

NOTES

Zoom meetings

For any members who may not have participated in Zoom meetings before, here are a few notes which may be helpful.

Requirements:

- A computer device capable of accessing websites (desktop PC; laptop; iPad; android tablet; etc.)
A recent laptop running Windows 10 is probably most likely to give good results.
- An internet connection
- Video camera and microphone. Modern laptops and tablets will usually have webcams and microphones built in. If not, get a USB webcam - these include microphones, and usually, if used with Windows 10, they will work as soon as plugged into a USB socket.
- A pair of headphones. (The computer device may have built-in speakers - these are not usually suitable, as there is too much risk of feedback from the speakers to the microphone.)

The web links for the meetings will be sent via email. Usually, all that will be necessary to connect to a meeting will be to click on the link, a few minutes before the start time. The first time Zoom is used on the computer device, it will prompt through the process of downloading the Zoom app; on subsequent occasions, this will just run. It will ask for permission to use the microphone, headphones and video camera, then connect to the meeting.

The meeting on September 2nd will be used as an introduction to Zoom for those members not familiar with it.

Mid Yorkshire Fungus Group

MEETINGS AND FORAYS 2021

COVID-19

Outdoor events

The programme for this year was based on the one for 2020, which was cancelled in its entirety. All the events listed have been confirmed as viable (discussions are still in progress re. a few others - updates will be posted in the News section on the website).

However, please note that all events in this programme are **subject to cancellation at short notice**, if Government guidance or other conditions change. Updates will be posted in the News section of the website re. the status of upcoming events. If in doubt, ring the foray leader a few days before the foray.

If you have any symptoms which might indicate COVID-19, then please don't come to an event. If you attend an event, please observe sensible precautions.

Indoor events

We normally run indoor events at the Friends' Meeting House, Woodhouse Lane, Leeds. However, at the moment, it appears that this venue is still not hosting events, so for now, the intention is to run online meetings via Zoom: the links to these will be sent out via email shortly before each meeting.

The agenda for the online events will be the same as for normal indoor events, viz.: reporting and hopefully identification of interesting finds (as far as possible, given that it won't be possible to pass specimens around for examination); and general catch-up and chat.

Craven Section

The **Craven Section** of MYFG, led by Archie McAdam, normally runs forays once a month in the Craven area of West and North Yorkshire.

At present, there are no plans for resumption of the Craven Section events.

Updates

Please keep checking the News section of the MYFG web site, <http://www.myfg.org.uk> - updates, cancellations and news of additional events will be posted here if necessary.

Event Calendar

Start times:

Forays and other outdoor events - **10:30**

Online meetings - **19:30**

(unless otherwise stated).

Thursday 2 September

Online meeting

Online via Zoom. An email will be sent out giving the Zoom meeting link. For members unfamiliar with Zoom, this meeting will be used as an introduction to Zoom and hopefully a means of resolving any issues.

Saturday 4 September

Golden Acre Park

Leader Anne Bowers. Tel: 0113 275 8957

For this year only, this foray is only open to MYFG members The park is on the main A660 road from Leeds to Otley, just before Bramhope as you leave Leeds. The X84 bus from Leeds stops by the car park which is opposite the main park gate. We'll meet on the path below the café terrace which is near the main gate. There are loos next to our meeting place.

Sunday 12 September

Strensall Common

Leader Mal Greaves. Tel: 01904 468887

Park at the car park at SE 649613.

Saturday 18 September

Esholt

Leader Andy Woodall. Tel: 07725 819326

Meet at the car park SE 182404 just outside Esholt village. We visit an area of mixed woodland. There is an excellent pub in the village for refreshments! NOTE: on the map the area is known as Jerrison and Spring Woods, but most call them Esholt Woods

Saturday 25 September

Judy Wood

Leader Andy Woodall. Tel: as above

Meet at SE 147268, Station Road, off the A641, Woodside Road, Wyke. On the W. Yorks Street Atlas, it is called Low Wood. This venue has proved very interesting on our previous 2 visits.

Thursday 7 October

Online meeting

Online via Zoom. An email will be sent out giving the Zoom meeting link.

Sunday 10 October

Fountains Abbey

Leader Denise Carter. Tel: 07801 557388.

NB 11am start. From the Pateley Bridge to Ripon road, turn to Studley Roger (NOT the Visitor Centre road) and follow road to the right through the entrance archway to Studley Park. Follow signs to the Lakeside car park and park at the far end near the loos; this is SE 278692. National Trust members please bring cards.

Saturday 23 October

Community of the Resurrection, Mirfield

Leader Dave Barker: Tel 01484 315261.

NB: strictly MYFG members only

Meet at SD 189209. The Community of the Resurrection is on Stock's Bank Road. If the car park is full there is always plenty of room to park on Stock's Bank Road itself. Usually wax-cap heaven!

Saturday 6 November

Hemsworth Almshouses

Leader Francis Hickenbottom. Tel: 07733 280434

Archbishop Holgate Almshouses are on Robin Lane, Hemsworth, at SE412125. Postcode WF9 4PP Another new venue with great potential: 24 Almshouses and a small church are set in well-maintained gardens, woodland and c160-year-old lawns, with abundant and varied fungi. Hot drinks available indoors, lunch taken there likewise.

NOTE: please tell Francis if you intend to come. Tel. as above and email: fhickenbottom@aol.com

Thursday 11 November

Online meeting

Online via Zoom. An email will be sent out giving the Zoom meeting link.

Saturday 13 November

Nidd Gorge

Leader Adrian Bennett. Tel: 01423 324011

Park at SE 330585 on the B6165 Ripley to Knaresborough road. Power lines cross the road here (a good landmark) and there is a "Welcome to Nidd Gorge" sign. If needed, extra parking is available on the street 50m away.

Saturday 20 November

Calverley Woods

Leader Andy Woodall. Tel: 07725 819326

Meeting in the Woodhouse Grove car park at Apperley Bridge on the A658 Bradford to Harrogate Road, just north of the River Aire (SE 195380). The foray will probably finish around 13:00 but bring lunch if you want.

Thursday 2 December - starting at 18:30

Online meeting - Midwinter Social

Online via Zoom. An email will be sent out giving the Zoom meeting link. Please note start time of 18:30, rather than 19:30 as originally planned.

Saturday 4 December

St. Chad's and Lawnswood

Leader Mary Lamer. Tel: 0113 261 2589

Fish and chips may feature here again as the morning starts at St. Chad's church, Far Headingley, SE 275370. If we have covered all the ground before lunch, afterwards we will go up the road, over the ring road and park opposite the gates to Lawnswood Crematorium and explore as far as possible. (Please note the new date: postponed due to the appalling weather forecast for the original date, 27/11).

Lawnswood monthly forays

Time and weather permitting, Mary may be able to start the monthly forays at Lawnswood again. If a foray is planned, details will be posted in the News section on the web site, and an email will be sent round. Parking is on the opposite side of the A660, opposite the entrance at SE 269390.