

MUSHROOM NEWSLETTER

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It's time to start looking in earnest! Beata Skorek found the following on a walk on 12 August near Llyn Brenig in Snowdonia:



Not only are Beata's finds impressive, but the photography is stunning too.

Meanwhile, on the other side of the country, Chris and Auline have hit a rich seam in Lincolnshire:

We came across a group of the most beautiful Giant Polypores . we did try some of the small new shoots in a mushroom fry up with a couple of very fresh new Dryad's saddle. These were still moist and I sliced them thinly, the knife went through them like butter they were that tender - they were delicious. We like to try these new fungi finds if we can. I am convinced there is something in these wild mushrooms that helps keep us young and active. Or maybe it is all the walking we do.



Does size matter? Chris and Pauline think big is beautiful . . .

The knife went through them like butter: they were delicious. I added a garlic clove and some sliced onions. I am convinced there is something in these wild mushrooms that keeps us young and active. I must be the only person in town who wants it to rain and does not want the Council to cut the grass.

Chris & Pauline Thornley, Sandgate Hotel, Skegness.

My finds are not nearly so impressive, but I am collecting chanterelles and am finding promising 'indicator' species such as orange birch boletes and yellow swamp russulas.



The orange birch bolete tends to get overlooked, but it is just as tasty as a chanterelle

While I wait for the main explosion, I have been busy on the publishing front: *A Mushroom Is A Misunderstood Rose* is now out on Kindle and I am getting to grips with my new website (www.fungiforays.co.uk - feedback is welcome). Bookings for this autumn's forays are also flooding in, so if you plan on coming, don't leave it too late!

23, 29, 30 September

6, 13, 14 October

Happy hunting!

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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.