

BMS Recording Network News

July 2022

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

From: Nathan Smith, BMS Recording Network Coordinator

1. Upcoming Online Talk: Finding a way in - understanding and controlling pathogenic fungi.

Following the success of our first PhD talk, the **BMS Talk** on 10 August July will be given by three students—Alex, Victoria and Neelu— who will share their PhD research on mycoviruses, plant pathogens and the mycobiome. It promises to be an exciting talk on the cutting edge of mycological research. Not one to be missed.

Book via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/389432823057>

2. 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.

3. Group Leaders Meeting Report Update

We're currently collating reports and presentations from the Group Leaders Meeting. The BMS will be in touch again separately to share these and ask for your feedback on some key questions.

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*. We've been contacting nature organisations, museums and visitor attractions around the country to encourage them to get involved, and hope that some might team up with local fungus groups to work together to engage wider audiences. Funding to support UK Fungus Day activities is available up to a maximum of £150. The event details including time, place and activity, the materials required and a breakdown of the costs will need to be supplied on the UK Fungus Day Funding Application Form. There are limited funds so early application is encouraged! Contact Norman at ukfungusday@britmycolsoc.info

The BMS is compiling a list of all local events and activities taking place on and around UK Fungus Day (8th October), to highlight on the UK Fungus Day website and in our UK Fungus Day promotion from early September. Please don't forget to send details of your events to Norman to ensure they are included: ukfungusday@britmycolsoc.info

7. Memorial Foray for Tom Hering

A small memorial foray is being arranged for Dr Tom Hering on the morning of 8th of October 2022. at Charnwood Lodge near Coalville in Leicestershire; the site is a Leicester and Rutland Wildlife Trust site, open to the LFSG under a permit, and so any additional visitors on the foray will be there as guests of the LFSG.

Booking **needs** to be made with Irene Peat <peat.irene@gmail.com> who will provide further information time grid ref etc

Following the foray a meet up between 1-3pm at a local pub 'The Bulls Head' in Woodhouse Eaves is planned where we can look at specimens collected and some memorabilia of Toms life which will be on display. Refreshments will be provided by Toms family.

We all know how much Tom contributed to our forays and we will miss his presence at our forthcoming forays.

Irene Peat

8. A note from Katharina Tribe

Emma at the BMS recently received correspondence from Katharina Tribe, wife of Henry Tribe. Henry is a long-time member and supporter of the BMS, as many of you will know. Katharina wrote of Henry's involvement in the BMS's exhibitions and how much he enjoyed working with others to create fungus models. Katharina explained that Henry's health has deteriorated considerably over the past few years, and she wished to pass on the following message: "Mainly and foremost I would like to say THANK YOU to the BMS and everybody who was a friend of his and supported him. And still remember him."