

Newport Forest

June 5 2003

2:15 - 6:45 pm

**Weather:** prec 3 mm; overcast; NW < 15 kmh; LM 13 C; FCF 12 C

**Purpose:** maintenance

**Participants:** Kee and Nic

Fleming Creek is lower these days, with the upper and lower rapids exposed once again. We had quite a struggle to get the midstream trestle into position. In the future, make sure that it doesn't go in with the legs too long. If it does, the pipes "float" on the trestle and when you move it into position, the pipes tend to move with it, causing all sorts of readjustments to the pipes themselves (400 lbs each). We added the deck units but are awaiting the installation of bracing at the far trestle before we install the ramp.

I made a quick tour of both Cores and found all the new trees fairly happy. About ten percent have already put on several inches of new growth. The weather has been great for consolidation, but not growth, as the nights have been too cold.

In the brief time that remained following this struggle, we decided to walk the FCT. I stopped at the Garlick mustard test plot to cut all remaining flower heads - about a hundred.

In Harvey's woods, Nic spotted a grey crust with white edges on a log\*. Later he found an Oyster Mushroom on Tower hill, as well as two plants for Pat, a Wood Fern and a (possible) new grass\*\*.

**New species** (maybe not new, but check)

Oyster Mushroom	<i>Pleurotus ostreatus</i>	Tower Hill (TH)
Marginal Wood Fern	<i>Dryopteris marginalis</i>	TH/EW

\*Definitely a new species but apparently not in my reference books. Most resembles *Ustulina deusta*, but spores of specimen are only one-third the size of *U. deusta*.

\*\* Not a new species. already recorded for Newport forest: *Glyceria striata*