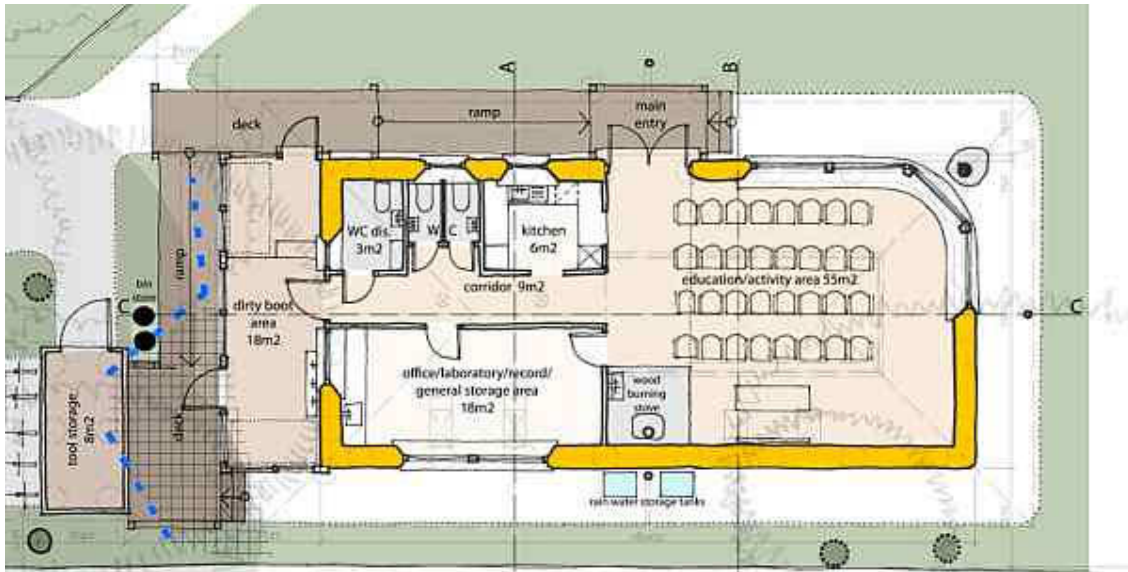


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This is the floor plan for the new Education Centre; the great news is that the Planning Application is now being progressed; public consultation went out a few days ago.

The full application can be seen [here](#), complete with all drawings etc,

If you want to write to the Council supporting (please!) the proposal, you can do so ...

online <http://snipurl.com/sssupport>

by

Email [planning@ealing.gov.uk](mailto:planning@ealing.gov.uk) or by

post – please send to the Planning Services Team, for the attention of Tom Gabriel, Ealing London Borough Council, PO Box 14941, London W5 2YP do quote the reference number PP/2013/3274.

Thank you!!

As always, you can see how we are getting on, and more information, on the [Blog](#):

## What's on this month

1 Oct (Tuesday)

Evening meeting: 7.45pm Greenford Community Centre. "Swifts"

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Edward Mayar of the Swift Conservation Trust will tell us about these amazing birds, which are with us just three months each Summer, bringing vital drama and excitement to our streets and skies. Swifts have shared our buildings ever since the Romans came to Britain. They still breed in our eaves and gables, but not for much longer, as modern and renovated buildings exclude them, unless we do something about it, Swifts will vanish from the UK. Find out about Swifts, why they matter, and how you can help them thrive.

5 Oct (Saturday)     **Field Meeting 2.00 pm at the Reserve Fungi, Aleck Henricki – our annual foray.**

12 Oct (Saturday)     **Junior Section, 2.00 pm at the Reserve** Toadstools, mushrooms, and all sorts of fungi – find the biggest!

13 Oct (Sunday)     **Conservation Management** at the Reserve. 10.00 am

16 Oct (Wednesday) **Coach Outing to the National Arboretum at Westonbirt,**

This outing is now fully booked. We can take a few applications against cancellations – the form is here: <http://snipurl.com/sswestonbirt13>

2 Nov (Saturday)     **Field Meeting 1:30 pm at the Reserve Tom Berry on trees**

5 Nov (Tuesday)     **Evening meeting: 7.45pm Greenford Community Centre**

Wendy Yorke will talk about the Thames Wildemess Project which spent two years mapping 150 nature reserves and hidden treasures of the Thames, from source to sea. She and her fellow co-author Richad Mayon-White have shared their findings in a book which raises money for river restoration projects, through the River Thames Society and Thames River Trust. Their book "Exploring the Thames Wildemess - A Guide to the Natural Thames" will be on sale at a discounted price of £12 only on the evening - perfect for birthday and Christmas presents!

9 Nov (Saturday)     **Junior Section, 2.00 pm at the Reserve** Seed heads, leaves, grasses – make some wild animals!

10 Nov (Sunday)     **Conservation Management at the Reserve. 10.00 am**

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This is some of the "Salvage" for the new building; We've got windows, (will form a boot room at the South End - effectively a porch, so that when you enter with wet clothes or muddy shoes, you have a chance to remove them and so keep the main part of the building clean and dry), doors, dexion shelving (for the new tool store) laminate flooring, sinks, toilets, and a pile of electrical stuff. And much of a kitchen too.



The "High Level Hide" is finally being constructed. This is close to the Central Clearing and will give a great view to the South, the Gilbert White Clearing, and the canopy of the wood on the margins of the Clearing. It will be about 4 metres from the ground to the floor, and construction started on the 30th September. Inspired by RedRug Productions (who will be filming there in a week or so's time) and funded by the National Lottery, the Hide should create great new interest in the Reserve.

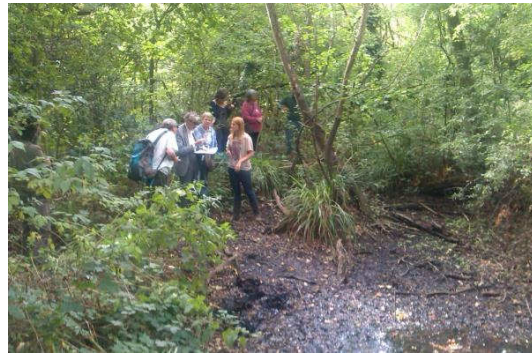




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with other Rickyard Stuff (see above left); when I say "old" I mean 1953; it was made to commemorate the Coronation of HM The Queen, and is engraved to say so. It was a bit broken and shoddy, but the missing arm has been found and repaired, and here are Volunteers Simran and Jonathan (from the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme) cleaning it up, later this month it will be treated with Danish Oil. Thanks to John Sears, Simran and Jonathan for organising and sprucing it up! A worthy addition to the Reserve.

This was one of our regular Conservation Management sessions - once a month, Sunday Morning, 3 hours of working out of doors doing useful stuff in great company. Extra volunteers are always welcome - the next will be on the 13th October.



The images above are from the September Field Meeting - Laura Belton spoke about Ferns, then we toured the Reserve finding our specimens and Laura telling us about them. I d promised we would visit some of the damper places in the Reserve, and since the Upper Woodland Pond was close to dry, Laura took us round the edge to see a specimen at the back; a great photo opportunity, but I took a short cut across the not so dry area, and sank 18 inches into very foul smelling mud! No harm was done!

October's Field Meeting will be 2.00 pm on the 5th October, at the Reserve; renowned expert Aleck Henricki will lead our annual Fungus foray.

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Our next coach outing will be to Slimbridge, the Wildlife and Wetland's Trust Centre in Gloucestershire. 19th February 2013; details being finalised now, do watch out for the flier in your next mailing.



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