

MUSHROOM SCHOOL 2009

- ***3rd to 6th Sept. (Thurs-Sun)***
- ***at Kirkwood, South Scotland***
- ***with Anthony Steel of Kirkwood***
- ***and Graeme Walker of S.N.H.***
- ***and Mark Gorman of Thornhill***
- ***Explanatory walks and talks on fungi - mushrooms, toadstools***
- ***Staying in homely cottages (Kirkwood Cottages - 2 & 3 star)***
- ***Real, farm, home-made food***
- ***Costing only £690***

***Accommodation (Thurs, Fri & Sat),
meals, fungi guidance and forays,
ALL included in the price!***

Kirkwood is a beautiful, unspoilt rural property with 500 acres of farmland, 150 acres of mixed woods and many other natural features such as the River Annan, ponds and burns. It is a fantastic environment for fungi. For 30 years Kirkwood has been a popular destination for those seeking peaceful and quiet holidays in the countryside.

www.MushroomSchool.co.uk

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"Just as it should be"***



3 Day School	£690
Thursday 3rd September	Arrive at Kirkwood after 4pm Meet at Stables Courtyard at 6pm for introduction by Anthony Steel, owner of Kirkwood Dinner at 8pm (probably prepared with Kirkwood's own meat)
Daily: 7.45am	Breakfast—make your own from the food we supply
10am (Friday only)	One hour talk by Graeme Walker, mycologist, on the principles of fungi
11am—1pm	Foray around Kirkwood with Graeme and Mark. Mark will find, Graeme will explain.
1pm	Lunch—if weather is good perhaps an outdoor picnic
3pm—6pm	One or more short forays at Kirkwood, allied probably to a “workshop” whereby Graeme Walker, in one of the cottages, examines, compares and explains all about the mushrooms found earlier in the day.
8pm	Dinner, either at one of the cottages or Kirkwood, probably using meat from Kirkwood Farm, vegetables, herbs and fruits from Kirkwood and hopefully some mushrooms too!
Friday & Saturday	Saturday will follow a similar format to Friday but there may also be opportunities to do other activities such as fishing during the day.
Sunday 6th September	Depart after breakfast—10.00am (although if you want to go self foraying, that's fine so long as we can get in to clean the cottage).
Note:	Drinks are <u>not</u> included in the price.

Some comments from pupils at previous schools:

“I came away having discovered a scenic landscape that I had never before visited, a group of highly enthusiastic individuals with an appetite to share and learn about wild fungi, a new depth to identification and approach as well as a sense of wonder at the complexity and beauty of the fungi world.” Joanna Coleman from Sussex.

“What's special about these schools is that they are NOT in a hotel or a conference centre but in comfortable cottages with delicious home made cooking”
Alan Holleran, Preston, Lancs

“Its difficult to get across on the form just how much I enjoyed the whole experience” Clive Dunn from Merseyside

Your Hosts / Guides:

Graeme Walker is a professional mycologist and works full-time with Scottish Natural Heritage.

Mark Gorman is a local fungi enthusiast.

Anthony Steel, fungi enthusiast, who owns and manages Kirkwood.
Other guides may be present.

Edibility and Health Warning - We will tell you which fungi we eat and which ones we do not eat, but we are NOT advising you to eat any. Different people can react in different ways to fungi and some people can have allergies even they did not know about. Therefore you eat any fungi at your own risk

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Other schools at Kirkwood:

www.SalmonSchool.co.uk
www.GraylingSchool.co.uk
www.LiveOffTheLandSchool.co.uk

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Location:

Kirkwood is a mixed farm situated by the River Annan in the heart of the rolling hills of Dumfriesshire. It is located almost in the centre of the UK – only 10 minutes off the main M6/74 Glasgow-London motorway. London is 5 hrs away, Manchester 3 hrs, Carlisle 20 miles. There is a mainline train station at Lockerbie, just 4 miles away. Taxis/lifts can be arranged but your own transport is recommended.



More details:

Accommodation is in Kirkwood's cottages. Whilst these cottages are normally self-catering, for the mushroom school **all meals (full breakfasts, packed lunches, evening meals) are included in the price.** Single people are welcome but may be asked to share a cottage having their own bedroom, but sharing a lounge etc. Couples, families and friends will be accommodated in the same cottage. There are discounts available if there are 3 or more in a group.

Cottages are 3 star and 2 star (a reduction in price may be available for the latter), sleeping from 3 to 6 people.

Each day there will be be guided fungi forays, although there are other attractions for those who don't want to spend their whole time mushroom hunting.

Early September is usually the best time of the year for fungi in the South of Scotland although we must emphasise that fungi are very dependent on the weather and the season. Some years are good for fungi, some are poor. Sometimes they are early, sometimes late, and we can not guarantee their presence at all. Once booked/paid, no refunds are given under any circumstances and we recommend that you purchase a suitable holiday insurance policy to cover yourself for any unseen eventualities on your behalf.