

From: contact@selbornesociety.org.uk
Sent date: 31/01/2015 - 01:29
To: david.bender@btinternet.com
Subject: February 2015 , Bulletin from the Selborne Society



The Selborne Society Bulletin

February 2015

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

[View this email in your
browser](#)



This picture was provided by Nicola Goddard, who is working up the Education Program for us, so that when the Education Centre is built, we will have lesson plans ready to support Schools so they get the best out of their field work trips to Perivale Wood. Nicola had piloted one of the activities, making a pine cone feeder, and clearly this Starling is giving it the thumbs up (or whatever the avian equivalent is!)



Well it's been an amazing month; Contractor Tim Bonner and his Colleague Nick have been working at the Reserve, and at long last there is a foul sewage connection to the Reserve. You can see more pictures, and a blow by blow account on the blog, www.selbornesociety.wordpress.com. And since he is finished, we 've relaxed the temporary restrictions on access through the main gate, so you can visit as usual.

What's on

The Society's activities for the next couple of months

- Tue 3 Feb 7:45 PM Greenford Community Centre "Flying in the Face of Adversity" Erica McAllister, Curator of Diptera at the Natural History Museum will tell us about the Museum, its History and Collections and then more about her speciality - the flies, telling us why they are amazing. The world famous Natural History Museum is a dynamic institute and the fly collection is incredibly important in understanding key environmental issues that we face today.
- Sat 7 Feb 1:30 PM Perivale Wood Local Nature Reserve John Wells will lead our regular monthly field meeting at the Reserve, looking at Mosses and Liverworts.
- Tue 10 Feb 8:30 AM Coach Outing To the wonderful Wildlife and Wetlands Trust Nature Reserve at Welney in Norfolk. This is now fully booked! Sorry!!
- Sat 14 Feb 1:45 PM Perivale Wood Local Nature Reserve **Junior Section: A walk through the wood to the Grand Union Canal to explore the Canal, its history and find out what lives there**
- Sun 15 Feb 10:00 AM Perivale Wood Local Nature Reserve Conservation Management -one of our regular volunteer sessions to carry out essential work at the Reserve; see note at the foot of page 2 for more information
- Tue 3 Mar 7:45 PM Greenford Community Centre Jan Beccaloni, the Natural History Museum's Spider Curator, will talk about Arachnids – Spiders and a variety of Crustaceans.
- Fri 7 Mar 1:30 PM Perivale Wood Local Nature Reserve adult field meeting – Tom Berry will lead us round the Perivale Wood Nature Trail – and ask how well do you know it - use your senses!
- Also Campaign against Climate Change's Demonstration in Central London ... see <http://www.campaigncc.org/> for more information.

- Sun 8 Mar 10:00 AM Perivale Wood Conservation Management -one of our regular volunteer sessions to carry out essential work at the Reserve; see note at the foot of page 2 for more information
- Sat 14 Mar 1:45 PM Perivale Wood **Junior Section: Birds Nesting ... by now the nest boxes ought be occupied – so we ll hunt for the boxes and see what is living in them.**
- Sun 15 Mar 10:00 AM Perivale Wood Conservation Management -one of our regular volunteer sessions to carry out essential work at the Reserve; see note at the foot of page 2 for more information
- Sat 28 Mar 8:00 PM Perivale Wood Earth Hour is a worldwide grass-roots movement for the planet organised by the World Wide Fund for Nature. The event encourages everyone to turn off their non-essential lights for one hour as a symbol of their commitment to the planet. We will mark this event at Perivale Woods, simply sitting around a camp fire, a source of natural light, in the spirit of times past when the earth's natural resources were shared by communities, and so contribute to the Earth Hour movement by being away from our homes and not using electrical power. Earth Hour itself is from 8.30 - 9.30. Bring a lantern or torch, something to drink (alcoholic beverages permitted) and something to sit on! Snacks to share, but it is not a food event per se. If you can bring a musical instrument to play, please do. We look forward to seeing you to join us mark this global event of environmental awareness.

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 next date is the 11th Jan, and we'll be major-ing on getting the nest boxes completed and installed for the spring brood!

Other jobs includes building a post and rail fence round the new Pond, pulling brambles, finishing off the boundary fence, and clearing vegetation around Little Elm Meadow Pond.

General clearance around the pond dipping platform is also needed in Pondfield

A longer term vision is to turn the eastern boundary from a scrappy line of sbrubs into a hedge. The resultant hedge , well managed, could mean that the fence would became, if not redundant, only a part of the boundary defences ... and of course hedges are brilliant habitats!

So 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 am to about 12:30 or beyond. Bring some Sarnies, we usually end up nattering afterwards.



We had the most sensational Hedge Laying course in January; Clive Leeke of Traditionalhedgelaying.co.uk came to tutor. Clive (wearing the tartan jacket) is a proper expert, a charming chap and a brilliant tutor ... and you can see the results for yourself! We will be getting Clive back for future courses - his repertoire includes coppicing, and Austrian Scythe.

The plan is to have a course like this each month once the Education Centre is up and running, so this was a bit of a pilot. I've asked Clive to do a Scything Course in June, ready for the Mikron Theatre Group. Additionally [Wildlife Workshop Photography](#) are holding a course in April - that was set up through "meetup" and is fully sold out, but we'll be working with them in future for courses and our Members will have a chance to take part.



We now have £830 (£614 last month) donated through Ealing Council's Green Redeem project. So that is an AMAZING £216 increase in one month; at this rate, we will hit the Target of £1000 by the March Bulletin.

Thank you so much if you are one of the Donors! And, if you are not, then **please read on**

GreenRedeem is a 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! We titled "Education and Research Centre, beside the Society's Logo of good old Revd. Gilbert White). 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, I please donate these to the Society's Project (200 equals £1);

You can see more about [GreenRedeem](#) here. You can download instructions on how to donate from [here](#)

Bye bye

There are a few members who, for

Welney Coach Outing

Has proved to be extremely popular with members, and is now full with a Reserve list of 4.

Sorry if you wanted to come but did not book in time.

Our next outing will be in June, to Sissinghurst; full details with the next mailing.

whatever reason, have not renewed their subscriptions, so will be removed from the mailing list; they will have had an individual email so if you've not had one of those, then dont worry.

Ealing Morris

are a newly formed Morris Dancing Group, who were in search of hazel sticks to use in their dances. We were delighted to be able to assist, and they came on the January Conservation Management Session and collected all they needed.

They rehearse on Saturdays, form 5 to 6:30 at Northfields Community Centre, and would be pleased to have new members.

They 've offered to Dance at the Society's Open Day (April 26) - really looking forward to that!

Nest Boxes

The Reserve is rich in nest boxes, and they need careful maintenance and monitoring, and annual clean out! Charles Hurford, the Trustee who has overseen this scheme has stepped down from the Role, so we are looking to suppliment the team who does this. get in touch if you'd like to help!

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

Website:

The Eagle Eyed will have noticed that Professor David Bender, our Webmaster, has revamped the Website: and it looks great, thanks David.

The Society owns the Manuscript of Gilbert White's Garden Calendar - it is one of the books that is held for us at the Linnean Society's Library in Picadilly. David has arranged to have it scanned and put on to the website, so it is now readily accessible to all.

We'll be developing the website as Education Centre is developed and we are able to use the Reserve for more Educational Activities.

The Society is increasingly tweeting (@selbornesoc), using Facebook, and of course there are the two blogs mentioned above -
www.selbornesociety.wordpress.com

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!



Is Ealing Councils Exciting new website aimed at Community Events; the Society is registered as selbornesociety, and we look forward to using this to advertise our events and recruit volunteers.

Grants

We were successful last year with a grant from the John Lyons Charity of £25,000,

and
www.selbornecourses.wordpress.com.
Ohh, and Streetlife too, of course!

and we are in the process of applying for a grant from the British Airports Authority, for support to put our Education Program into place next year. The initial expression of interest has been submitted. If it is accepted the next stage will be to submit a much fuller package giving lots more information. Fingers Crossed!

Forest schools

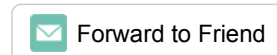
We piloted a Forest School at the Reserve in 2014, and there are plans for more in 2015.

Ealing Council are supporting Forest School Training, and there is a "Taster" for those who would like to become accredited practitioners at the Litton Local Nature Reserve in Oldfield Lane South, Greenford, on the 9th February 2015; more information and booking [here](#)

Annual General Meeting

This is an essential event, and is surprisingly sparsely attended! It is the moment when you, our Members vote for the Society's Governing Council, hear in detail what we've been up to, how we have spent the Society's money, and give us direction and support for the next 12 months.

It is on Tuesday 7th April, 7:45 pm; Greenford Community Centre. PLEASE put the date in your diary; it would be great to see as many members there as possible. Thank you!





The Selborne Society Ltd, a Company Limited by Guarantee. Company No. 00149247
Registered Office 36 Ferrymead Gardens Greenford Middlesex UB6 9NF
Registered with the Charity Commissioners: Register Number 267635

Copyright © 2015 The Selborne Society Ltd, All rights reserved.
You are receiving this email as you joined the Selborne Society and have Junior Members registered.

Our mailing address is:
The Selborne Society Ltd
36 Ferrymead Gardens
Greenford,
Middlesex, Middlesex UB6 9NF
United Kingdom

[Add us to your address book](#)

[unsubscribe from this list](#) [update subscription preferences](#)

