

## Norfolk Fungus Study Group Foray Report

### Felbrigg Great Wood. Saturday 21st February 2026.

Twenty one members of the group, including a couple who had not been to one of our events before, turned out for the latest foray to the National Trust's (NT) estate of Felbrigg Hall which lies to the west of Cromer.

The grounds of Felbrigg Hall, which was bequeathed to the NT in 1969, cover 520 acres of mature woodland and parkland, much of which is designated as a biological Site of Special Scientific Interest. A particular feature of interest is the number of ancient Beech trees, believed to be the furthest north in Britain to be found on acid soils. The SSSI citation states that "The fungi and invertebrates are also probably of great interest but they have been little studied to date". The lack of study is probably no longer true - the lawns around the hall in particular are now well recorded as a site for CHEGD grassland fungi, however by visiting in early spring we hope to find some new and interesting species for the site.

We met in the car park and, after introductions, marched up the famous "V" to the extensive woodland - known as Great Wood - so that we could begin our search. There was also some interest in discovering the Snow Flea/*Boreus hyemalis* a small, harmless, flightless scorpionfly, not true fleas, that appear on moss and snow during winter. They are 3-4 mm long, often metallic in colour, and jump using their back legs to traverse snow between October and April. That was successful. A female Snow Flea is pictured below.



The extensive woodlands, consisting of mainly Beech, and plenty lying dead wood, were very productive. There were extensive numbers of microfungi, as well as some interesting slime moulds, on the dead leaves and rotting wood. Also plenty of bracket and crust fungi were recorded - Lumpy, Smoky and Blushing Bracket, Turkeytail, Birch Polypore and two types of Ganoderma - Southern and Artist's Bracket, as well as Netted, Hairy and Yellowing Curtain Crust. There were plenty of jelly fungus - White and Crystal Brain, Witch's Butter, Warlock's Butter and Common Jelly Spot. There was little, though, in the way of gilled fungus - only some Oyster mushrooms made it onto the list before lunch.

The plentiful supply of lying dead wood also made it easy to find somewhere to sit for lunch and the dry weather made it a very pleasant experience.

After our break we continued to progress through Great Wood towards the Lion's Mouth (the North West entrance to the estate) for the rest of the day. A number of polypores were found - Bay and Winter and some Stump Puffballs. The beech woodland became more mixed and there were some conifers. So Root Rot, Conifer Disco, Pinecone Cap, Purplepore Bracket, Dyer's Mazegill and False Chanterelle - commonly found in conifer woodland - made it onto the list. There were also more gilled fungi - some Mycenas including Purple Edge Bonnet, Glistening Inkcap and a clump of Common Stump Brittlestems on a log pile.

One of the interesting records from the day was *Beauveria bassiana* - a parasite of insects - which on this occasion was infecting a beetle - *Octotemnus glabriculus* - a



minute tree fungus beetle here found in Turkeytail. As Steve Lane put it "this is a tree, infected by a fungus, being eaten by a beetle, itself infected by a fungus!"

There were 71 field identifications and a final total of 128 species. A big thanks to those who came and helped with the finds and who did the homework to create the final list.

When comparing the list with the current Norfolk Mycota, and the 2025 list, 74 are new species for the site.

Only one is new for the county - *Dialonectria cosmariospora* - this ascomycete was found on a piece of old Giant Polypore/*Meripilus giganteus*.

There were also two second records for Norfolk. *Ciliolarina laricina* - small white discs growing on larch twigs and *Massaria inquinans* which is a black parasite of sycamore. A third record for the county was *Cosmospora arxii* which produces red spots on Beech Woodwart.

A very enjoyable day wandering around the Felbrigg woodland in good company and some very interesting finds.

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

Mike Ball's photos from the day are on his website: [Felbrigg NFSG Foray 21/02/26](#).

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

Steve Pinnington.

## Photographs



*Cosmospora arxii*



*Cudoniella clavus*



*Lachnellula subtilissima*  
Conifer Disco



*Arcyria denudata*



*Auricularia auricula-judae* / Jelly Ear

*Basidioradulum radula*  
Toothed Crust



*Beauveria bassiana*



*Heterbasidion annosum*



*Coprinellus micaceus*  
Glistening Inkcap



*Psathyrella piluliformis*  
Common Stump Brittlestem



*Nectria coccinea*



*Exidia plana*  
Warlock's Butter



*Trametes versicolor*  
Turkeytail



*Strobilurus tenacellus*  
Pinecone Cap



## Finds

SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	SUBSTRATE	ASSOCIATED ORGANISM
<i>Apioperdon pyriforme</i>	Stump Puffball	Dead Wood	
<i>Arcyria denudata</i>		Trunk	
<i>Arthonia epiphyscia</i>		Thallus	<i>Physcia adscendens</i>
<i>Arthrimum phaeospermum</i>		Dead Cane	<i>Pseudosasa japonica</i>
<i>Ascocoryne sarcoides</i>	Purple Jellydisc	Dead Log	<i>Prunus</i>
<i>Ascodichaena rugosa</i>		Live Trunk	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>
<i>Athelia arachnoidea</i>	Cobweb Duster	Thallus	<i>Xanthoria parietina</i>
<i>Auricularia auricula-judae</i>	Jelly Ear	Dead Wood/Deciduous	
<i>Badhamia utricularis</i>		Dead Branch	<i>Prunus</i>
<i>Basidioradulum radula</i>	Toothed Crust	Dead Branch	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>
<i>Beauveria bassiana</i>			<i>Octotemnus glabriculus</i>
<i>Berlesiella nigerrima</i>		Stromata	<i>Jackrogersella cohaerens</i>
<i>Bertia moriformis</i>		Dead Wood	
<i>Bjerkandera adusta</i>	Smoky Bracket	Dead Branch	
<i>Boeremia hedericola</i>		Live Leaf	<i>Hedera helix</i>
<i>Byssomerulius corium</i>	Netted Crust	Dead Wood/Deciduous	
<i>Calloria tremelloides</i>	Nettle Pox	Dead Stem	<i>Urtica dioica</i>
<i>Camarosporium oreades</i>		Dead Leaf	<i>Castanea sativa</i>
<i>Ciliolarina laricina</i>		Dead Twig	<i>Larix decidua</i>

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<i>Cistella acuum</i>		Dead Needle	<i>Abies procera</i>
<i>Coleophoma cylindrospora</i>		Dead Leaf	<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>
<i>Comatricha nigra</i>		Dead Wood	
<i>Coprinellus micaceus</i>	Glistening Inkcap	Woody Litter	
<i>Corynespora smithii</i>		Dead Branch	<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>
<i>Cosmospora arxii</i>		Stromata	<i>Hypoxylon fragiforme</i>
<i>Crepidotus cesatii</i>	Roundspored Oysterling	Dead Twig	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>
<i>Cudoniella clavus</i>	Spring Pin	Dead Wood	
<i>Dacrymyces stillatus</i>	Common Jellyspot	Dead Branch	
<i>Daedaleopsis confragosa</i>	Blueing Bracket	Dead Log	<i>Betula</i>
<i>Dasyscyphella nivea</i>		Dead Wood	<i>Quercus robur</i>
<i>Datronia mollis</i>	Common Mazegill	Dead Log	<i>Betula</i>
<i>Dennisiella babingtonii</i>		Live Leaf	<i>Prunus laurocerasus</i>
<i>Dialonectria cosmariospora</i>		Old Fruiting Body	<i>Meripilus giganteus</i>
<i>Diaporthopsis urticae</i>		Dead Stem	<i>Urtica dioica</i>
<i>Diatrype disciformis</i>		Dead Bark	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>
<i>Diatrype stigma</i>	Common Tarcrust	Dead Trunk	<i>Sorbus</i>
<i>Diatrypella favacea</i>	Birch Blackhead	Dead Branch	<i>Betula</i>
<i>Diplodia sapinea</i>		Fallen Needle	
<i>Eutypa maura</i>		Dead Twig	<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>
<i>Eutypa spinosa</i>	Spiral Tarcrust	Fallen Branch	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>
<i>Exidia glandulosa</i>	Witch's Butter	Dead Branch	<i>Prunus sp.</i>
<i>Exidia nucleata</i>	Crystal Brain	Dead Branch	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>
<i>Exidia plana</i>	Warlock's Butter	Dead Branch	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>
<i>Exidia thuretiana</i>	White Brain	Dead Branch	
<i>Fomitopsis betulina</i>	Birch Polypore	Dead Bark	<i>Betula</i>
<i>Ganoderma adspersum</i>	Southern Bracket	Dead Stump	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>
<i>Ganoderma applanatum</i>	Artist's Bracket	Dead Stump	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>
<i>Gloniopsis praelonga</i>		Dead Branch	<i>Quercus robur</i>
<i>Hainesia rubi</i>		Telia	<i>Phragmidium violaceum</i>
<i>Hapalopilus nidulans</i>	Cinnamon Bracket	Dead Branch	<i>Betula</i>
<i>Heterobasidion annosum</i>	Root Rot	Dead Stump/ Coniferous	
<i>Hygrophoropsis aurantiaca</i>	False Chanterelle	Woody Litter/ Coniferous	
<i>Hypholoma fasciculare</i>	Sulphur Tuft	Woody Litter/ Coniferous	
<i>Hypomyces aurantius</i>	Orange Polypore Mould	Old Fruiting Body	<i>Meripilus giganteus</i>
<i>Hypomyces rosellus</i>	Pink Polypore Mould	Old Fruiting Body	<i>Fomitopsis betulina</i>
<i>Hypoxylon fragiforme</i>	Beech Woodward	Dead Branch	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>
<i>Jackrogersella cohaerens</i>		Fallen Branch	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>
<i>Jackrogersella minutella</i>		Dead Branch	
<i>Jackrogersella multiformis</i>	Birch Woodward	Dead Branch	<i>Betula</i>
<i>Kretzschmaria deusta</i>	Brittle Cinder	Dead Branch	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>
<i>Lachnellula subtilissima</i>	Conifer Disco	Dead Branch/ Coniferous	<i>Chamerion angustifolium</i>
<i>Lachnum carneolum</i>		Dead Stem	<i>Poaceae</i>
<i>Lentinus brumalis</i>	Winter Polypore	Dead Branch	
<i>Leptopeltis litigiosa</i>		Dead Stem	<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>

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<i>Leptosphaeria acuta</i>	Nettle Rash	Dead Stem	<i>Urtica dioica</i>
<i>Lichenopeltella nigroannulata</i>		Dead Stem	<i>Chamerion angustifolium</i>
<i>Lophodermium pinastri</i>	Pine Needle Split	Fallen Needle	
<i>Massaria inquinans</i>		Dead Branch	<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>
<i>Mastigosporium muticum</i>		Live Leaf	<i>Dactylis glomerata</i>
<i>Meripilus giganteus</i>	Giant Polypore	Trunk	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>
<i>Microthyrium ciliatum</i>		Dead Leaf	<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>
<i>Milesina kriegeria</i>		Frond	<i>Dryopteris dilatata</i>
<i>Mollisia cinerea</i>	Common Grey Disco	Dead Wood	
<i>Mollisia ligni</i>		Dead Wood	<i>Quercus robur</i>
<i>Mycena arcangeliana</i>	Angel's Bonnet	Dead Twig	
<i>Mycena purpureofusca</i>	Purple Edge Bonnet	Dead Log/Coniferous	
<i>Mycosphaerella pteridis</i>		Dead Frond	<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>
<i>Mycosphaerella punctiformis</i>		Dead Leaf	<i>Quercus</i>
<i>Neonectria coccinea</i>		Dead Bark	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>
<i>Ophiognomonia intermedia</i>		Dead Leaf	<i>Betula pendula</i>
<i>Paradidymella clarkii</i>		Dead Stem	<i>Rubus fruticosus agg.</i>
<i>Penicillium glaucoalbidum</i>		Dead Needle	<i>Abies procera</i>
<i>Peniophora quercina</i>		Fallen Branch	<i>Quercus robur</i>
<i>Periconia byssoides</i>		Dead Stem	<i>Urtica dioica</i>
<i>Peronospora digitalis</i>		Live Leaf	<i>Digitalis purpurea</i>
<i>Pilobolus crystallinus</i>	Dung Cannon	Dung	<i>Cervidae</i>
<i>Phaeolus schweinitzii</i>	Dyer's Mazegill	Dead Stump/ Coniferous	
<i>Phellinus pomaceus</i>	Cushion Bracket	Dead Branch	<i>Prunus spinosa</i>
<i>Phoma lineolata</i>		Fallen Cone	<i>Larix decidua</i>
<i>Phomopsis durandiana</i>		Dead Stem	<i>Rumex obtusifolius</i>
<i>Phragmidium violaceum</i>	Violet Bramble Rust	Live Leaf	<i>Rubus fruticosus agg.</i>
<i>Phyllachora dactylidis</i>		Live Leaf	<i>Dactylis glomerata</i>
<i>Plagiostoma inclinatum</i>		Decaying Petiole	<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>
<i>Pleurotus ostreatus</i>	Oyster Mushroom	Trunk	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>
<i>Plicatura crispa</i>	Crimped Gill	Dead Branch	<i>Prunus sp.</i>
<i>Polydesmia pruinosa</i>	Tarcrust Speckle	Stromata	<i>Jackrogersella cohaerans</i>
<i>Polyporus badius</i>	Bay Polypore	Dead Wood	
<i>Psathyrella piluliformis</i>	Common Stump Brittles	Dead Log	
<i>Puccinia arenariae</i>		Live Leaf	<i>Silene dioica</i>
<i>Puccinia smyrnii</i>	Alexander's Rust	Live Leaf	<i>Smyrnum olusatrum</i>
<i>Pyrenopeziza digitalina</i>		Dead Stem	<i>Digitalis purpurea</i>
<i>Quaternaria quaternata</i>		Dead Wood	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>
<i>Ramularia rubella</i>		Live Leaf	<i>Rumex obtusifolius</i>
<i>Ramularia urticae</i>		Live Leaf	<i>Urtica dioica</i>
<i>Rhopoglyphus filicinus</i>	Bracken Map	Dead Stem	<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>
<i>Rhytisma acerinum</i>	Sycamore Tarspot	Dead Leaf	<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>
<i>Scleroderma citrinum</i>	Common Earthball	Soil	
<i>Septocytia ruborum</i>		Live Stem	<i>Rubus fruticosus agg.</i>
<i>Septoria stellariae</i>		Live Leaf	<i>Stellaria media</i>
<i>Stereum hirsutum</i>	Hairy Curtain Crust	Dead Leaf/Deciduous	

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<i>Stereum sanguinolentum</i>	Bleeding Conifer Crust	Dead Branch/ Coniferous	
<i>Stereum subtomentosum</i>	Yellowing Curtain Crust	Dead Branch	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>
<i>Strobilurus tenacellus</i>	Pinecone Cap	Dead Cone	
<i>Torula herbarum</i>		Dead Stem	<i>Urtica dioica</i>
<i>Trametes gibbosa</i>	Lumpy Bracket	Dead Log	
<i>Trametes ochracea</i>	Ochre Bracket	Dead Branch	<i>Prunus sp.</i>
<i>Trametes versicolor</i>	Turkeytail	Dead Log/Deciduous	
<i>Tremella mesenterica</i>	Yellow Brain	Dead Twig	<i>Quercus</i>
<i>Trichaptum abietinum</i>	Purplepore Bracket	Dead Branch/ Coniferous	
<i>Trichoderma viride</i>		Dead Trunk	<i>Sorbus</i>
<i>Trochila ilicina</i>	Holly Speckle	Dead Leaf	<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>
<i>Trochila laurocerasi</i>	Laurel Speckle	Dead Leaf	<i>Prunus laurocerasus</i>
<i>Tubaria furfuracea</i>	Scurfy Twiglet	Dead Bark	
<i>Vialaea insculpta</i>		Drooping Twigs	<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>
<i>Vuilleminia comedens</i>	Waxy Crust	Dead Branch	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>
<i>Xanthoriicola physciae</i>		Thallus	<i>Xanthoria parietina</i>
<i>Xylaria carpophila</i>	Beechmast Candlesnuff	Dead Cupule	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>
<i>Xylaria hypoxylon</i>	Candlesnuff	Dead Log/Deciduous	