



The Selborne

Society Bulletin

May 2015

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

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Open Day

What a day; the weather kept us on tenterhooks rain, heavy rain, rain first thing. There was rain the night before, a little early on Sunday, then well, at least it was dry, although cool.

But that did not keep the crowds away; the official count was 2023 people, so 114 up on last year. We were graced with wonderful dancing from the Ealing Morris Dancers, and the Impact Theatre Group;

Lord Selborne, our Patron of many, many years came and Laid the First Bale on our Education Centre. Oh, and the bluebells were MAGNIFICENT. Our new Bug Hotel in the wood was filled by eager and enthusiastic children (not with, you understand!). The Brent Valley Archers gave demonstrations and test flights.

A happy day; huge thanks to all who helped set up, plan, steward, and clear up afterwards.





What's on

The Society's activities for the next couple of months

Sat 2 May	2:00 PM	Perivale Wood	Adult Field Meeting - John Wells will walk us round the reserve, finding and identifying our butterflies.
Sun 3 May	4:00 AM	Perivale Wood	INTERNATIONAL DAWN CHORUS DAY This is always a magical event; join us at 4am ... wrap up well! To walk quietly through the wood to the central clearing to listen to our wonderful bird population welcome the new day. Identification by expert Martin Smith. Followed by an optional short walk to the canal and perhaps beyond.
Sat 9 May	2:00 PM	Perivale Wood	Junior Section: a bug hunt.
Sun 10 May	10:00 AM	Perivale Wood	Conservation Management *
Sat 6 Jun	2:00 PM	Perivale Wood	Adult Field Meeting David Howdon will lead, exploring the Reserve and looking for Moths, identifying these; he's likely to have some he caught earlier too!
Sat 13 Jun	2:00 PM	Perivale Wood	Junior Section: Butterflies and Insects; The juniors will be chasing butterflies in the Paddock with sweep nets, then we'll try to identify what they catch.
Sun 14 Jun	10:00 AM	Perivale Wood	Conservation Management *
Tue 16 Jun		Perivale Wood	Austrian Scything Course with Clive Leeke o f http://www.austrianscythes.co.uk/ - bookings www.tinyurl.com/selbscythe
Sun 21 Jun	1:00 PM	Perivale Wood	A return of the Mikron Theatre Group; after their hugely popular appearance in 2013, Les Artists return with "Raising Agents", a play to celebrate the first 100 years of the Womens Institute, who are co-hosting this event. More details about the play and a trailer can be seen here: http://snipurl.com/mikron2015

Progress with the new Education Centre

Great Progress is being made; we are ahead of schedule and under budget! John O'Neill, the Carpenter, and his crew, were working during April; huge pieces of timber were transformed into a ring beam in a matter of days.

We've had to change plan slightly due to the high cost of having a scaffolding canopy over the site to keep the bales dry; now we're going to build the roof (the next 6 weeks) and then install the bales.

So John built us a ring beam; no easy matter, that the roof will sit on, high in the air.

We're increasing the number of volunteer days to Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays to

speed things up and so more people can be involved. email Vivienne@perivalewood.org.uk if you are interested in volunteering.

and the full story, can be read on our Blog, www.selbornesociety.wordpress.com.

Photography Course



The first course, at the Reserve by [Wildlife Photography Workshop](#) was a great success; pictures can be seen on the [meetup website](#)

Clearly some very skilled and talented (and enthusiastic) people visited the wood with their Cameras. Some great photos (102 at the last count!)

So successful was the day, and as the bluebells remain in great condition, Matt has agreed to organise another course; places are available ... booking information [here](#) - open to non members of the Society as well as our Members, feel free to mention it to friends and colleagues, but do so soon, the course is on Saturday and only a few places remain.

AGM

40 members attended the AGM, during it David Howdon was elected as the new chairman for the Society; s Nicola Goodard, Kim Wakeham, and Heather Mikhael were all elected as Trustees and Directors, and we welcome them and thank them for being willing to oversee the Society's affairs!

Charles Hurford, and Steven Roberts both stood down from the Society's Council, and we thank them for having served for the past few years.

Sissinghurst Coach Outing

Sorry but the Coach Outing is full; our next one will be to Hever

Northwick Park

There is a proposed development at Northwick Park and two others in the Harrow area, at the Greenford Road / Sudbury Hill location. These areas and the

Castle, details in the June mailshot.

Perivale Wood Juniors

11th May is the next Juniors, session though we are changing the name to Perivale Wood Rangers.

The Little Wild Sleep Out is now full, sorry we hope to run more of these in the future.



Ealing Croquet Club

Have spring Open Days on

- 9th May, 2pm to 4pm,
- 13th May 6pm to 8pm, and
- 16th May, 2pm to 4pm.

if you fancy a crack at Croquet, then why not go along? more info from [their website](#) or click [here](#) for a .pdf poster

connecting corridors formed by trees and hedges are all under threat.

There is a [petition](#), "Help us save our Metropolitan Open Space and Nature Conservation Area at Harrow Hill Golf Course - prevent it becoming a coach park and astroturf pitches."

and we've been asked to circulate this so our members are aware and can sign if they wish.

Here's the link:

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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!

Chest Freezer

Our Curator, Heather Mikhael, wants to prepare our collection of specimens for the move into the new Education Centre. Some of them, we think, might be a bit lively! there are bugs that live in specimens, and are not good for them.

A simple way to preserve them is freezing, so Heather is on the look out for a chest freezer that we can use for a couple of weeks to freeze, and so kill the nasties that will damage things.

need not be for long (2 or 3 weeks) or very much

space either.

Offers to contact@selbournesociety.org.uk