Velvet Bottom 28 Oct 2018

We welcomed some new members to the Group, who enjoyed an excellent foray, though with a still disappointing number of grassland species on view. The hot summer of 2018 seems to have had a major deleterious effect on the fruiting of many grassland fungi. In fact we found only two: *Cuphophyllus virgineus* (left) and *Cystoderma amianthinum* (right).

Several other interesting species were found, including two species of Macrolepiota, which could be considered quite similar in the field. Careful observations and photographs clearly showed that one was *M. procera*, the other *M. mastoidea (*see below*)*.

The smallest fungus was only 1-2mm across – a beautiful example of *Mycena pseudocorticola*. There were also several species of Psathyrella, most of which went unidentified, but one with large spores and a red edge to the gill was *P. pseudogracilis*. Photographs of all these species are shown below.

List of Fungi found:

*Agrocybe rivulosa**
Armillaria mellea
Auricularia auricula-judae
Clitocybe nebularis
Coprinellus micaceus
Cuphophyllus virgineus
Cystoderma amianthinum
Daldinia concentrica
Galerina marginata
Inocybe geophylla
Kuehneromyces mutabilis
Macrolepiota mastoidea
Macrolepiota procera
Mycena galericulata
Mycena inclinata
Mycena pseudocorticola
Panaeolus acuminatus
*Panaeolus antillarum**
*Peziza vesiculosa **
Pleurotus ostreatus
Polyporus leptocephalus
Psathyrella pseudogracilis
Rickenella fibula
*Stropharia semiglobata**
Trametes gibbosa
Trametes versicolor

Those marked * were found after the Foray on a large pile of horse manure alongside a road just south of Velvet Bottom.

Macrolepiota procera **(left) with its characteristic pattern on the stem. It also had an extensive thick double ring, and** ***M. mastoidea*** **(right) with a typical umbo and a thin ring**

Mycena pseudocorticola growing in moss on a fallen tree. Caps were only 1-2mm across

Psathyrella pseudogracilis: **showing red edges to the gills**