

# GWENT FUNGUS GROUP

## FORAY PROGRAMME 2019

April - November



*Scarlet Caterpillar Club (Cordyceps militaris)*

Arrive at 10.15 for foray to start at 10.30 am

Please try to be prompt

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Our forays are run by and for the members of the Gwent Fungus Group (GFG). The group is self-financing, a membership fee is levied to cover administrative costs involved in running the group. Please do not publicise the forays widely for they are not meant for the general public but as visits to record species. However, guests would be welcome.

All forays will be undertaken according to the nationally agreed guidelines in the leaflet entitled "The Wild Mushroom Pickers Code of Conduct" published by the BMS. Please wear suitable footwear to all sites and be prepared for all weathers. Some sites are quite steep and slippery in bad weather so please take care at all times.

Please note that smoking is prohibited on Forestry Commission and Woodland Trust sites.

***Well behaved dogs are welcome at most sites but neither the GFG nor the British Mycological Society (our insurers) will accept any responsibility for injury or damage caused directly or indirectly by a dog bought to foray by a member or visitor. Dogs should be kept on leads at all times.***

***Attendance at a single foray £1.00 per person or for the whole programme of 7 forays £6.00 per person or £10 per couple. Children accompanied by an adult are free of charge.***

**Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup> Tredegar House, Newport ST285854**

Just west of Newport. Leave the M4 at Junction 28, signed for Tredegar House. Park in the car park.

**Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup> Llandegfedd Reservoir Centre, New Inn**

From Usk. From the centre of Usk cross the bridge and turn left. After about 700 metres turn right up a lane signposted Llandegfedd. Follow the lane for 3 miles to a T junction in the village of Coed-y-Paen. Turn right and follow the road down the hill to the entrance to Reservoir Centre.

From A4042. At a roundabout signposted Llandegfedd Reservoir and New Inn, follow the road past the Lower New Inn pub. After 200 metres follow signs to reservoir by turning right into Jerusalem Lane. After a 100 metres turn right again following signs into Sluvad Lane. Follow this for about a mile past the treatment works on the left and the reservoir will soon appear. Park in car park at the top of the hill.

**Thursday June 20<sup>th</sup> Springdale Farm Reserve ST406995**

Drive to the end of the square in Usk, then follow the road round to the right and then to the left. Stay on this road for for 1 – 2 miles until you pass under the A449 then immediately turn sharp left. Drive for about one mile until you come across some alms houses on the right. Springdale Farm is on the left.

**Saturday Aug 31<sup>st</sup> Cwmcarn Forest Centre, Cwmcarn SO235940**

Go to Nantcarn Road, Cwmcarn, Crosskeys, NP11 7FA and follow signs to the Forest Centre. The Centre website may assist with directions.

**Saturday Sept 21<sup>st</sup> Bargain Wood, (Whitestone Wood) SO525030**

Park in Whitestone picnic site just off the A466, 12 miles south of Monmouth. From Tintern follow signs for Catbrook and Trellech at junction adjacent to the Wye Valley Hotel. Travel approximately 2 ½

miles to a junction. Opposite is Whitestone car park. Follow forest road up to top car park.

**Sunday Oct 6<sup>th</sup> UK Fungus Day Pentwyn Farm (To be confirmed)**

**Thursday Oct 17<sup>th</sup> Dan y Warren, Gilwern, SO232156**

From Gilwern village take the A4077 towards Crickhowell. After 1.1 miles the entrance to Dan y Warren is on the right. Go down the drive and park by the garage.

**Saturday Nov 9<sup>th</sup> Cefn Ila, Near Usk SO359005**

Drive south out of Usk towards Llanbadoc and Llanybi. At Llanbadoc (0.5 miles) take a right turn signed Coed-y-Paen, HMP Prescoed and Cefn Ila. Follow the road taking the second turn on the right which is after about 0.7 miles (on a bend at the bottom of a short hill. It is a turning into a track and is signed Cefn Ila Reserve. A short distance along the track the car park will be seen on the left. (To be confirmed)