

## **Wentwood, a large area of Woodland Trust and Forestry Commission land, near Chepstow**

Doreen and John enjoyed a day's foray on Sept 10, including a lovely coffee and cakes at the Glade Cafe. A full list will be submitted to CATE2 in due course. The following are examples of the wonderful display we encountered. The most unusual species were *Amanita porphyria*, *Suillus viscidus*, *Helvella micropus* and *Pluteus petasatus*.

***Agaricus langei***, which showed marked reddening of the cut stipe. At home, the larger spores distinguished this from *A. sylvaticus*.



***Amanita excelsa***, a typical example of a species that has a beautiful striate ring.



***Amanita muscaria***, the first of the season growing under birch with examples of *Chalciporus piperatus* growing nearby.



***Amanita porphyria*** and ***Suillus viscidus***. A welcome discovery of two unusual species.



***Boletus edulis***, growing happily out of the side of a water-drainage channel.



***Boletus luridiformis***, exhibiting characteristic blueing of all tissues when damaged and a strongly punctate stem



***Helvella micropus***, a very unusual species with typical saddle-shaped body, a highly pruinose surface and spores that have one large and two smaller vacuoles



***Lactarius deterrimus***



***Postia ptychogaster***, the conidial state of this annual fungus growing on conifer stumps.  
Surface view (left) and side view (right)

