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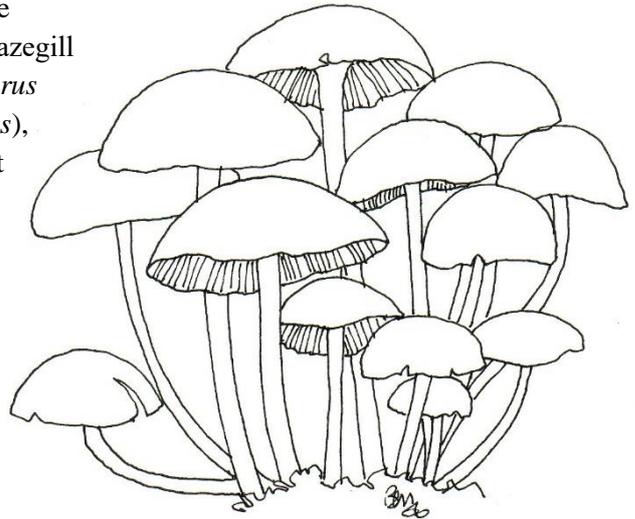
Tree Fellas set to work...

On the 30th October eight people, including new volunteer Jo, braved the inclement weather and set about felling and clearing trees. The rain eased up by about ten and work progressed well. The trees however promptly dropped all the water on their leaves, onto the head of the volunteer when cutting the tree. The sun came out, sort of, and the weather was warm enough to work in T-shirts. After much dragging of logs and cut brush to build dead hedges, the last stalwart went home at two p.m. Thank you to everyone who helped.

On the 27th Sept, almost immediately after our September work day, Simone and I went up to the reserve and continued cutting brambles. While we were there, two ladies came round looking for fungi to photograph. I don't know how successful they were but they did say they had been before and found some interesting examples.

Through the month I have found Penny Buns (*Boletus edulis*), Fiery Milkcap (*Lactarius pyrogalus*), The Humpback (*Cantharellula umbonata*), Dyer's Mazegill (*phaeolus schweinitzii*), Birch Polypore (*Piptoporus betulinus*), Dryad's Saddle (*Polyporus squamosus*), Scaly Tooth (*Sarcodon imbricatus*), Sulphur Tuft (*Hypholoma fasciculare*), Earthfan (*Thelephora terrestris*), Turkeytail (*Trametes versicolor*) and Candlesnuff Fungus (*xylaria hypoxylon*).

Towards the end of October I found a couple of Ruby Bolete (*Boletus rubellus*) that I have not seen before and a single Fly Agaric (*Amanita muscaria*). I can't say I was looking particularly hard for fungi at any one time but as I wander, these things stick out and are worth recording.



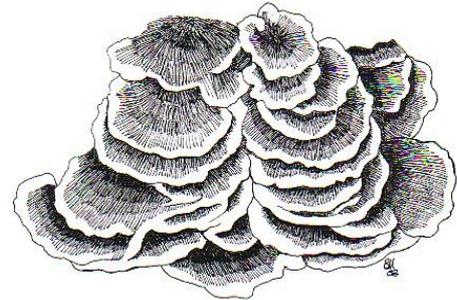
Sulphur Tuft (*Hypholoma fasciculare*)

Another example of climate change has cropped up, though I may have mentioned this last year, which is that

I used to start clearing the leaves from the paths at the end of September and was generally finished before November. This year November arrived and I haven't even started to clear them, because it has been so warm during October.

On October 29th I spent the morning sowing seeds and planting in the wood. I distributed about 180 acorns, 60 sweet chestnuts and about 50 field maple seeds. On top of this I have planted three yew trees, one native

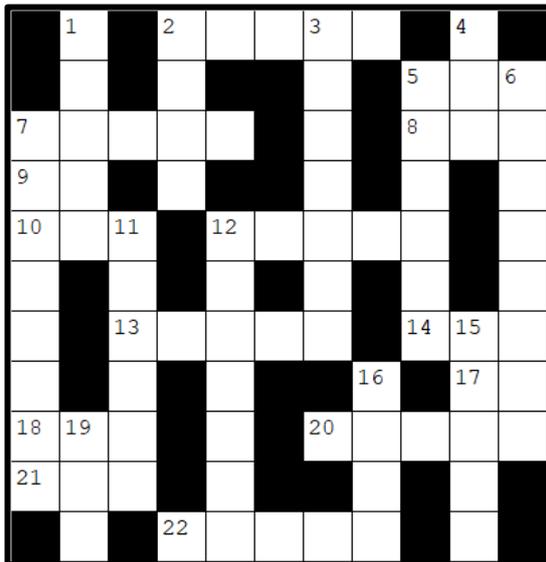
Juniper which may not survive as it has a very small root system, about 25 field maples grown from last year's seed, planted all around the reserve. In the Orchard Meadow I have planted five wild asters, two red dead nettles and a feverfew. I am hoping that over the winter they will establish their root systems, if ten percent of the seeds survive I will be very happy.



Turkeytail (*Trametes versicolor*)

Peter Prince

FHW Crossword No 167



Clues Across 2.& 7 down. Razor strop fungus, (5,8)
 5. Horse or nut, (3). 7 & 2 down. Edible & cheap, (5,4).
 8. Social media phrase, (1.1.1.).9. Russian river, (2).
 10. Meadow, (3). 12. Flat fish (Turbot family), (5).
 13. Bizarre, eccentric, Fr, (5). 14. Investigates war crimes etc, (1.1.1.) 17. Exclamation of understanding, (2).18. Fish ova, (3).20. Acer, (5). 21. Newt, (3).
 22. Fruit of the Oak, (5).

Clues Down 1. Water bird, (5). 2. See 7 across.
 3. Managed woodland, (7). 4. Female deer, (3).
 5. Hot fruit, (6). 6. Result of efforts on 30th, (8).
 11. RSPB symbol, (6). 12. Relating to plants, (7).
 15. Flower part, (5). 16. Farm building, (4).
 19. Frequently, Arch, (3).

Solutions to FHW Crossword No 166

Across 1. Bramble. 4. Elf. 6. Betula. 7. Into.
 8,9.Coral fungi . 15, Eddy..16. Amoeba, (6).17, Doe..
 18. Climate.

Down 1,5. Baby frog. 2. Antler. 3,13. Leaf fall.4. Erne
 5. See 1. 10. Nepeta. 11.14. Reed mace. 12. Adze.

Any News?

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