

MUSHROOM NEWSLETTER

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PORCINI UP IN FORCE

It is with delight that I can announce the recent damp weather has seen the emergence of decent numbers of porcini and, even better, there seem to be very few beetle larvae around at the moment. Others have been finding them too – in North Wales, Scotland and even in a park in Central Manchester.



Porcini are definitely here – and it could be a great year again!

To find your own, my top tip would be to go to the nearest big patch of mature woodland (broadleaf is normally recommended, but in my experience conifers can produce richer

pickings) and wander around looking for any fungal action. Porcini are a relatively ubiquitous species and the presence of other species is an encouraging sign.

If anyone needs a bit of guidance, I have a special two – three hour foray specifically targeted at porcini this Sunday (16 August), although with luck we should also find hedgehogs, blushers, chanterelles, stinkhorns, millers and deceivers and the morning concludes with a tasting session. The cost is £20 per adult or £50 for a family. You get to take home your share of the haul – which could be significant. Drop me an e-mail or call 01597 811168 for details.



Blushers, larch boletes and millers are also up

Finally, if anyone is looking for somewhere to holiday in gorgeous countryside, with some of the greatest beaches in Europe, let alone Britain, my Pembrokeshire restoration project is nearing fruition and newsletter subscribers are eligible for a 25% discount. The website and interior decoration/furnishing are not quite finished, but for those of you on Facebook, you can get a rough idea from its page – ‘Glebe House, Talbenny’. It sleeps 9 – 11 and the full price of the weekly rental varies from £800 to £1700.



Unfortunately, I can't hold it up as a fantastic mushroom-hunting destination, although I am sure the prospects of finding morels in spring are greater there than here. But you can certainly catch mackerel and get very, very, close up to a puffin . . . oh, and there's galloping along the beach too.



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P.S. As always, let me know if you want to be removed from the list and I will do it forthwith.