

## Fungi found on the Friends of Chesworth Foray – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Despite gloomy predictions of rain and a fungal famine the party managed a respectable haul of classic species from the paddock and a short walk to the oaks running down to the Arun.

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Botanical name	Common name	Association	Notes
<i>Amanita rubescens</i>	The Blusher	Usually woodland	We found one in advanced state of decay in grass by the hedge but still recognisable as having a spotted cap, a good ring and reddish blushing tinges in the flesh when broken open.
<i>Clitocybe geotropa</i>	Trooping Funnel	In grass by the hedge	Usually occurs in trooping groups with a stout pinkish stem and decurrent gills. Of the two here one had a small cap and the other was well-developed.
<i>Clitocybe nebularis</i>	Clouded Agaric	In grass by the hedge	Two growing together. Often occurs in large groups at this time of year. It is not as tall as <i>C.geotropa</i> and has a greyish, cloudy cap.
<i>Crepidotus epibyrus</i>	An Oysterling	Shrubby twigs	Very small gilled mushrooms on dead bramble stems today
<i>Hygrocybe virginea</i> (?)	Snowy Waxcap	Grassland	We found one rather tatty specimen in grass by the oaks which might have been this.
<i>Hypholoma fasciculare</i>	Sulphur Tuft	Dead wood	A very common species growing in groups with striking yellow/black gills. The group we saw on the log-seat in the bird-hide were very undeveloped.
<i>Laccaria laccata</i>	The Deceiver	Woods and heaths	We saw patch of this in grass. It is a variable species but the wide-spaced lilac gills are a constant. It is edible apparently and can occur in vast numbers on heathland.
<i>Lactarius quietus</i>	Oakbug Milkcap	Under oaks	With mild milk, a distinctive smell (bed-bugs or wet laundry!), reddish-brown caps with slight concentric markings I feel confident of the identification!
<i>Lepista sordida</i>	Sordid Blewitt	Varied	One was found in grass at the side of the path near a lot of bushes. The commoner Blewitt is <i>L.nuda</i> , but I think the one found might be this because of its smaller size and its paler cap when drying out. Blewitts are good edible species.
<i>Melanoleuca polioleuca</i>	Common Cavalier	Woods and grassland	One was found in the paddock. Dark cap and white gills. Tall stem ending in a whitish swollen base.
<i>Mycena aitites</i> (?)	Drab Bonnet	Grassland	One of several little fungi found at the wayside with bonnet shaped caps and relatively long thin and flexible stems. Watch out for other species in woodland with coloured 'milk'.
<i>Psilocybe merdaria</i> (?)		Dung	We found one attractive little mushroom with velar remains around the cap which I thought might have been a 'Roundhead'. Later, I was not so sure, but the cap and stem seemed to have blue tinges which indicate the presence of the hallucinogenic chemical psilocybin. So if there were rabbit or cow dung beneath it might have been this!
<i>Stereum hirsutum</i>	Hairy Curtain Crust	Deciduous logs	On several trunks in the log-piles along the way
<i>Trametes hirsuta</i>	Turkeytail	Dead wood	Thin bracket usually growing in overlapping tiers or rosettes, each cap with concentric rings of various colours ranging from cream, brown, green and black.
<i>Volvariella gloiocephala</i>	Stubble Rosegill	Grass	Two found in the paddock in wet grass. Gills turn from white to pink and it gives a copious pink spore print
<i>Xylaria hypoxylon</i>	Candlesnuff Fungus	Dead wood	Looking like a snuffed out wick.