

BRITISH MYCOLOGICAL SOCIETY FIELD MEETINGS 2020 - PLEASE READ THE SEPARATE DETAILS OF EVENTS BEFORE BOOKING

All costs include the BMS member discount. (Non members + £30) Couples = one form only. Partners of members classed as members

Event: Spring Fungal Recording & Study Week
Didcot Civic Centre, Britwell Road, Didcot, OX11 7JN
Monday April 20th to Sunday April 26th **(6 days only)**

Workroom Only @ £40 for 6 Days: Deposit £10 only payable when accommodation has been secured

Please save me a place in the workroom while I arrange my accommodation (you can email me to reserve a place)
I agree to my name and email being circulated to other participants so we can arrange joint accommodation
I do not agree to my name and email being circulated to other participants
Please confirm booking by email and pay £10 deposit as soon as your accommodation has been arranged.
There are plenty of places to eat out (or takeaways) walking distance from the Civic Centre.

Please confirm you booking before the end of December. I would like a lift from the railway station

Event: Autumn Fungal Recording & Study Week
Charnwood Arms, Beveridge Lane, Bardon Hill, Coalville, LE67 1TB
Monday October 19th to Monday October 26th

Please book me onto this event: I enclose the £30 per person booking fee; non refundable unless a room is unavailable

Accommodation - Tick one box only

ALL ROOMS ARE EN-SUITE (check web site for photos)

Single occupancy room only	@ £411 per person per week B&B	<input type="checkbox"/>	
I prefer a shared occupancy room if available	@ £371 per person per week B&B	<input type="checkbox"/>	If not available £411 as above
We are a couple and prefer a double room	@ £371 per person per week B&B	<input type="checkbox"/>	
We are a couple but prefer a twin room	@ £371 per person per week B&B	<input type="checkbox"/>	
I would like to book for Workroom only	@ £70 (for the week)	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Choose you own dinner each evening (Hungry Horse Menu) and add to room tag and pay at the end of week.
August 2019 menu has choice of 15 standard meals from £5.69 to £7.69, or two meals for £9.49: Starters from £2.49
Note: Above prices are a guide only. The menu will probably change by October 2020.
Purchase packed lunch from nearby outlets. Greggs & Shell Garage are very close.

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Name(s) BMS Member

Nearest town or city: * County:

Home Phone: Mobile (emergency use only)

Email:

Diet: Regular Vegetarian Pescetarian Other Please State:

I enclose deposits of £30 per person per event making a total of £ and I understand that full payment is due when requested by the Field Events Manager. Payments can only be refunded if a replacement participant is found, therefore travel insurance should be considered.

I have read the 'Risk Assessment' on page 3, and agree to follow all the recommendations as far as is practicable.
I also agree to the information submitted on this form, the cheque number, amount, date, and name on cheque, being kept electronically by the BMS officers and their auditors: (Please note: We do not record: The name of your bank, the bank code or the sort code). If you are happy for your email address to be shared with other participants on an event please tick here

Registered Charity: 276503 Signed.....

Please make cheques payable to: 'The British Mycological Society'
Post to: Peter R Smith, BMS Field Events Manager, 16 White Street, Derby, DE22 1HA **Email: psmith840@gmail.com**

* Your full postal address is not required

BOOKING PROCEDURE AND GENERAL INFORMATION ON EVENTS

The programme of events arranged by the Field Events Manager and approved by the Field Mycology Committee appear on the Society's web site www.britmycolsoc.org.uk along with a booking form and further details, these can be downloaded from the website, There is a deposit usually £30.00 per person, per event which should be sent to the Foray Manager with a completed booking form for each participant. Any payment is only refundable if a replacement participant is found. For some events it is possible to attend on a part time basis or to be non resident (please enquire) a fee for workroom space, administration and tutoring costs will then be applicable.

The Society welcomes non-members to its events but they are required to pay an extra £30 per event attended. However for a similar cost, membership of the Society can be obtained and you will then qualify for membership benefits and be able to purchase access to BMS Journals.

The Field Events Manager will remind you for payment of the balance owing at the appropriate time, usually no later than six weeks before the event. Please pay this promptly to maintain your place on the event. **Participants should consider travel insurance to cover late cancellation.** Final payment refunds may be possible, but only if a substitute person is found. Bookings will be acknowledged by email. If you do not have an email please enclose a stamped, addressed envelope if you require acknowledgement. Early booking is recommended to ensure a place on an event.

The booking form also allows you to indicate your preferences for accommodation in more detail. The available accommodation varies with the venue and, whilst we would like to try to meet everyone's individual needs, this may not always be possible. Additional charges will usually apply for single rooms or *en suite* facilities depending on venue prices. All rooms will be booked on a 'First Come, First Served' basis so to ensure your choice of room type book early. If you are not able to attend due to there being no rooms left that are suitable for your stated requirements your cheque will be returned or a refund granted.

NOTES ON EVENTS

Workshops are usually held over a weekend, (Friday pm to Sunday pm) and are mainly indoors and combine lectures and practical work. On fungal identification workshops a microscope is essential. The BMS has a couple of microscopes for use at workshops; however, please ask the Foray Manager if a microscope will be available before making a booking. Fungal identification workshops may use both fresh and dried fungal specimens as appropriate. In some cases, some outdoor foray activity may be part of the workshop. Numbers are usually limited, and the courses are generally booked up very quickly.

Residential Study Weeks; These events have a long tradition extending back to the 19th Century, historically called 'Forays'. They provide an opportunity for participants to study the fungi of a particular area. Each day there are field visits to record and collect material which are then studied after returning to the workroom. They provide an excellent opportunity for exchange of knowledge on current developments in taxonomy and conservation within an informal learning environment. There is a general exchange of information, especially during individual discussions around the 'Display Table' and sometimes in the bar, this gives an opportunity for the less experienced mycologist to learn from their more experienced colleagues. At some events there may be an invited guest mycologist, and occasionally there will also be a lecture or a presentation. Usually at autumn events either the guest mycologist or other experienced mycologist will discuss the outstanding finds of the day around the display table. Participants are encouraged to enter records of fungi seen during the event onto the on-line FRDBI database; these records will later be made available through the online NBN gateway. As part of this recording activity, our study weeks also provide an opportunity to add preserved specimens to the Kew Fungarium.

First time participants to a BMS event - The Society is always keen to encourage new participants with an interest in fungi to extend their expertise by participating in our study weeks and workshops. To get the most out of the 'Study weeks' some basic knowledge of fungi and the ability to work unaided with a microscope is a big advantage as formal tuition is not usually provided. However, there are usually plenty of knowledgeable people on hand to give advice and share ideas. Our site visits differ from 'Local Forays' in that our members tend to record and collect their specimens individually or in very small groups, usually to suit their particular interests, although lone collecting is discouraged on grounds of Health & Safety. One of the most rewarding aspects of participating in our 'Recording & Study Weeks' is having the opportunity to spend all your waking hours studying fungi with a very sociable and helpful group of like-minded people, and without feeling guilty or being distracted by your normal commitments to home and family. After a recent BMS 'Recording & Study Week' a member new to these events sent us the following feedback: *"The highlight of the Foray for me was, without a doubt, the welcome and help that I received from other participants. I was rather worried that I might not fit into a week without any formal teaching but I actually had a fantastic time"*.

At some events BMS books may be available for use. Also if you have the skills to use a microscope but have not yet purchased one, there may be an opportunity to use a society owned microscope. If you would like to do so please contact the Field Events Manager. All participants are encouraged to bring any relevant literature and their own microscopes. However, whilst the organisers will endeavour to keep forayer's equipment as safe as is practicable, the society cannot be held accountable for any loss or damage; therefore it is advised that participants ensure that all equipment they bring is adequately insured.

Hope to see you on a BMS event soon: Peter R Smith, BMS Field Events Manager. email: psmith840@gmail.com

BMS - GENERIC RISK ASSESSMENT FOR FIELD TRIPS

Hazard	How Likely	Most Likely Injury	Recommendations to minimise the risk
Tripping or slipping	High	Minor	Wear strong boots and walk carefully. Avoid holes, tree roots and fallen branches
Hit by a falling tree	V. Low	Major	Keep out of woods during high winds. Be aware of leaning or hung-up trees and branches
Walking into low branches	Medium	Minor	Be observant for low branches
Getting stuck in mud	Low	Poss. Fatal	Keep away from pond sides and bogs & carry a mobile
Drowning	Low	Fatal	Keep well away from all open water
Hit by a vehicle on the road	Medium	Poss. Fatal	Keep clear of all vehicles especially if reversing
Contracting Toxicariasis	Medium	Major	Avoid dog faeces. Keep hands away from mouth and wash hands before eating
Contracting <u>Leptospirosis</u>	Low	Major	Avoid contact with open water or where rats may have been Keep hands away from mouth and wash hands before eating
Contracting Tetanus	Low	Major	Immunisation - (see GP). Avoid injuries. Keep any wounds covered , Wash hands.
Contracting Lymes disease	Low	Major	Try to avoid areas where ticks may be present, long grass/bracken etc. Keep legs covered. Wear wellington boots if possible. Avoid sitting, kneeling or lying on the ground. Spray boots/trouser bottoms kneeling mats etc with a Deet-based insect repellent. Check for ticks after each trip. If you are bitten by a tick followed by flu-like symptoms or you develop a severe or unusual rash, contact your doctor.
Hypodermic needle stick Injury	Low	Poss. Fatal	Be observant, Keep hands away from anywhere that you cannot see. If you suspect you have received a needle-stick injury; Make the wound bleed, clean it. Then get a message to the leader and go straight to A&E
Getting Lost	Low	None	Stay in groups, Carry a mobile phone. If you leave early please get a message to the leader so we know you are safe and we don't need to search for you. Make a note of the leaders mobile number.
Attacked by a person or a dog	V. Low	Major	Stay in groups, Carry a mobile phone.
Cut by a pen-knife	Medium	Minor	Always cut away from body parts. Carry plasters: Only carry a legal size pen-knife.
Poisoned by fungi	Low	Poss. Fatal	BMS forays are for the recording and study of fungi only. Please do not collect any fungi for consumption on BMS forays.
Ingesting bacteria causing stomach pains or diarrhoea	Medium	Minor	Avoid handling any rotting fungi or any other putrid material. Keep hands away from the mouth and wash hands before eating or smoking.
Tripping over in the workroom	Low	Minor	Keep walkways clear and be observant.
Caustic or toxic reactions from chemical reagents	Low	Minor	Treat all chemicals with respect and handle carefully. Clean up any spills straight away and if skin gets contaminated wash of skin immediately

While it is recognised that some members prefer to search in specialist habitats on their own, they must accept the increased risks involved and should always carry a mobile phone with the Foray Manager and/or Local Organisers numbers, in case they get lost, encounter any difficulties or have an accident.