## **Tyntesfield Audit 12 December 2018**

Greeted by a bright, sunny but cool day, we had hoped that the grassland fungi on the lawns might, at last, have made a late appearance. We were disappointed. There was no major show of Waxcaps, just a few isolated fruiting bodies on the south lawns. However Clavaroid fungi (Spindles), which had been totally absent at Tyntesfield and elsewhere in North Somerset this throughout the autumn were suddenly there in large numbers. In total there we found 7 such species, including *Clavaria incarnata* and *Clavaria acuta*. The full list of species found is shown below.

Another outstanding species was *Helvella crispa*. We normally find one or two specimens each year (though not since 2015) but in December this was found in large numbers at several locations on the Estate, usually in grass that surrounded the various parkland trees.

We also observed two unusual "yellow" Entolomas growing amongst some fallen trees - *Entoloma sinuatum* and *E. pleopodium* (for photographs, see below). A typical late-fruiting species, the Olive Oysterling (*Sarcomyxa serotina*) also appeared in several places.

## **List of Fungi**

Agaricus arvensis Agaricus augustus Agaricus campestris Ascocoryne cylichnium Auricularia auricula-judae Bjerkandera adusta **Bolbitius titubans** Calocera viscosa Clavaria acuta Clavaria fragilis Clavaria fumosa Clavaria incarnata Clavulina coralloides Clavulina rugosa Clavulinopsis helvola Clitocybe fragrans Clitocybe geotropa Clitocybe phyllophila Coprinellus micaceus Crepidotus applanatus Crepidotus mollis Cuphophyllus pratensis Cuphophyllus virgineus Cystoderma amianthinum Dacrymyces stillatus Daedaleopsis confragosa

Daldinia concentrica Entoloma pleopodium Entoloma sinuatum Exidia glandulosa Exidia nucleata Exidia thuretiana Flammulina velutipes Galerina marginata Gliophorus psittacinus Gymnopilus penetrans Helvella crispa Hygrocybe ceracea Hygrocybe chlorophana Hygrocybe conica Hygrocybe miniata Hygrophorus unicolor Hypholoma fasciculare Inocybe geophylla Laccaria laccata Lactarius fulvissimus Lactarius subdulcis Lepista flaccida Lepista nuda Lycoperdon pyriforme Lyophyllum decastes

Marasmius oreades

Mycena arcangeliana Mycena flavoalba Parasola plicatilis Peziza repanda Phlebia radiata Piptoporus betulinus Pleurotus ostreatus Pluteus cervinus Polyporus squamosus Psathyrella piluliformis Pseudoclitocybe cyathiformis Rhodocollybia butyracea Russula ochroleuca Russula parazurea Sarcomyxa serotina Schizophyllum commune Scleroderma areolatum Stereum hirsutum Stropharia caerulea Trametes versicolor Tremella foliacea Tremella mesenterica Tricholoma terreum Xylaria hypoxylon

Mucilago crustacea

There were a large number of fungi in Top Park on and around the fallen trees These included (clockwise) *Peziza repanda, Lepista nuda,* and *Sarcomyxa serotina* (lower).







Two unusual species of Entoloma - E. sinuatum (left) and E. pleopodium (right)— were flourishing in litter at the top of Paradise



In Paradise, there were a few remaining species, including some large clusters of the Stump Puffball (*Lycoperdon pyriforme*) in the grass above the roots of a cedar that had been felled a few years ago (left). Also present were several examples of *Helvella crispa* (right).





Also found in the Parkland (clockwise)were *Lyophyllum decastes*, a very large example of *Clitocybe geotropa*, *Hygrocybe (Cuphophyllus) pratensis* and *Tricholoma terreum*.









Although most of the fungi found were in the parkland, a log pile in the Plantation was also rich in species – all growing on wood. The influence of the recent heavy rains was very evident for the many large colonies of **Ascocoryne cylichnium**, an Ascomycete (left), and **Tremella mesenterica**, a bright yellow jelly, a basidiomycete.





Also present in Plantation (clockwise) were *Pluteus cervinus, Flammulina velutipes* and several more examples of *Sarcomyxa serotina* 





