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Buckinghamshire  
Fungus Group

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# Activities

Aug 2019 – Mar 2020

- 15 Outdoor recording and other meetings
- Exhibition at Aylesbury Museum (National Fungus Day)
- Identification Workshop at Dancersend
- Records added to National and County databases
- including many new County records
- Increased membership



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We are an independent voluntary group of enthusiasts for mushrooms, toadstools and other fungi. Join us for informal, family-friendly walks in Buckinghamshire woodland and countryside to find, discover about and record fungi.

Recognizing and recording the fungi, as part of a network of recording groups, helps us support the conservation of these vital organisms and is great fun! Newcomers are encouraged to learn to identify fungi with help from more experienced members. Please explore our web site to learn more.

If you would like to join us, please go to our [membership section](#) and return the membership form with your subscription.

Our full programme of events for Autumn 2018, starting in September, will be available later on the ['Fungi Walks and Meetings'](#) page.

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# Events Aug 2019 – Mar 2020

Rushbeds Wood  
Wotton Park Estate  
Hodgemoor Woods  
Moorend Common  
Kings Wood  
Naphill Common  
Aylesbury Museum  
Burnham Beeches

Whipsnade Zoo  
Pulpit Hill  
Howe Park Wood  
Widdenton Park Wood  
Dancersend Workshop  
Stowe Landscaped Gardens  
Brill Common





# Rushbeds Wood

## 24 Aug 2019

42 species, almost half new to the wood, one new County record:

*Inocybe salicis*. Identified by Penny Cullington, UK expert in this genus. Associated with *Salix* & *Alnus* in damp, humid habitats.

***macro***



***micro***



***Inocybe salicis***

**Rushbeds Wood**



# Wotton Park Estate 1 Sep 2019

A dry time with only 20 species found,  
including *Ganoderma applanatum* with the  
galls of the Yellow Flat-footed Fly (*Agathomyia  
wankowiczii*)





***Ganoderma  
applanatum* with  
the galls of the  
Yellow Flat-footed  
Fly, *Agathomyia  
wankowiczii***

**Wotton Park Estate**

Fly courtesy of NHM





# Hodgemoor Woods

## 14 Sep 2019

52 species but still dry. No new County records. *Fomes fomentarius* (Hoof Fungus) new to the site and one of a small number of County records. The species, common in the north, is extending its range southwards.



***Fomes fomentarius* (Hoof Fungus)**

**Hodgemoor Woods**





# Moorend Common 22 Sep 2019

Joint with Frieth Natural History Society.  
Raining but still suffering from the dry spell. 18  
assiduous recorders found 48 species, 9 new to  
the site and one new County record:  
*Crepidotus subverrucisporus*.





Scale in mm applies to right

***Crepidotus subverrucisporus***

**Moorend Common**



# Kings Wood, Tylers Green 28 Sep 2019

69 species, 31 new to the site; no new County records but *Cortinarius amoenolens* (Blueleg Webcap) a welcome find with many of the common mycorrhizal species still not fruiting.





***Cortinarius amoenolens* - Blueleg Webcap**

**Kings Wood**





# Naphill Common 29 Sep 2018

Around 100 species found in this traditional major event organised by members Jackie and Justin with guest mycologists Richard Fortey and Geoffrey Kibby. Magnificent specimens of *Hericium erinaceus* (Bearded Tooth) still fruiting on the fallen Beech trunks.

***Hericium erinaceus***  
***Bearded Tooth***

***Naphill Common***





Aylesbury Museum

5 Oct 2019

## National Fungus Day event

With great support from the Museum, especially Mike Palmer, and our other members, a display of more than 100 locally found species introduced the kingdom of fungi to a large number of visitors.





*Aylesbury Museum National Fungus Day*





***Aylesbury Museum National Fungus Day***





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*Aylesbury Museum National Fungus Day*



# Burnham Beeches

## 6 Oct 2019

Despite the lack of mycorrhizals, 18 enthusiastic members found 105 species. 10 were new to the site, of which two new to the County: (*Hydropus subalpinus* and *Psathyrella noli-tangere*).





*Hydropus  
subalpinus*



**Burnham Beeches  
new County records**  
(library photos)

*Psathyrella  
noli-tangere*

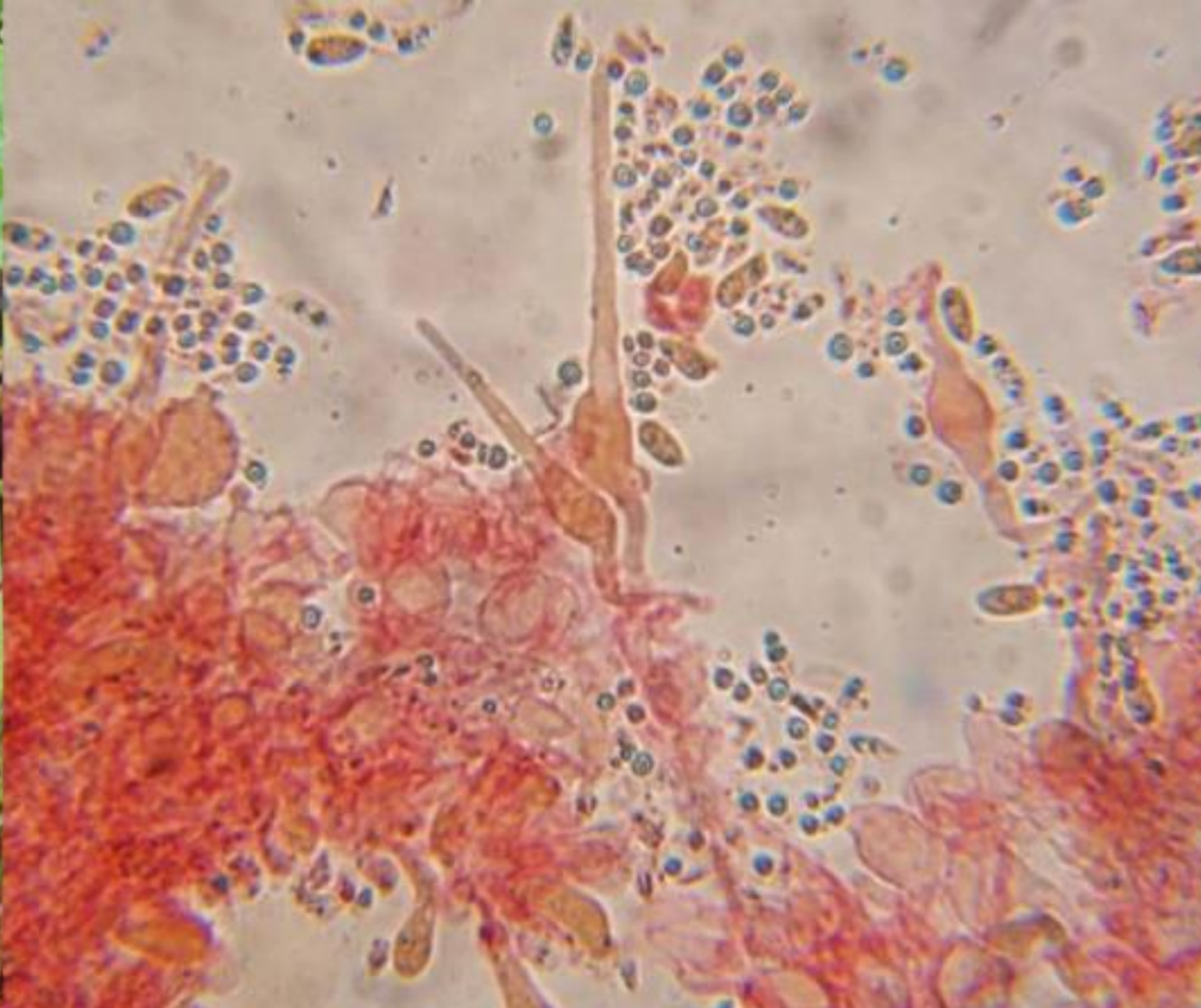




# Burnham Beeches

## 6 Oct 2019

105 species. Two new to science, yet to be formally described: *Mycena* sp. (Penny Cullington)



***Mycena sp.***

**Burnham Beeches  
new to science**

***Penny  
Cullington***





# Burnham Beeches

## 6 Oct 2019

and: *Coprinopsis sp.* (Derek Schafer). On pony dung; third collection, the first two from same site in 2017 & 2018. Distinct morphologically and by DNA, awaiting study of two related species before publication.

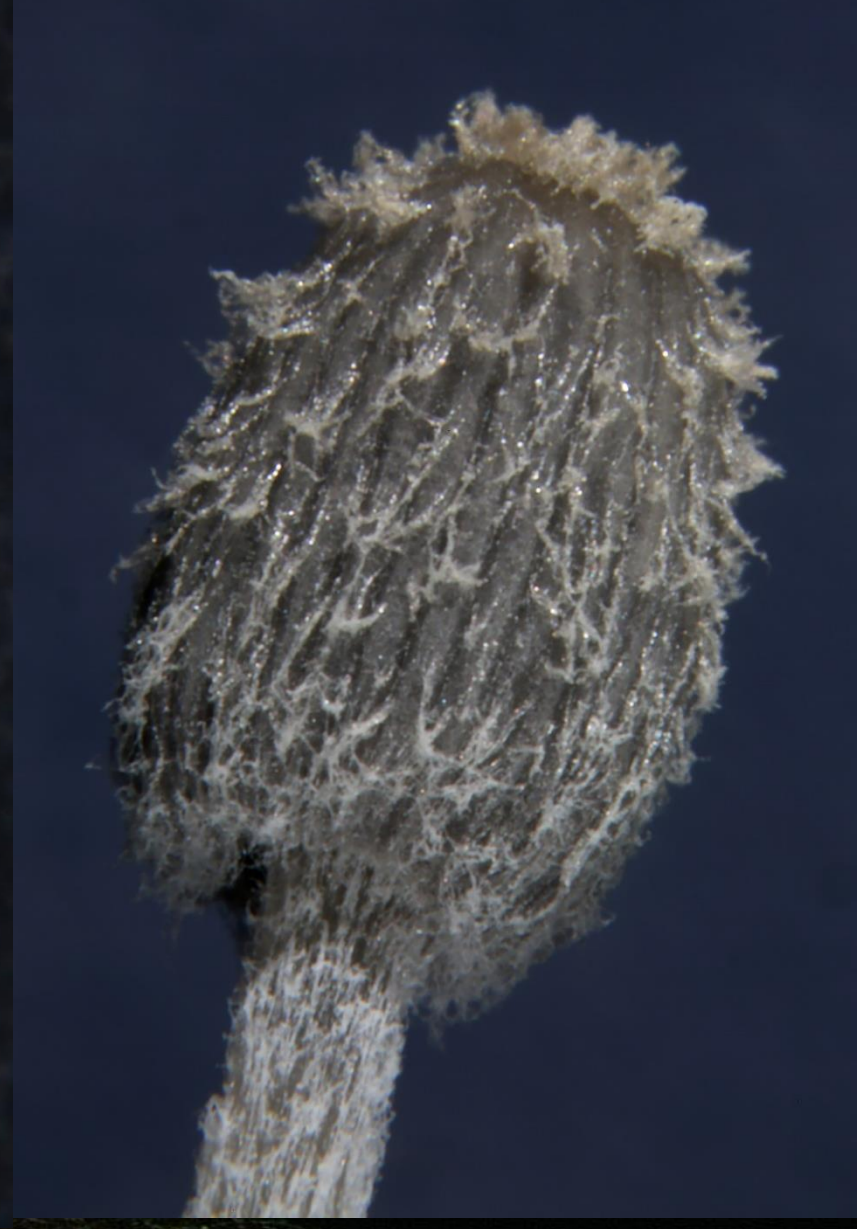




*Coprinopsis* sp.



Burnham Beeches  
new to science



*Derek Schafer*



# Whipsnade Zoo 8 Oct 2019

Joint event with the Herts & Beds Fungi group.  
More than 109 species. *Scutellinia hirta* and  
*Lachnum sulphureum* for example.





**Whipsnade Zoo**  
***Scutellinia hirta***  
**an Eyelash fungus**



***Lachnum sulphureum*** on  
**Nettle stem**



# Pulpit Hill 13 Oct 2019

109 species. No new County records but 12 new to the site including some *Cortinarius* and *Lepiota* species and *Clavariadelphus pistillaris*.





**Pulpit Hill**

***Clavariadelphus  
pistillaris***



# Howe Park Wood 19 Oct 2019

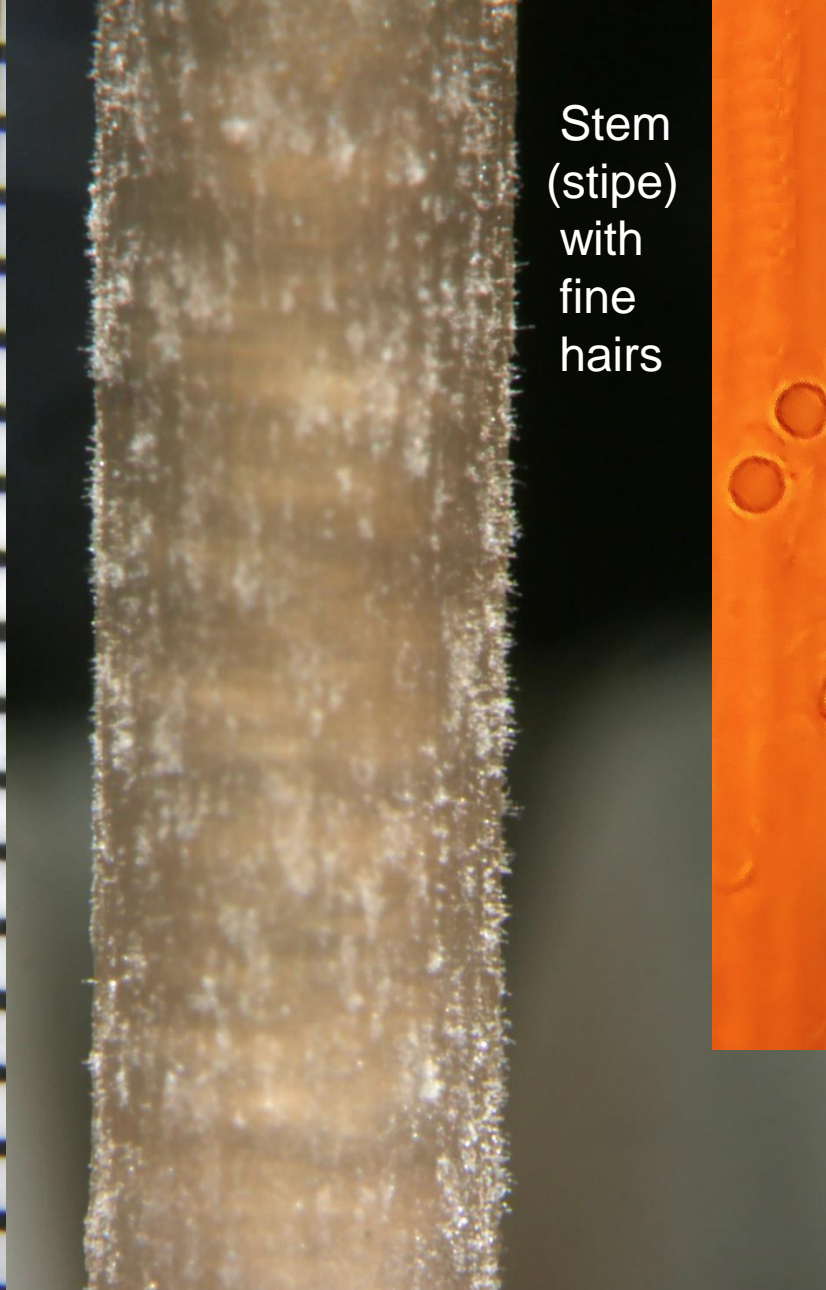
51 species recorded with 17 new to the site and three new County records: *Paxillus ammoniavirescens*, *Crepidotus autochthonus* and *Mycena scirpicola*. The latter new to Britain in 2016; the Howe Park Wood find one of only two other records, the other one of my collections from the Forest of Dean.



Fruitbody (mm scale)



Stem (stipe) with fine hairs



Stipe hairs x1000

Howe Park Wood

*Mycena scirpicola*



# Widdenton Park Wood 27 Oct 2019

A new site for the Group, suggested at this meeting last year. Our group of over 30 people recorded 96 species. A variety of genera represented in the list, *Mycena* in the lead with 17 different species. *Mycena crocata* (Saffrondrop Bonnet) for example.





***Mycena crocata***  
**(Saffrondrop  
Bonnet)**

**Widdenton  
Park Wood**





# Dancersend Workshop

## 2 Nov 2019

A trial run for a regular feature – a morning walk followed by a microscope and identification workshop in the Dancersend workroom. A small but very enthusiastic group took part and we plan to repeat the event this year. Many thanks to Mick for hosting the event and Julia and BMERK for lots of support including loans of microscopes and funds for identification books.





**Dancersend  
Workshop**





***Dancersend Workshop***





# Stowe Landscaped Gardens 9 Nov 2019

Our group of 18 members found 101 species, 26 new to the site and one new County record: *Melanoleuca turrita*. The site is outstanding for its colourful waxcaps, indicators of species-rich unimproved grassland.





***Hygrocybe punicea***  
**(Crimson Waxcap)**



**Stowe Landscaped  
Gardens**

***Hygrocybe pratensis***  
**(Meadow Waxcap)**





# Brill Common 8 Dec 2019

Our last event of the year and 11 keen fungus identifiers on a windy winter morning found 50 species to record, 11 new to the site including *Deconica horizontalis* and *Leratiomyces ceres*. No new County records but *Clitopilus pinsitus* is quite rare nationally with only 60 records.

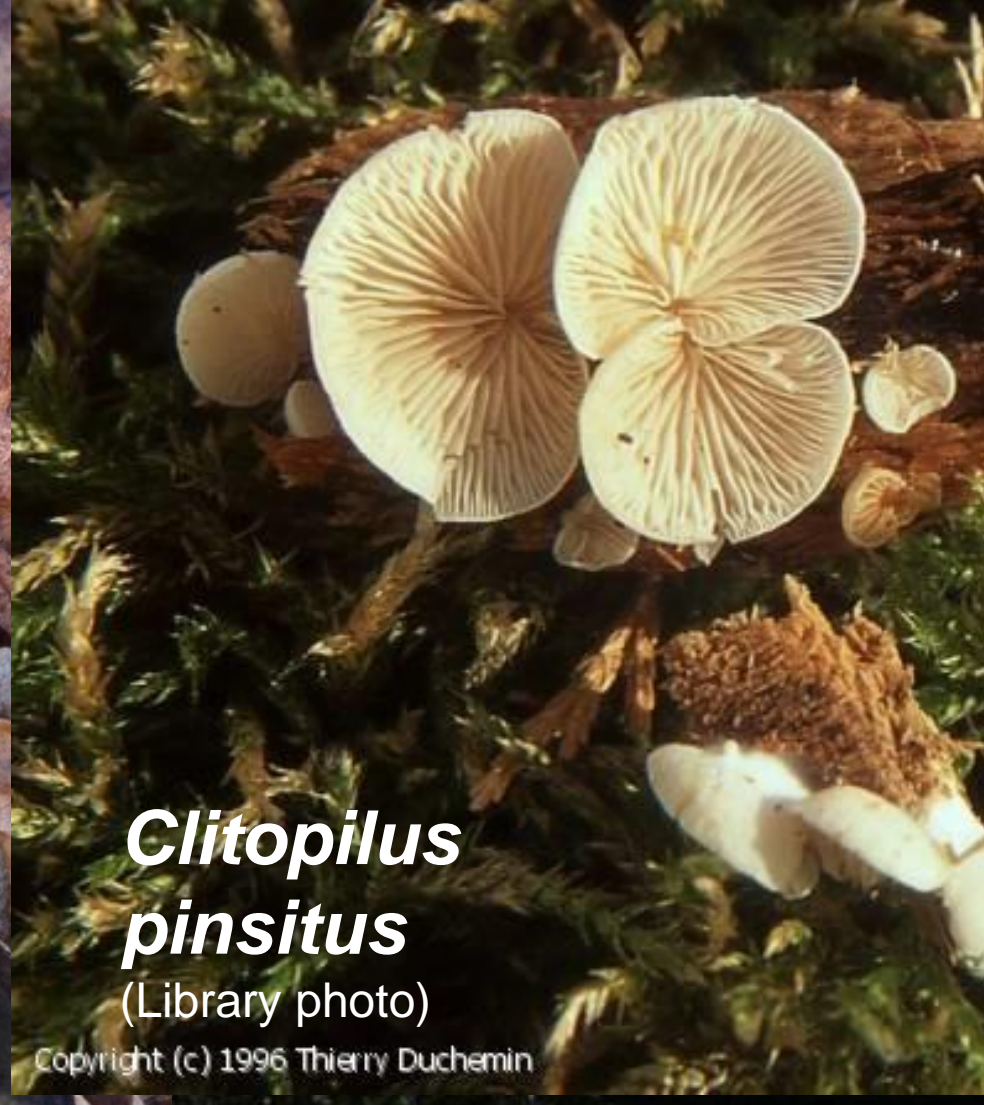




***Deconica  
horizontalis***



***Leratiomyces  
ceres***



***Clitopilus  
pinsitus***

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**Brill Common**





## Other finds in 2019

Barry Webb found *Squamanita paradoxa* (Powdercap Strangler), new to the County, at Burnham Beeches on 5 Oct. This strange fungus parasitizes the upper part of another fungus, *Cystoderma amianthinum* (Earthy Powdercap).





Barry Webb

***Squamanita paradoxa***  
**(Powdercap Strangler)**

***parasitises***



(Library photo)

***Cystoderma amianthinum***  
**(Earthy Powdercap)**





## Other finds in 2019

Barry Webb also found *Physarum leucophaeum*, a Myxomycete (Slime Mould) new to the County, at Burnham Beeches on 29 Nov.



Barry Webb

***Physarum leucophaeum***  
**(A Slime Mould)**





## Other finds in 2019

Barry Webb also found *Dendrostilbella smaragdina*, new to the County, at Penn Wood on 25 Feb this year.

***Dendrostilbella smaragdina***

(about 1 mm high)







## Other finds in 2019

Various people found *Clathrus archeri* (*Devil's Fingers*), new to the County, which appeared appropriately over Halloween at Vincent's Meadow near Naphill.





Penny Cullington



Neil Fletcher

***Clathrus archeri* (Devil's Fingers)**