

Norfolk Fungus Study Group Foray Report

Thetford Warren. Saturday 13th December 2025.

Sixteen of the group turned out for the latest foray to Thetford Warren, which lies to the north of Thetford on the road to Brandon right on the Norfolk/Suffolk border.

Thetford Warren Lodge was probably built around 1400 by the prior of Our Lady's Priory, Thetford. The prior had the right of free warren – a licence from the king to hunt small game. After the final dissolution of Thetford Priory in 1540 the monastic lands were granted to the Duke of Norfolk. This site is now in the care of English Heritage.



Thetford Warren Lodge

The woodland and more open habitats are managed by Forestry England, and these include a large Beech woodland. Before our visit there were seven records of seven species of fungi from two visits on the Norfolk Mycota.

Although we had some interesting finds in the grassed mossy areas where we had squeezed our cars most of the finds that day were in the mixed woodland beyond the ancient tower.

The interesting records at the start included the aptly named Herald of Winter (*Hygrophorus hypothejus*) and *Neottiella vivida* (an orange cup fungus) as well as Snowy Waxcap (*Cuphophyllus virgineus*).

Some of the notable finds from the mornings exploration of the mixed woodland were the number of fruiting bodies of the Jewelled Amanita (*Amanita junquillea*), some robust Elfin Saddles (*Helvella lacunosa*) in the leaf litter, some Leafy Brain (*Phaeotremella foliacea*) growing on a pine branch and Sunny Brittlegill (*Russula solaris*) - first Norfolk record since 2016. There was also a coniferous log with some excellent colonies of *Eriopezia caesia* and *Lachnum virgineum*. Check out the photographs for views of those.

Lunch was taken sitting on the ground and this exposed the one drawback from this extremely interesting site - the lack of good logs for perching on to eat our repast.

After lunch we continued to wander round the woods and the highlights were Cauliflower Fungus (*Sparassis crispa*), Dyers Mazegil (*Phaeolus schweinitzii*), a coral fungus - identified later as *Phaeoclavulina flaccida* - and Jelly Tooth (*Pseudohydnum gelatinosum*) - last recorded in Norfolk in 2017. On the walk back to the parking lot there was a very photogenic Collared Earthstar

(*Geastrum triplex*) and three statuesque Shaggy Parasols (*Chlorophyllum rhacodes*) in the leaf litter.

There were 73 field identifications and a final total of 136 species. A big thanks to those who came and helped with the finds and who took specimens home to produce this very respectable total.

When comparing the list with the current Norfolk Mycota, and the 2025 list so far, 133 of these are new for the site and there are two that are new for the county:

Septoria scorodoniae - causing leaf spots here on Wood Sage.

And *Septoria veronicae* - causing leaf spots here on Germander Speedwell.

There was also one second record for Norfolk - *Phyllosticta saccardoi*, causing leaf spots on *Rhododendron ponticum*.

We had an excellent and very sociable visit to this site and would probably like to come again in the future.

Below are some photographs to illustrate the finds, the habitat and the experience of our visit. Thanks to Jeremy, Glenn, Andy and myself for these.

The list of finds is at the end of this report.

Steve Pinnington.

Photographs



Jewelled Amanita (*Amanita junquillea*)



Ceratiomyxa fruticulosa



Conifercone Cap (*Baeospora myosura*)



Calocera viscosa



Shaggy Parasol (*Chlorophyllum rhacodes*)



Elfin Saddle (*Helvella lacunosa*)



Collared Earthstar (*Geastrum triplex*)



Eriopezia caesia



A huddle



Herald of Winter (*Hygrophorus hypothejus*)



Larch Disco (*Lachnellula occidentalis*)



Lunch



Lycoperdon



Cauliflower fungus (*Sparassia crispa*)



Phaeotremella foliacea



A slime mould



Pseudohydnum gelatinosum



A Coral, *Phaeoclavulina flaccida*

Finds

SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	SUBSTRATE	ASSOCIATED ORGANISM
<i>Amanita junquillea</i>	Jewelled Amanita	Soil	
<i>Apioperdon pyriforme</i>	Stump Puffball	Dead Wood	
<i>Arcyria incarnata</i>		Dead Wood	
<i>Ascocorticium anomalum</i>		Underside of Dead Bark	<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>
<i>Ascodichaena rugosa</i>		Dead Branch	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>
<i>Athelia arachnoidea</i>		Trunk	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>
<i>Baeospora myosura</i>	Conifercone Cap	Dead Cone	
<i>Byssomerulius corium</i>	Netted Crust	Dead Branch	
<i>Calcarisporium arbuscula</i>		Fruitbody	<i>Exidia glandulosa</i>
<i>Calocera viscosa</i>	Yellow Stagshorn	Dead Stump	
<i>Calycina citrina</i>	Lemon Disco	Dead Branch	
<i>Calycina herbarum</i>		Dead Stem	<i>Urtica dioica</i>
<i>Camarographium stephensii</i>		Dead Stem	<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>
<i>Camarosporium oreades</i>		Dead Leaf	<i>Castanea sativa</i>
<i>Ceratiomyxa fruticulosa</i>		Dead Wood	

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<i>Chlorophyllum rhacodes</i>	Shaggy Parasol	Soil	
<i>Chuppomyces handelii</i>		Live Leaf	<i>Rhododendron ponticum</i>
<i>Clitocybe fragrans</i>	Fragrant Funnel	Soil	<i>Poaceae</i>
<i>Clitocybe metachroa</i>	Twotone Funnel	Soil/Coniferous Trees	
<i>Clitocybe nebularis</i>	Clouded Funnel	Soil	
<i>Clitocybe vibecina</i>	Mealy Funnel	Soil	
<i>Clypeosphaeria mamillana</i>		Dead Stem	<i>Rubus fruticosus agg.</i>
<i>Coltricia perennis</i>	Tiger's Eye	Soil	
<i>Craterium minutum</i>		Dead Leaf	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>
<i>Crepidotus cesatii</i>	Roundspored Oysterling	Dead Trunk/Deciduous	
<i>Cuphophyllum virgineus</i>	Snowy Waxcap	Soil	
<i>Dacrymyces stillatus</i>	Common Jellyspot	Dead Bark	
<i>Dennisiella babingtonii</i>		Live Leaf	<i>Rhododendron</i>
<i>Diatrype disciformis</i>		Dead Branch	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>
<i>Diatrypella favacea</i>	Birch Blackhead	Fallen Branch	<i>Betula pendula</i>
<i>Didymium squamulosum</i>		Dead Wood	<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>
<i>Eriopezia caesia</i>		Dead Log/Coniferous	
<i>Exidia glandulosa</i>	Witch's Butter	Dead Branch	
<i>Exidia thuretiana</i>	White Brain	Dead Branch	<i>Larix</i>
<i>Fomes fomentarius</i>	Hoof Fungus	Dead Trunk	<i>Betula</i>
<i>Geastrum triplex</i>	Collared Earthstar	Soil	
<i>Gloeophyllum sepiarium</i>	Conifer Mazegill	Dead Log/Coniferous	
<i>Gloniopsis praelonga</i>		Dead Stem	<i>Rubus fruticosus agg.</i>
<i>Gnomonia cerastis</i>		Dead Petiole	<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>
<i>Gymnopilus penetrans</i>	Common Rustgill	Dead Stump	
<i>Gymnopus peronatus</i>	Wood Woollyfoot	Soil	
<i>Helvella lacunosa</i>	Elfin Saddle	Soil	
<i>Helvella macropus</i>	Felt Saddle	Soil	
<i>Hemimycena tortuosa</i>	Dewdrop Bonnet	Dead Trunk/Deciduous	
<i>Heterobasidion annosum</i>	Root Rot	Dead Stump/Coniferous	
<i>Hyaloscypha aureliella</i>		Dead Wood	<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>
<i>Hygrophorus hypothejus</i>	Herald of Winter	Soil/Coniferous Trees	
<i>Hymenochaete rubiginosa</i>	Oak Curtain Crust	Dead Stump	<i>Quercus</i>
<i>Hypholoma fasciculare</i>	Sulphur Tuft	Rotten Wood	
<i>Hypoxylon fragiforme</i>	Beech Woodwart	Dead Bark	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>
<i>Inocybe mixtilis</i>		Soil	
<i>Inocybe stellatospora</i>	Woolly Fibrecap	Soil	
<i>Kuehneola uredinis</i>	Pale Bramble Rust	Live Leaf	<i>Rubus fruticosus agg.</i>
<i>Laccaria amethystina</i>	Amethyst Deceiver	Soil	
<i>Laccaria laccata</i>	Deceiver	Soil	
<i>Lachnellula occidentalis</i>	Larch Disco	Dead Twig	<i>Larix</i>
<i>Lachnum virgineum</i>	Snowy Disco	Dead Log/Coniferous	
<i>Lactarius deliciosus</i>	Saffron Milkcap	Soil/Coniferous Trees	
<i>Leptosphaeria acuta</i>	Nettle Rash	Dead Stem	<i>Urtica dioica</i>
<i>Lichenopeltella nigroannulata</i>		Dead Stem	<i>Digitalis purpurea</i>
<i>Lophodermium pinastri</i>	Pine Needle Split	Dead Needles	<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>
<i>Lycoperdon lividum</i>	Grassland Puffball	Soil	<i>Poaceae</i>
<i>Lycoperdon perlatum</i>	Common Puffball	Soil/Deciduous Trees	
<i>Microthyrium ciliatum</i>		Dead Leaf	<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>
<i>Microthyrium fagi</i>		Dead Leaf	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>
<i>Microthyrium macrosporum</i>		Live Leaf	<i>Buxus sempervirens</i>

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<i>Microthyrium versicolor</i>		Dead Stem	<i>Rubus fruticosus agg.</i>
<i>Mucilago crustacea</i>	Dog's Vomit Slime Mould	Dead Branch	
<i>Mycena amicta</i>	Coldfoot Bonnet	Woody Litter/Coniferous	
<i>Mycena arcangeliana</i>	Angel's Bonnet	Dead Cone	
<i>Mycena filopes</i>	Iodine Bonnet	Dead Cone	
<i>Mycena galericulata</i>	Common Bonnet	Dead Branch/Deciduous	
<i>Mycena inclinata</i>	Clustered Bonnet	Dead Branch/Coniferous	
<i>Mycena pura</i>	Lilac Bonnet	Leaf Litter	
<i>Mycena rosea</i>	Rosy Bonnet	Leaf Litter	
<i>Mycosphaerella crataegi</i>		Dead Leaf	<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>
<i>Mycosphaerella pteridis</i>		Dead Frond	<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>
<i>Mycosphaerella punctiformis</i>		Dead Leaf	<i>Quercus</i>
<i>Nectria cinnabarina</i>	Coral Spot	Dead Twig/Deciduous	
<i>Neonectria coccinea</i>		Dead Branch	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>
<i>Neottiella vivida</i>		Moss	
<i>Orbilbia leucostigma</i>		Dead Wood	<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>
<i>Panaeolus fimicola</i>	Turf Mottlegill	Soil	<i>Poaceae</i>
<i>Paralepista flaccida</i>	Tawny Funnel	Leaf Litter	
<i>Peniophora cinerea</i>		Fallen Branch	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>
<i>Phaeoclavulina flaccida</i>		Woody Litter/Coniferous	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>
<i>Phaeolus schweinitzii</i>	Dyer's Mazegill	Dead Stump/Coniferous	
<i>Phaeotremella foliacea</i>	Leafy Brain	Dead Branch	<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>
<i>Phlebia tremellosa</i>	Wrinkled Crust	Dead Trunk	<i>Betula</i>
<i>Phoma lineolata</i>		Dead Cone	<i>Larix</i>
<i>Phoma ulicis</i>		Dead Spine	<i>Ulex europaeus</i>
<i>Phragmidium violaceum</i>	Violet Bramble Rust	Live Leaf	<i>Rubus fruticosus agg.</i>
<i>Phyllosticta saccardoii</i>		Live Leaf	<i>Rhododendron ponticum</i>
<i>Plicatura crispa</i>	Crimped Gill	Dead Branch	
<i>Pluteus pouzarianus</i>	Conifer Shield	Dead Stump/Coniferous	
<i>Pseudohydnum gelatinosum</i>	Jelly Tooth	Dead Stump/Coniferous	
<i>Pseudonectria buxi</i>		Dead Leaf	<i>Buxus sempervirens</i>
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<i>Puccinia brachypodii</i>		Live Leaf	<i>Brachypodium sylvaticum</i>
<i>Puccinia glechomatis</i>		Live Leaf	<i>Glechoma hederacea</i>
<i>Puccinia mirabilissima</i>	Mahonia Rust	Live Leaf	<i>Mahonia</i>
<i>Puccinia pygmaea</i>		Live Leaf	<i>Calamagrostis epigejos</i>
<i>Pyrenopeziza digitalina</i>		Dead Stem	<i>Digitalis purpurea</i>
<i>Ramularia digitalis</i>		Live Leaf	<i>Digitalis purpurea</i>
<i>Ramularia rhabdospora</i>		Live Leaf	<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>
<i>Ramularia urticae</i>		Live Leaf	<i>Urtica dioica</i>
<i>Rhodocollybia asema</i>		Soil/Deciduous Trees	
<i>Rhodocollybia maculata</i>	Spotted Toughshank	Soil	
<i>Rhopoglyphus filicinus</i>	Bracken Map	Dead Stem	<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>
<i>Rhytisma acerinum</i>	Sycamore Tar-spot	Dead Leaf	<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>
<i>Rickenella fibula</i>	Orange Moss-cap	Moss	
<i>Russula fellea</i>	Geranium Brittle-gill	Soil	
<i>Russula nobilis</i>	Beechwood Sickener	Soil	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>
<i>Russula solaris</i>	Sunny Brittle-gill	Soil	
<i>Russula xerampelina</i>	Crab Brittle-gill	Soil	
<i>Scirrhia aspidiorum</i>		Dead Stem	<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>

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<i>Septoria scorodoniae</i>		Live Leaf	<i>Teucrium scorodonia</i>
<i>Septoria veronicae</i>		Live Leaf	<i>Veronica chamaedrys</i>
<i>Serpula himantoides</i>		Dead Branch	
<i>Sparassis crispa</i>	Cauliflower Fungus	Soil/Coniferous Trees	
<i>Spilopodia nervisequa</i>		Live Leaf	<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>
<i>Stereum hirsutum</i>	Hairy Curtain Crust	Dead Branch	
<i>Torula herbarum</i>		Dead Stem	<i>Urtica dioica</i>
<i>Trametes gibbosa</i>	Lumpy Bracket	Dead Stump	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>
<i>Trichaptum abietinum</i>	Purplepore Bracket	Dead Log/Coniferous	
<i>Trichoderma viride</i>		Dead Wood	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>
<i>Tricholoma sulphureum</i>	Sulphur Knight	Leaf Litter	
<i>Trochila craterium</i>	Ivy Speckle	Dead Leaf	<i>Hedera helix</i>
<i>Trochila ilicina</i>	Holly Speckle	Dead Leaf	<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>
<i>Tubaria furfuracea</i>	Scurfy Twiglet	Dead Branch	
<i>Tubifera ferruginosa</i>		Dead Wood	
<i>Vialaea insculpta</i>		Drooping Twigs	<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>
<i>Vuilleminia comedens</i>	Waxy Crust	Dead Branch	<i>Castanea sativa</i>
<i>Xylaria carpophila</i>	Beechmast Candlesnuff	Dead Cupule	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>
<i>Xylaria hypoxylon</i>	Candlesnuff	Dead Stump	
<i>Xylodon sambuci</i>	Elder Whitewash	Dead Wood	<i>Sambucus nigra</i>
<i>Zyzygomyces physciacearum</i>		Thallus	<i>Physcia adscendens</i>