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The Selborne Society Bulletin

June, 2014

Whats on, whats happening, and what has happened ...with the Selborne Society
and at the Perivale Wood Local Nature Reserve.

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New Education Centre --- more progress



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The open day demonstration of straw bale building was a brilliant success ... it attracted a lot of interest and over £1000 in donations; further donations have been received subsequently, thanks to all for your generosity. Children greatly enjoyed the clay rendering - as you can see above! - and the models that had been made made great conversation pieces.

We've now heard from Building Control with some queries about the new building so the process is well in hand!

Phase 1 of the build is this year and we are going to install drains, and build an accessible WC to the north of the existing hut; materials are in for this - we were kindly given a stack of ply and other timber from Walpole Park, more than enough to build the toilet.

The Work will commence with a programme of Volunteers sessions on the following dates

- Tues. 10th June
- Weekend 21st/22nd June
- Tues. 24th June
- Tues 8th July
- Weekend 19th/20th July
- Tues 22nd July

we have a work plan and if you d like to volunteer, email or register [here](#) and we'll be in touch with fuller details. The first week - 10th - we'll be preparing timber and making the foundations for the new toilet building. Exciting to actually be starting work!

Whats on

The Society's activities for the next couple of months

7 Jun (Sat) Field Meeting at Perivale Wood Local Nature Reserve, 2pm; Peter Warne will take us pond dipping, exploring the Reserve's ponds and streams, to see what lurks within.

Little Wild Sleep Out: we are holding a "little wild sleep out" this evening, inspired by the RSPB's Big Wild Sleepout later in the month (and as a pilot project for our own - see later); mainly for juniors, and places limited to 30; more information and booking from [here](#)

8 Jun (Sun) Conservation Management at the Reserve. 10.00 am - please see below.

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11 Jun (Wed)

Coach Outing to Selborne Village:

See separate flier for full details; depart Ealing Broadway 09:00, Perivale Station 09:15; spend the day in this beautiful Hampshire Village, have a meal in one of the two pubs, or the Tea Room at the Gilbert White House and Museum. In the past this has been a fantastic day, hugely enjoyed by all. **a few places remain ...** contact@selbornesociety.org.uk or phone 07878594290 to enquire.

14 Jun (Sat)

Junior Section meeting Capture the sun with your own sundial!

20th June

In association with the RSPB ... a **Big wild sleepout at the Reserve** -only 30 places, and ticketed event, so prebooking essential ... more information and booking [here](#)

27 and 28 June

Bioblitz at Perivale Wood Local Nature Reserve

To mark "National Insect Week" we will be holding a "Bioblitz" involving checking moth trap contents and beetle traps in the morning and exploring the reserve to draw up a list of invertebrates and other organisms present. More information below!

5 Jul (Sat)

Field Meeting at Perivale Wood Local Nature Reserve, 2pm John Wells will be taking a close look at the grasses in the Reserve, telling us about them and their significance

12 Jul (Sat)

Junior section Moths and butterflies abound but can you catch one?

13 Jul (Sun)

Conservation Management at the Reserve. 10.00 am

Conservation Management:

Every month we have a conservation management session at Perivale Wood - an important time when we carry out essential jobs to preserve the Reserves biodiversity, and to carry out any maintenance or improvements that are needed. The current joblist includes building a post and rail fence, pulling brambles, finishing off the boundary fence - there is plenty of work for willing hands. Even if you can not help with physical work, wielding the teapot is a valuable role much appreciated by our eager volunteers.

If you can help, we will be delighted to see you ... 2nd Sunday of every month from 10:00

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am to about 12.30 or beyond.

BIOBLITZ

A Joint activity with the Amateur Entomologists Society the London Natural History Society, and the Selborne Society: at the Perivale Wood

Local Nature Reserve. To limit numbers this event is limited to members of the 3 societies.

Fri 27 Jun 2014
9:45 PM
Bioblitz involving setting, and checking moth traps and beetle traps ready for use in the morning and exploring the reserve to draw up a list of invertebrates and other organisms present. expect moths, expect bats.

28 Jun 2014
10:00 am to
4:00 pm.
Bioblitz involving checking moth trap contents and beetle traps in the morning and exploring the reserve to draw up a list of invertebrates and other organisms present.



Amazingly we now have £94 donated through the Council's Green Redeem project ... thank you so much if you are one of the Donors!

For those of you who are not using the project, our Education Centre project has been accepted by Green Redeem as one of their projects. GreenRedeem is a new scheme under which you get points for recycling, and those points can either be converted to rewards, or donated to the project of your choice (gentle hint here! Please make the Selborne Society your choice!). The maximum is £1000, and we have bid for this.

If you live in Ealing (or anywhere that the GreenRedeem scheme operates) please register ... **add the code HFR when you register**, and the Society's account will immediately be credited with 25 points; As you recycle you will accumulate points, and when you have 200 points please donate these to the Society's Project (200 equals £1); If all our local members do this, we will **very quickly** reach our £1000 target!

You can see more about [GreenRedeem](#) here. Our project is listed as "Education and Research Centre" and has our Gilbert White Logo (Top Left) as it's icon. You can download instructions on how to donate from [here](#)

Open Day

was a great success ... it was a really happy day ... thanks to all who took part, helped set up, on the day.

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or cleared up.

We had 1909 visitors, and took £5800 including donations to the new building, and we've had another £700 in donations subsequently. we got 66 new members (which may also be a record) (welcome if you are a new member!). Some interesting contacts were made and Volunteers to work on the Community Build of the New Building recruited.



Litton Local Nature Reserve

Our friends at the Litton Local Nature Reserve have an open day on the 7th June (Saturday) from 1.00 pm to 5.00 pm; they'll be delighted to welcome Selborne Society Members along to see their Reserve and what they do with it. They'll be opening their new Nature Trail too, and a new innovation is their minibeast area (photo above) ... ought we emulate this in Perivale Wood? Why not go to the open day, have a look at it, and tell us what you think?

Selborne Village, Coach Outing, 11th June

There are still a few places on this, and if you want to join us then book soon. You can download a booking form from [here](#), but it would be

A plea for help!

Our Minute Secretary has hung up her quill pen! It would be great if there was someone willing to come to Council Meetings (and the AGM) - typically only 4 or 5 meetings a year, take notes, and turn them into typewritten (ok, word processed)

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wise to phone or email to make sure there are still places. If you are booked in already and want to add a friend etc., then, again phone or email - contact@selbornesociety.org.uk or 07878 594290

DTZ

We were again delighted to welcome a team from DTZ to the REserve, they sent 8 Volunteers and did valuable work ... installing a new gate down by Pondfield, tweaking the fence they built last year, and generally sprucing the Reserve up wielding paint brushes and tidying up!

We are delighted to have Companys send volunteers ... it's a great team building exercise and we can always find interesting jobs for you to do!

Jars and Fruit ...

Open Day Jam sales raised over £700 ... fantastic, thanks to the Jam makers Clare and Elsa ... but they need

- JARS, 1/2 and 1 lb jars please with metal or plastic lids., and
- FRUIT fruit - all kinds and tomatoes and jars -- surplus from allotments and gardens, to be frozen down and Jammified for next year.

All contributions gratefully received, Ian, their star fruit source, has moved away.

Email clarecvernon@hotmail.co.uk or elsapawley@hotmail.com to offer either Jars or Fruit.

minutes! offers to contact@selbornesociety.org.uk.

Donations

We are very happy to accept donations towards the new building; payment can be made by cheque drawn to the Seborne Society Ltd and sent to 36 Ferrymead Gardens, Greenford, UB6 9NF the Society's Registered Office. If you are a UK taxpayer we can claim the tax back; there's a gift aid form [here](#) you can download and fill in.

We'll be setting up an on line donation page in the near future!

The Selborne Society Library

Not many members are aware that we own a Library - a collection of historic and heritage volumes that currently lives in Ealing's Southall Library; that Library is to close, mid June and our Librarian, Frances Hounsell has been working away arranging a new home for the Collection. It is to be moved back to the Ealing Central Library, where it will be close to the Local History Library - this will make it much more accessible and useable, and greatly add value to it. The old Cupboards that it is in are not suitable for the new location so the Society is purchasing some new, purpose made cupboards. They will take about 8 weeks to be delivered so the Collection ought to be at the Ealing

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Project Wild Thing

a film about Children and Nature - [Ealing Transitions](#) will be having a showing on the 20th July at St Mary's Church, South Ealing (7:30PM) and the Society will be present too. Everyone welcome to Transitions Meetings - they are a very active group engaged in both education via their monthly meetings and practical action - see their webpage for more information.

Natural History Specimen Collection:

It was a bit of a surprise to receive an email offering to help us manage our collection of specimens. Though we've got odds and ends of interesting things that have been collected over the years, it is hardly a coherent collection. It does though appear on a National Database, and Heather, a trained Curator was moving to the area and is keen to help with it. We've reviewed what we've with Heather and she is going to work up a plan to clean and protect the specimens that we've got, preparing them to move to the new Education Centre, and then a programme of developing the Collection to make it much more useful - and well protected. Thanks, and Welcome Heather!



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Broadway Central Library in about

September. Thanks to Frances for the time she is spending on this.

Eel Monitoring

Chris Cockel from the Environment Trust is still looking for volunteers for the Eel Monitoring Program.

They are looking for people who live relatively locally and would be able to helping monitoring elvers over the 2014 season that runs from late April to September. The amount of commitment required depends largely on how many volunteers we get. Last year, some people helped out just a couple of times, while others helped out perhaps once or twice a week.

More information from their poster, which you can download from [here](#)

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