



# Diary Dates 2018

**Please Note:**

**Membership is only £10 per year, payable on a foray by cash or cheque.**

The group will only hold your data to enable to running of the Grampian Fungus Group for the benefit of its members.

A packed lunch will be essential on all forays. As always, people are welcome to leave/join the group at any time although it would always be worth ringing the foray leader (contact details at end of each foray information below) beforehand to get an idea of where the group might be.

**For further information or queries on all forays:**

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**Sat Aug 18<sup>th</sup>** 10.30am – 3.30pm **GFG Foray to Burn O’Vat.** Meet in the Burn O’Vat car park off the A97, (NO 429997 OS Map 37 Strathdon)

A special foray, again early for us but a very good site so if the fungi are fruiting early it could be interesting.

**Foray Leader:** Toni Watt (contact for bookings etc mobile 0777 3626981)

**Sat Aug 25<sup>th</sup>** 10.30am – 3.30pm **GFG Foray meeting to Tillyfoure Oak woods SSSI**

After last year’s very enjoyable foray at Tillyfoure we have arranged to go back to explore some more. Some intriguing species including Destroying angel which is not common for us and a possible white blusher were found last year!

Meet at the Donview car park NJ672189. Limited car parking so car share if possible.

**Foray leader:** Toni Watt (contact for bookings etc mobile 0777 3626981)

**Sun Sept 2nd** 10.30am – 3.30pm GFG Microscope workshop at Castle Fraser. (National Trust for Scotland). South of Kemnay. (Map 38 Aberdeen NJ 723125) The workshop will be held in the new workshop room at the castle itself, as you walk down towards the castle it is in the east wing flat, entrance on your left as you come down the hill to the castle.

£20 charge per person to cover costs of tutor, equipment etc

This workshop will be led by Liz Holden an experienced mycologist and excellent teacher of all things fungal. The day is aimed at beginners so no experience or equipment is needed, Liz will start with the basics and go as slowly as the group needs.

We will have some Grampian Fungus Group microscopes available to use on the day but do bring your own microscope if you have one A good chance to try microscopy with no commitment!

**Leader:** Liz Holden, contact for bookings etc Toni Watt 0777 3626981

**Sun Sept 9th** 10.30am – 3.30pm **GFG Foray meeting at the James Hutton Institute** at Craigiebuckler to the west of the city centre. This foray will be led by Andy Taylor a very experienced mycologist working at the James Hutton Institute who will give us a different view on fungi, not just their ID features, but so much more about them and their life styles.

(GR NJ905046 OS map 38 Aberdeen)

**Foray Leader:** Andy Taylor (mobile 0759 2557673)

**Sat. Sept 8<sup>th</sup> – Sat. 15<sup>th</sup> Sept** Aigas Field Centre near Beaully '**Fascinating Fungi**'. Course tutor Liz Holden. Day attendance possible, contact Aigas Field Centre (01463 782443 or [info@aigas.co.uk](mailto:info@aigas.co.uk)) for further information.

**Sun Sept 16<sup>th</sup>** 10.30am – 3.30pm **GFG Foray to Ballochbuie**

Meet: Parking is at the Keiloch car park just north of the A93 before the Invercauld bridge (NO188912). It's a fairly large car park for which there is a small charge, (and it has a loo!).

**Foray Leader:** Toni Watt (contact for bookings etc mobile 0777 3626981)

**Sat Sept 22nd** 10.30am – 3.30pm GFG Foray to **Kinnaber**

Meet on road to sewage works off the A92 just north of Montrose. A foray to the south side of the mouth of the River North Esk (GR NO 723604 OS Map 45, Stonehaven & surrounding area)

We are very lucky to have Liz Holden with the group all day this year to help us explore this fascinating site.

**Foray Leader:** Toni Watt, (contact for bookings etc Toni Watt 0777 3626981)

**Sat Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> – Sat 29<sup>th</sup> Sept** Scottish Fungus Groups Joint Foray will take place from Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September to Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September. We will be based at Morenish House on the northern shore of Loch Tay. This link will show you where: <https://goo.gl/maps/6twiWLVQeVp>  
The organisers are Neill (CAFG) and Cameron (FGSES). For more information:  
**Neil Simpson** ( [neill.simpson@gmail.com](mailto:neill.simpson@gmail.com) )

**Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Sept - Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Oct** Field Studies Council, Kindrogan **'Identifying Fungi'**. Course tutor Chris Knowles. Contact Kindrogan Field Centre (01475 530581 and [enquiries.sco@field-studies-council.org](mailto:enquiries.sco@field-studies-council.org) .) for further information

**Sat Oct 6<sup>th</sup>** 10.30am – 3.30pm Forays on the move! We are hoping to explore old churchyards, Strichen, Maud, Methlick & New Deer for grassland fungi, it very much depends on what is fruiting so we also have Strichen Community woodland as a possible site and then calling in at Haddo House to see the waxcap lawns and wider estate if there is time on our way home.  
Meet in the car park for Strichen Community Woodland at NJ944549, if coming north on A981, turn left into the car park as you reach Strichen but before you cross the North Ugie river.  
We can also walk from there to the cemetery. Then we can either split up to visit different graveyards on the way back or stay together and we have Haddo as a final stop.

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