

BMS Recording Network News

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

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1. Upcoming Online Talk from Prof. Geoff Gadd

In return to a form, Professor Geoff Gadd, who will be familiar to many as the Treasurer of the BMS, will be giving an online talk on the subject of 'Fungi, Metals and Minerals: Pollutant treatment, metal recovery and biodeterioration in the built environment' at 19.30 on Wednesday 22nd September. It promises to be an exciting talk with immediate application for those with an interest in the potential uses of fungi.

Further details and tickets will be released shortly on Eventbrite and I will send round an additional email to the mailing list once they are available.

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. Survey on loss of CHEG grasslands in the UK

The survey regarding the loss of CHEG grassland (particularly to tree planting schemes) remains open and can be accessed here for all those who would like to contribute:

<https://forms.gle/Ctis8rVZztym3GC46>

4. Call For Help: TaxoVac

Help is requested from anyone familiar with the late Richard Shotbolt's programme TaxoVac or with the programming language Pascal, particularly in relation to Delphi. Those able to give assistance should contact myself at cwe.smith@gmail.com for further details.

5. UK Fungus Day

Activities and events for UK Fungus Day 2021 are quickly coming together and this year's programme promises to be very exciting indeed. Last year's fungal quiz, organised by Jeanette Maddy and Cameron Diekonigin, was found to be such a success that the Fungal Education and Outreach Committee have commissioned a sequel; '*Thank Fungi it's Friday - again!*' will occur on Friday 1st October and additional details will be released on the website soon. The FEO Committee will also be running a photography competition which is open to all and would like to encourage you to enter. However, for a photo to be eligible to enter it has to have been taken on the UKFD weekend (and submitted afterwards). Additional details for events will be released on the UK Fungus Day website (<https://www.ukfungusday.co.uk/>) which will host a series of updates over the next few weeks.