

Ashton Court 21 November 2021

The largest ever group of NSBFG members along with a few guests, totalling over 30 forayers, gathered near the Mansion. Led by Brian, we circled across the meadows to the woodland in Clarken Coombe before returning along a similar route. One of the first fungi found was *Spinellus fusiger*, a zygomycete that parasitises *Mycena* species. Here it was attacking *Mycena inclinata* (see below).

On rotting wood, we found several excellent examples of the grey *Pluteus salicinus*, alongside another similar looking fungus. This also proved to have pink spores, but lacked the pointed staghorn-like cystidia of *P. salicinus*. After careful analysis this proved to be the Red Data listed fungus *Volvariella caesiotincta*, which had been seen only once before in North Somerset.

Three species of *Agaricus* were encountered: *Agaricus langei*, with tissue that turns strongly red when damaged, *A. moelleri* which turns yellow when the stem base is cut (a good sign of toxicity), and *A. impudicus*, which shows no major colour changes except slight reddening to damaged gills.

List of Fungi

Agaricus impudicus
Agaricus langei
Agaricus moelleri
Armillaria gallica
Ascocoryne cylichnium
Auricularia auricula-judae
Bjerkandera adusta
Bolbitius titubans
Byssomerulius corium
Ceratiomyxa fruticulosa
Chlorophyllum rhacodes
Clavaria rugosa
Clavulinopsis helvola
Clitocybe nebularis
Crepidotus lundellii
Cuphophyllum virgineus
Daldinia concentrica
Erysiphe alphitoides
Ganoderma applanatum

Ganoderma australe
Gymnopilus penetrans
Hemimycena tortuosa
Hygrocybe chlorophana
Hypholoma fasciculare
Hypoxylon fragiforme
Inocybe asterospora
Inocybe geophylla var. *lilacina*
Laccaria laccata
Lepista nuda
Lycoperdon perlatum
Lycoperdon pyriforme
Macrotyphula juncea
Marasmius epiphyllus
Mucilago crustacea
Mycena flavoalba
Mycena galericulata
Mycena inclinata
Mycena rosea
Mycena spirea

Mycena vitilis
Panaeolus acuminatus
Pholiota tuberculosa
Pluteus salicinus
Psathyrella piluliformis
Rhodocollybia butyracea
Rhytisma acerinum
Rickenella fibula
Russula ochroleuca
Spinellus fusiger
Stereum hirsutum
Trametes versicolor
Volvariella caesiotincta
Volvariella gloiocephala
Xylaria hypoxylon
Xylaria longipes
Xylaria polymorpha

Spinellus fusiger, parasitising *Mycena inclinata*



Sporophores and spores of *Spinellus fusiger*



Mycena spirea: on the shell of a Horse Chestnut conker



Cuphophyllus virgineus: a Snowy Waxcap. A grassland species found here in the woodland



Hemimycena tortuosa: on bark of rotting wood



Mycena inclinata: one of several *Mycena* spp (Bonnetts) found on rotting wood



Russula ochroleuca: one of the commonest Brittlegills in SW woodlands



Agaricus langei: showing strong red staining to the damaged stipe



Ascocoryne cylichnium: a small discomycete (1-2cm) found on dead wood

