p.m. Return to Brathay Hall

6.30p.m. Drive to Ambleside for 7p.m. Meal at Zeffirelli pizzeria

9p.m. Back to Brathay Hall and to meeting room

Sunday 27th—Breakfast from 8a.m.

Collect packed lunches

9.30a.m. Drive to FORAY at RYDAL HALL for RYDAL WATER

4.30 Return to Brathay Hall and view Fungi

7p.m.Meal (to be arranged) Then return to meeting room

Monday 28th—Breakfast from 8a.m.

Collect packed lunches

9.30a.m. Drive to Tarn Hows for FORAY

1p.m. Drive to WRAY CASTLE for FORAY

4.30p.m. Return to Brathay Hall to view fungi in meeting room

7p.m. Evening meal at Brathay then to meeting room

Tuesday 29th—Breakfast from 8a.m.

10a.m. check out and departures by Mini Bus or Taxi for Manchester.

Flight LH939 MAN 14.50-FRA 17.30r

Saturday November 2nd

Holy Island Sheila Lillie (Joint meet with BFG)

To be confirmed.

Saturday November 9th

Bransdale

Rhona Sutherland

Take the road to Gillamoor off the A170 at Kirbymoorside , follow the road along Rudland Rigg to Bransdale meet at the parking area at the junction of the track signposted to Moor House Farm at SE 636946 just after you have done the zig zag down and over the Ousegill stream.



Sunday November 17th

Hesleyside nr Bellingham Mike Cruse

Directions :- Hesleyside Hall is just west of Bellingham along the south bank of the R.North Tyne . An area map and other info is provided in the CONTACT section in the link below .

[Hesleyside](#) [Hall](#) - [Hesleyside](#) - [Northumberland](#)
hesleysidehall.co.uk

The site has SSSI status , we will probably park by the old saw mill , **tbc nearer the time** . A map of the park including the saw mill plus extensive info on the landscape of the site is provided in the link below.

[HESLEYSIDE,](#) [Bellingham](#) - [1001047](#) | [Historic](#) [England](#)
historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list...

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Spore dispersal

Stinkhorn fungus (*Phallus impudicus*)



Of the diverse ways that fungi disperse their spores the Stinkhorn must be amongst the most ingenious. This is one species that can be identified without being seen because of its vile smell which is emitted from the brown sticky fluid that it produces from the top of its stem. This contains the spores of the species and is highly attractive to several species of flies which congregate in some quantity to feed on this material. After feeding they disperse complete with spores either adhering to their bodies or inside of them and distribute them for many metres around and my guess is by either preening themselves whilst perched on vegetation or by transmission through their bodies and out with their excrement or I suspect a combination of both. The photo shows about 25 flies of I think around half a dozen species feeding and should interest the entomologists in the group.

D. McC.

Plan on a fungi foray whilst on holiday ? - Mike Cruse

Alan and I were invited by Paul at short notice to spend a week in a caravan at Weymouth , Dorset in the 3rd week of July , his friend having pulled out . Paul was only interested in photographing butterflies while Alan and I preferred other pursuits , coastal walks and a fungal foray .

But where to go in an unknown area ? Here CATE 2 comes in handy . (Username :- nefsggroup Password :- 33coryne82Dr)

In CATE Species Records entering in the Filter Box VC09 (Dorset) and July (for different years) provided us with previous local forays in that month . The most promising was Charmouth Forest forayed there by Michael and Hazel Jordan . So this was our obvious choice and an enjoyable very wet 3 hours were spent there with some 28 or so species being recorded .



Chesil Beach



Alan in the Stair Hole, Lulworth Cove



Charmouth Forest



Charmouth Forest



French Festivals celebrating the mushroom .

At Belleme , Normandy

[Mushroom Festival - goring-twinning.co.uk](http://www.goring-twinning.co.uk)

www.goring-twinning.co.uk/html/mushroom_festival.html

40th Anniversary Celebrations, Goring and District Twinning Association is now planning the next event, to the international **Mushroom Festival** in Bellême.

At Eguisheim , Alsace .

[The Mushroom Festival - 26 & 27 October 2019 in Eguisheim ...](#)

https://www.laboutiqueduchampignon.com/en/blog/1_the-mushroom-festival...

The Annual **Mushroom Festival** ("Fête du Champignon") in Eguisheim takes place every last weekend of October. This festival is the place of meeting, sharing and exchanging for all those passionate by mushrooms: mycologists, mycophiles and mycophagous.

Truffle Festivals .

[Truffle Festivals & Markets - Travel and Tourism in Provence](#)

<https://www.marvellous-provence.com/.../truffle-festivals-markets-and-tourism>

Truffle festivals and ceremonies. Up in the north of Vaucluse, the tiny village of Richerenches (population: 600) is the unofficial and undisputed capital of the French truffle.

[Sarlat Truffle Festival \(Fête de la Truffe\) | Sarlat Tourisme](#)

<https://www.sarlat-tourisme.com/en/sarlat-truffle-festival-fete-de-la-truffe>

The truffle festival has also given rise to the Académie Culinaire du Foie gras et de la Truffe (Foie Gras and Truffle Culinary Academy). This organisation enables young culinary talents to express themselves while participating in the preservation of the French gourmet heritage by focusing on two emblematic products, foie gras and truffles.

Records and Images of Slime Moulds

P W Forster

Reticularia lycoperdon 28-04-18 in its plasmodium stage. Three in total found on this day the largest at Slapwath being 25mm diameter. A second was found here with a diameter of 12mm.



A third, 19mm in diameter found at Guisborough Priory 28-0

Hackfall Wood--12th August

On a day trip recently to Hackfall Wood [we forayed there a few years ago] en route to Black Sheep Brewery at Masham whilst still a bit early in the foraying season there was something of myco-interest as follows:

-on the grassland path leading down to the woods a cluster of [green brittlegill] under oak as well as *Parasola plicatilis* and a solitary waxcap--*Hygrocybe psittacina*.

-In the woods my first ever seen of *Polyporus tuberaster* in pristine condition with its diagnostic dark scales on the cap surface--nearby several *Rickenella swartzii*, *Stereum rugosum* , and *Crepidotus mollis* with its peelable cuticle.

-Another interesting find was a single specimen of *Helvella elastica* by the Fountain Pond.

So it's starting to happen--seek and ye shall find---maybe

Alan Simpkins



1. *Polyporus tuberaster*_



2. *Russula aeruginea*



3. *Helvella elastica*



4. *Rickenella swartzii*

Photos from Wikipedia

1. amadej trnkoczy (Mushroom Observer)

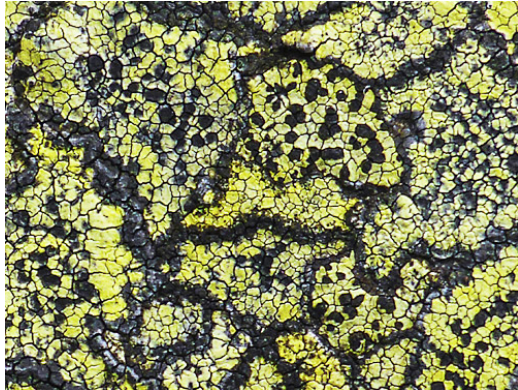
2. Irene Andersson (Mushroom Observer)

3. Chukchi (Mushroom Observer)

4. James Lindsey (Ecology of Commanster)

Lichen Lookout

Two lichens to watch out for on walls and rocks. You may need a hand lens to see the small details.



Rhizocarpon geographicum

Its common name of 'map lichen' describes it well as it really does look like county boundaries on a map. The distinctive bright yellow/green colour catches the eye. Found on hard siliceous rocks.



Rhizocarpon petraeum

A crustose lichen found on slightly basic rocks and walls. White to pale grey thallus with apothecia forming concentric rings.