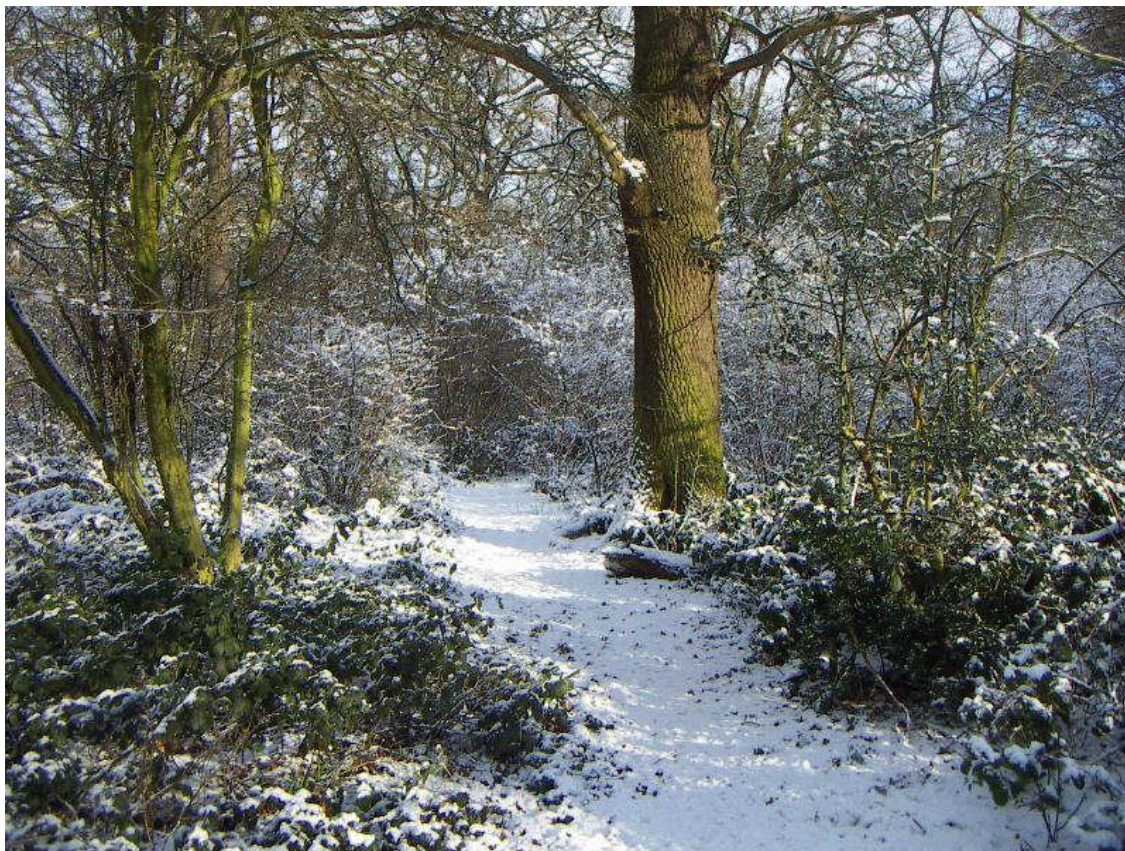


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The Monthly Bulletin from the Selborne Society ...



Perivale Wood in the Show...

## Welcome

to the new style Selborne Society monthly newsletter. This is a bit of a trial, and its continued use will depend on how successful (and easy) it is. But hopefully it will prove both interesting and successful ... and neither too difficult or time consuming to set up. This one is a little early as I wanted to get information out about the trip to the Horniman Museum (see below).

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## Inspiration for our new building?

This is the "Cue" building at the Horniman Museum in Forest Hill. It is a system build (the [Walter Segal system](#)) and could provide a great model for our eventual new building.

So members of the Society are going to see the Cue Building on Tuesday 29th January, 11.00 - we rendezvous at the information desk in the main building. If you are free and interested do please come!

Travel to Forest Hill is probably best by public transport ... the museum is a short walk from Forest Hill "London Overground" service, and you can get there by catching a train from Shepherds Bush (NOT the underground Station, it's just around the corner) to Clapham Junction, changing at Clapham Junction for Forest Hill. There's a train from Shepherds Bush at 9.33 that will get us there in nice time! Of course the Horniman is a great place to visit anyway - It's been on my to do list for ages!

This is not the only thing that we are considering; approaches have also been made to "[Strawworks](#)" who design and construct straw bale buildings, and we'll be visiting [Ecobuild](#) in March (the Excel Centre) to see what is on offer then. All being well we'll be able to make a decision on the building on the 19th March, and formally commission the design process. A deadline is that if we get planning application submitted before the 1st August, we can avoid paying the £600 odd planning fee!.

It's not too late to fill in [our survey](#) ... there have been some good comments, and the blog <http://www.selbornesociety.wordpress.com/> will be updated so you can follow progress there.

### Forthcoming Events:

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The Diary for February includes ...

- 2 Feb (Saturday)     **Field Meeting 2.00 pm Perivale Wood Local Nature Reserve** Mosses and Liverworts – John Wells will take us on a fascinating sortie round the Reserve.
- 5 Feb (Tuesday)     **Evening meeting: 7.45pm Greenford Community Centre.** Sarah Dye will speak about the Ealing Transitions Group. Transitions is about changing from an oil-based economy for our transport, food production, to a more sustainable model
- 9 Feb (Saturday)     **Juniors Section:** Bumblebees and ladybirds – check the secrets of the mound.
- 10 Feb (Sunday)     **Conservation Management** at Perivale Wood. 10.00 am – Charles Hurford will lead, explaining the Reserves Nest Box Programme – its importance, benefits – and the problems we ve encountered recently.

## Keys

A reminder that you can borrow keys to the Reserve, at the moment from the [Hope Community Church Cafe](#) Rendezvous. The Cafe is only open on Monday to Friday 10 to 4, and the keys have to be returned there in person - no longer possible to put them through the letterbox as it was with the Library.

You can also visit the Reserve when there are events on there - so you can come at 2.00 pm on the first or second Saturdays of the month



## Junior section:

From February Juniors will meet on the 2nd Saturday of each month. The photo is December's meeting, when they were making Yule Logs and Christmas Decorations. In January they made Nest Boxes (and played in the snow ....).

You 'll find the Junior Section Diary [here](#)

## News from the Reserve

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a few developments at the Reserve - the first is that we've finally finished the research on a new pond - Peter Edwards has been undertaking some detailed monitoring of water flow and quantity for the past year, and the decision is that we will enlarge an existing pond - it's up against the eastern boundary, on and quite close to the Visitors Centre; its where we always find frog spawn first, and it merits enlargement. We ll continue the programme and consider other works to the Ponds in the future.

And we ve agreed to put in some new fencing in the Paddock - the aim is to make the entrance to the Reserve more welcoming; this has been designed to be consistent with the new building project.

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field or junior meetings, for a walk round but not take part in the organised activity, or conservation management sessions at 10am on the 2nd sunday of each month, and enjoy the wood without doing any work - although we'd prefer it if you helped, of course!

And in exchange for a £10 deposit you can have a key of your own. Request this by replying to this email.

## Filming at Perivale Wood

We've been asked by a couple of film production companies if the Reserve can be used as a location; before giving permission the effect of the filming on the delicate environment of the Reserve is carefully considered and time limits and other conditions may well be applied.

the first is [Red Rug Productions](#), who wanted to film in October but were not able. They want to erect a high level hide in the Reserve for their filming, and this will become a benefit to the Society as it will overlook a central part of the Reserve and be good for



## AGM

Our annual General meeting is the 9th April 2013, at 7.45 pm, at the Greenford Community Centre, 170 Oldfield Lane South, Greenford, Middlesex.

All members are entitled to attend to vote, ask questions and make suggestions, and we'd encourage you to come!

The meeting itself is usually quite brief, followed by refreshments, and then we'll have a look at the research and monitoring that is undertaken at the Reserve, and the publications that follow from it.



## Open Day 2013

Open Day will be the 28th April, opening 10:00 am last entry 4.30 pm. Help is always appreciated with this ... the setting up, the clearing up, and stewarding etc., during the event

Finally, Holly has become very invasive and threatens our glorious bluebells - with the aid of Community Payback we've had a big clearance project, removing many, to protect and preserve the Reserve

## High Speed Rail

Not much to report really; the plans continue, there will be a fuller write up in the next newsletter. HS2 Ltd. have organised Community Forums, and the surveys of the Reserve continue - there will be a series of them.

There's not been any news of the outcome of the Judicial Reviews that took place in December, nor a decision whether to tunnel the line under Acton, Park Royal, Hanger Lane, Perivale, Greenford, and Northolt, although this is now being evaluated.



## Coach Outings

We've 3 coach outings planned; one to Selborne Village (mid June), one to the National Arboretum at [Westonbirt](#), (October) and another to the

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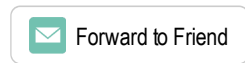
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The second are "[Somethin Else](#)", who will be making a programme for the BBC, intended to encourage children to read.



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In July We hope to welcome the [Mikron Theatre Group](#) for a performance of their "beyond the veil" ... we'll need a team to Steward this event, so please advise if you are available. 6th July from about 6pm onwards.

## Newsletter

The next newsletter will be going to press in mid February and distribution a few days later. Our [editor](#) is always pleased to receive items for publication!

The Society features in "Green Token" Community Matters Scheme in the West Ealing Branch of Waitrose. We've not been told how much we will receive, but as one of their competitors says "every little helps".

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