

MUSHROOM NEWSLETTER

It's over . . . well, almost

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The early morning view from Tan-y-Cefn, 24 November

This has been one of the most extraordinary seasons I can remember. A fantastic porcini glut in August was followed by a rather disappointing mid-September to mid-October (normally the height of the season), but followed by a fantastic swan song. There will still be a few mushrooms out there if you are quick (see below for our haul over the weekend), but a couple of hard-ish frosts mean most delicate species will be over.



Fly agaric, deceivers, honey fungus, jew's ear and porcini (all photographed 22 and 23 November)

On the other hand, cold doesn't deter a dozen very edible species. Blewits (both wood and field) will carry on emerging until at least Christmas (I've picked them in late February in a mild winter), velvet shanks, meadow waxcaps, jew's ear and oysters will also all be there. Now at least some will fail to emerge, but there is every reason to think that the woodland species should have as good a year as their summer- and autumn-fruited compatriots.



Watch out for wood blewits, meadow waxcaps and oyster mushrooms – they should be around into the New Year . . .

My final point is to remind people that Christmas is coming. If any of you are struggling for that special present, I've attached a fungiforays-related pdf. This is a blatant advert with details of three distinct packages. Please don't open it if you have no interest. I try to keep this newsletter advert-free for a reason.

Good 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.