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# The Selborne Society Bulletin











Brilliant progress with the Education Centre Build ... as of Sunday 25th the roof is officially waterproof! all the Cedar Shakes (about 7500 of them!) have been carefully fitted in place and nailed, and the ridges and hip coverings have been fitted; It has been a marathon; theres about 200 sq metres of roof! Theres a few minor detail items to finalise, but then we are there with that. Whilst the team have been on the roof, Gerry the Carpenter has come and fitted the Sapele windows that he's made, and the shutters have been fitted too. very soon the building will be weather tight and we 'll be working in the warm and dry whatever is going on outside!

The building is looking brilliant; gentle curves and yellow ocre finish; the colour changes with the humidity. ..

As Always .. updates on the blog www.selbornesociety.wordpress.com

**Upcoming Events:.** 

Tue 3 Nov	7:45 PM	Greenford Community	Evening Meeting: Going Underground: The Natural History Museums' Victoria Burton, talks about soil, the animals that live in it and what she has
		Centre	found so far at Perivale Wood.
Sat 7 Nov	2:00 PM	Perivale Wood	One of our Adult Field Meetings, with Laura Belton looking at the Grasses in the Reserve.
Sun 8 Nov	10:00 AM	Perivale Wood	Conservation Management *
Tue 10 Nov	10:00 AM to 4:00 pm	Perivale Wood	Coppicing – Restoration and Creating Products - A course with Clive Leeke of Traditionalhedgelaying.com — £50, includes lunch, booking essential! To book register at http://tinyurl.com/selbcoppice15
Sat 14 Nov	1:45 PM	Perivale Wood	Rangers – for our younger members: Exploring Autumn: we 'll see, smell, touch, and smell our way round the wood, and make leaf pictures sounds wonderful
Tue 1 Dec	7:45 PM	Greenford Community Centre	Evening Meeting — Dr Charlotte Hall from Earthwatch will tell us about FreshWater Watch, a global citizen science programme which is engaging volunteers in the collection of field data on water quality and ecosystem conditions in urban areas. In her talk, Charlotte will take a whistle stop tour through some of the issues facing water on a global scale, before turning her focus to the UK and London, for a more detailed discussion of water quality in our own backyard. The talk will show how participants in FreshWater Watch are helping to fill the gaps in our knowledge about this critical natural resource.
Sat 5 Dec	2:00 PM	Perivale Wood	An adult field meeting Trustee Kim Wakeham lead a tour of the Reserve, looking at its archaeology, recent finds, and features that speak of its history back to the Iron Age and before. There are proposals for further investigations including carrying out surveys and excavations.
Tue 8 Dec	10:00 AM	Perivale Wood	Introduction to Hedgelaying with Clive Leeke of Traditionalhedgelaying.com. Clive taught us last year to lay hedges and this year we'll be laying a very promient hedge that faces you just as you come into the Main Gate. A prominent feature of the Reserve. http://tinyurl.com/selbhedge15
Sat 12 Dec	1:45 PM	Perivale Wood	Rangers – for our younger members: Christmas; food to bring and share; find the materials to make a yule log, traditional Christmas Decoration to take home with them.
Sun 13 Dec	10:00 AM	Perivale Wood	Conservation Management *

#### Volunteers Needed Please!

Rae has been making tea (and Coffee) at the Field Meetings for, she says, about 35 years. She would like to hand the torch (ok, tea towel) over and we need one, or more reliable person to organise refreshments! Once a month, first Saturday; 2pm till about 4.30; duties include bringing the necessary (milk, biscuits, tea etc), making tea, chatting to anyone and everyone, and clearing up afterwards. No remuneration but a warm buzz and as much tea as you can drink.

# The Management of Perivale Wood Local Nature Reserve

for a long time our literature says that a Nature Reserve is not just a place that is left ot its own devices!

There is, and has been active Management of the Reserve for many years, and in 2003 a very full Management Plan was written by Nic. Ferriday, our Reserve Management Officer.

These things need review from time to time; current Conservation Practice to be reflected, possibly enhancements to make the Reserve an even better place for wildlife.

We ve applied for, and been granted the sum of £1500 from the Greater London Authority London Tree and Woodland Community Grants Scheme 2015-16 to revise our management plan; and we need the opinion of our membership to decide on what we ask to be included in the plan; one element is "Community Involvement" and we propose to do that by sponsoring places for our established volunteers on our existing courses, so that we have a richer skills base and more expertise - but also as a thank you to those who spend time and energy making Perivale Wood a really special place.

You can help by telling us what you would like to see (or not see! You can do that by filling in a form here - it really will help inform us.

### **Coppicing Course**

Our next course with Clive Coppicing – Restoration and Creating Products is now fully subscribed, but there are some plaes on the next Course, which is Tues, 8th December 2015 - Introduction to Hedgelaying last year Clive taught us to lay a hedge, and this year we hope to lay the hedge in Hutfield, that "greets" you as you come into the Reserve; it is very prominent so laying it nicely will give a great impression as you come in to this very special place! To Book, please click here http://tinyurl.com/selbhedge15 - £50 though we are able to offer some free places to our regular volunteers, who have done more than 10 hours Conservation Work at the Reserve.

A perfect early Christmas Pressie, Gift Certificates available on request at no extra charge (or £1.00 if printed and posted!).

# Rangers!

Saturday Nov 14th 2-4pm all children are welcome to come to Rangers where we will be exploring the reserve with our senses. Dare you try to navigate through the wood blindfolded or barefoot?! We'll be making musical instruments with natural objects too.

Saturday Dec 12th 2-4pm bring your children to the Rangers Christmas party. We'll be making festive Yule logs and yet decorations. Bring party food to celebrate.

# **Conservation Management:**

once a month our wonderful volunteers help us maintain our Wonderful Perivale Wood in tip top condition; all welcome; tools gloves, etc provided. 2nd Sunday of each month, 10 am till about 1 pm.

## **Coach Outings**

Our next Outing will be on the 23rd February to the Wildlife and Wetland's Trusts Arundel Nature Reserve full information in the flier .. download from here; includes the booking form

# **Ecology and Conservation Studies Society,**

#### **Birkbeck Free Lecture series**

these are held at Birkbeck college in central London and are excellent! This series is entitled

What do we know about the status of our wildlife? and the lecture titles are as follows:

the last couple are:

Nov 6th. Citizen Science in Action at the Open Air Laboratories (OPAL). Dr David Slawson & Dr Poppy Lakeman Fraser, Opal, Imperial College London.

Nov 13th. Monitoring hoverflies with digital photographs. Roger Morris, consultant.

Lecture Theatre B36, downstairs at theTorrington Square entrance. 18:30 pm, till 20:00

More information

from: http://tinyurl.com

/selbecs15-10

### Wanted! Greenhouse Space:

Gillian Brown writes I have, and can make more, pots of plants for the plant sale at the open day but I have nowhere to send them. Is there is someone with greenhouse space who would be willing to pick them up some time in November and keep them safe till the Spring?. offers via

contact@selbornesociety.org.uk please.

# Perivale Wood Heritage and Archaeology Group.

Kim says "thank you for all of the interest shown to date. There are exciting opportunities ahead for deepening our understanding of Perivale Wood including survey and documentary research. Please do contact me if your're interested in any aspect of the research or have any skills you would like to offer. Looking forward to meeting many more of you over the coming months..."

### Photo Competition:

Thames 21 have organised a photo competition ... closing date is 15th November so you need to move quickly if you want enter; VERY DECENT PRIZES! £100 and 2 tickets on the London Eye as first prize. More information here

#### Greenredeem

Some will remember that we used Ealing Council 's <u>Greenredeem</u> scheme to raise £1000 towards the Education Centre a little while ago; We are applying to raise £1500 towards our Education Programme, more information will follow next month ... but if you have any point to donate, please hold on to them so you can donate them to us when the application is completed and (assuming) the project

#### is accepted. THANKS!



Congratulations to member Bryan Payne who has been appointed Postmaster (UK branch) for the Missing Post Office at The Diawa Anglo-Japanese Foundation, London

. The MPO forms an essential part of a Japanese PhD students project and is to be exhibited in January and February 2016.

Saya Kubota is Artist in Residence at the City and Guilds of London Art School, Kennington, London SE11.

The MPO is located on the island of Awashima, Japan and to date holds approximately 7000 letters and postcards that may be read by visitors.

Bryan asks "Is there someone to whom you wish you could tell your thoughts, even if you might never receive an answer? At MISSING POST OFFICE UK, we receive and look after letters you want to write but don't know where to send. The post office is a kind of a poste restante, where letters are collected in a 'Missing PO Box' while awaiting delivery, someday, to an unknown destination. Until then, the letters are left to drift, floating in a liminal space under our custody.

We accept any letter or postcard, addressed to anyone or anything... Letters from: The past, present, future... Letters about: Objects, incidents, places....Letters to: Strangers, old friends, lovers, family, pets, imaginary or famous people....

We invite you to post a letter, like a message in a bottle, that will float on the sea of time. A letter to anyone, anywhere, at any time, which might one day arrive here with us, and be washed ashore to you as the reader."

Please post your letter or postcard to:-



Missing Post Office UK c/o The Daiwa Anglo-Japanese Foundation Daiwa Foundation Japan House 13/14 Cornwall Terrace (Outer Circle) London NW1 4QP

For more information please visit:- <a href="http://missing-post-office.com/missing-post-office-uk/">http://missing-post-office.com/missing-post-office.com/missing-post-office-uk/</a>

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