

MUSHROOM NEWSLETTER

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Well, the first foray of the year was a great success. Helen and I led nine guests through the Radnorshire woods and found a good selection of edible species. The sun also shone!



There are still plenty of bay boletes and cepes to be found . . .

More importantly for other foragers, there were scores of very young blushers coming up (a good sign of things to come) and sure enough we found several very young porcini which probably means we are on the verge of another flush.



Yours truly showing off a baby porcino next to its week-old brother . . .

There were plenty of deceivers scattered along the for st rides and after gathering a couple of kilos of cepes/porcini and bay boletes (which I rate just as highly – particularly when dried), we moved to a deciduous patch where we found chanterelles and the first amethyst deceivers and hedgehogs of the year.



Deceivers, amethyst deceivers and hedgehogs are starting to come up . . .

The conversation was excellent as we ate our wild mushroom soup, homemade sourdough, hunter's casserole, chanterelle quiche and blackberry

and apple crumble. The afternoon finished with another impromptu foray (we scored some Jew's ear) accompanied by Freya who was remarkably compliant and flew to the fist of any guest who called.



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Hawks were an added extra . . .

Elsewhere Richard is finding the purple-staining bolete (*B. erythropus*) in North Yorkshire (inedible but encouraging), David has bay boletes in Epping Forest; Andy is bagging cepes in West Wales; and Kate, Matt, Olivia and Florence have scored cauliflower in the New Forest.



Andy got lucky in West Wales, while Olivia struck fungal gold in the New Forest

If anyone wants to cash in on the glut, I still have places on seven forays and just might be adding in another in late October (depending on how the season progresses):

21, 22, 28, 29 September

5, 12, 13 October

Happy foraging – there's plenty to go around as Chris from Texas discovered on 12 September.



Two Welsh foragers show a Texan how it's done . . .

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