

## **BMS Recording Network News**

**April 2021**

To: BMS Recording Network Contacts  
Cc: BMS Field Mycology & Conservation Committee members  
  
From: Nathan Smith, BMS Recording Network Coordinator

### **1. Upcoming Online Talk from Sydney Glassman**

Dr. Sydney Glassman will be giving an online talk on the subject of 'The impact of fire on fungal diversity' at 19.30 on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May.

It promises an exciting talk on the cutting edge of fungal ecology. In this talk, Sydney will talk about increasing fires in the age of the anthropocene and the (sometimes surprising) way they impact fungal diversity. She had a rare opportunity to study mega-fire impacts on fungi when her plots burned down in two catastrophic mega-fires in California.

Tickets can be acquired for free from: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/153046338719>

If you would like to suggest any ideas for future talks or online events, please email me at [ns565@cam.ac.uk](mailto:ns565@cam.ac.uk).

### **2. BMS Newsletter**

The next issue of the *BMS Newsletter*, on the theme of 'The Future of Mycology' is still seeking submissions. Additionally, the *BMS Newsletter* welcomes submissions that give an overview on local issues such as commercial picking, land encroachment by developers, environmental shift and profiles on long-term members of recording groups. Articles detailing substantial group news, foray reports, the history of mycology, and all other mycological topics not covered by the other journals of the BMS are also encouraged. Please send articles for the *BMS Newsletter* to myself at [ns565@cam.ac.uk](mailto:ns565@cam.ac.uk) and Norman Porrett at [norman@britmycolsoc.info](mailto:norman@britmycolsoc.info).

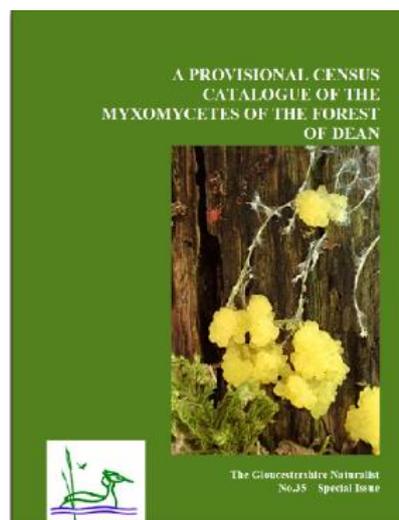
### **3. BMS Recording Network News**

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 [ns565@cam.ac.uk](mailto:ns565@cam.ac.uk).

4. **A Provisional Census Catalogue of the Myxomycetes of the Forest of Dean**

The Gloucestershire Naturalists' Society has published a special issue of their journal on the Myxomycetes of the Forest of Dean. Based on data gathered over many years by members of the Dean Fungus Group, and compiled by John Holden, the checklist includes 17 distribution maps and 75 photographic illustrations of many of the 144 species listed. Introductory chapters on the nature and diversity of slime moulds, and tips on collection and identification should be of wider interest. It is hoped that this book will inspire a wider awareness of these amazing and little-known organisms.

Copies are available from the Gloucestershire Naturalists' Society <https://glosnats.org/publications/> for £6.50 including p&p., and from Pemberley Books and NHBS.



5. **BMS Survey 2021**

The BMS is currently conducting a survey on what people know and think of the BMS and its activities and how these can be developed and improved. The survey is open to all, including non-members, and is an excellent opportunity to share your opinion on the society and what it should be doing. The results will be shared with the BMS Trustees and published in a future edition of the *BMS Newsletter*. All responses will be anonymised. The survey can be found here: [https://smartsurvey.co.uk/s/BMS\\_2021](https://smartsurvey.co.uk/s/BMS_2021)

6. **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>