



The Selborne

Society Bulletin

March 2016

Spring Mailing

The Spring Mailing is out ... it contains ...

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click on the relevant link to download the documents of your choice!

Many members have now chosen just to receive news from the Society by email, so you should not get paper copies.



The Bluebell Centre ... work goes on





Work continues indoors mainly, its been cold! we ve had shennanigans with the drains they keep leaking and of course they have to be reliably watertight before we can put the floor down over them.

The team have decided to priorities the kitchen, toilets, corridor and meeting room so these are ready in time for the AGM and Open Day; the Citizen Science Lab will need to be completed later.

As always, more hands make light work; if you can volunteer, please [email](#)

Upcoming Events:.

Tue 1 Mar	7:45 PM	Greenford Community Centre	Evening Meeting ... Brenna Boyle of "Wild Capital" From Hills to High-Water; The Thames as a Wildlife Corridor <i>Peer into it's murky depths and you'll discover that the River Thames is teeming with abundant and fascinating wildlife. It was the natural history of the Thames which drew zoologist Brenna Boyle away from a field centre in the Scottish Highlands to the heart of the city. Join Brenna for an evening's talk and discover how the Thames attracts, supports and spreads wildlife along its diverse and changeable banks. Prepare to be excited by eels, tickled by terns and seduced by seals.</i>
Sat 5 Mar	2:00 PM	Perivale Wood	Adult field Meeting; Reserve Management Officer Nic. Ferriday will walk us round the Reserve, explaining why different areas are different, and how we manage them to protect and maintain the rich biodiversity of the Woodland and Pastures.
Sun 6 Mar	10:00 AM	Perivale Wood	Conservation Management *
Thu 10 Mar		Perivale Wood	Small Mammal Survey Trapping commences - a 7 day programme; we need volunteers to set, monitor and empty the traps (NB no small mammals will be harmed in this exercise; it is to monitor them NOT to harm them!)
Sat 12 Mar	2:00 PM	Perivale Wood	Rangers – for our younger members – We'll be joined by Huma Pearce from the London Wildlife Trust and helping with their "Small Mammal Survey"
Sat 19 Mar	8:30 PM	Perivale Wood	Earth Hour; we are expecting to mark Earth Hour at Perivale Wood; details to follow. (nb error on previous diary ... was published for a week later).
Sat 26 Mar	8:30 PM	Perivale Wood	Earth Hour; we are expecting to mark Earth Hour at Perivale Wood; details to follow.
Sat 2 Apr	2:00 PM	Perivale Wood	adult field meeting tba
Sat 9 Apr	2:00 PM	Perivale Wood	Rangers – for our younger members, who will be looking for the Reserves Bird Population; what will we be able to find?
Sun 10 Apr	10:00 AM	Perivale Wood	Conservation Management *
Tue 12 Apr	7:45 PM	Perivale Wood	Our Annual General Meeting; an ESSENTIAL part of our Society's life ... setting policy and direction for the next year, electing Trustees, reviewing our Finances. Your chance to hold us to account! This will be held at the Bluebell Centre, our new Education Centre at Perivale Wood; it may not be finished but it will be useable by then. The Reserve will be open from 6pm and the kettle will be on, so a chance to discover the new building and have a walk round the Wood too.
Sat 23 Apr	10:00 AM	Perivale Wood	Open day set up – from 10am; many hands make light work, so the more the merrier.
Sun 24 Apr	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM	Perivale Wood	The Annual Open Day ... when we open the Reserve to the public to show off and share its wonders, to recruit new members. Bring Friends, family, colleagues, and of course yourself, and if you are able to help with refreshments, stewarding and so on, then turn up or let us know in advance. This year we are planning to formally open the Education Centre, and it ought be quite a beano!

SOS; ... SMS (Small Mammal Survey)

Huma, who is organising the Small Mammal Survey would like more volunteers, please to help with the trapping phase of the survey ... she writes:

The time to start trapping surveys is soo, I have sadly not had many volunteers contact me to confirm whether they are able to help out at all.

[Email Huma](#) if you can help

Open Day

A reminder that Open Day will be the 24th April 2016 ...There will be a chance to look at the the Bluebell Centre and ought to be quite a blast .. as usual we ve invited all sorts of local organisations as well as like minded charities. If you are a member of an organisation that would like to come, do get in touch.

We will be looking for volunteers to set up, marshall the event and so on, and tidy up afterwards, do please email if you able to help.

There is always a great show of home made cakes, jams and jellies, and of course PLANTS for sale ... Gillian asks that plants are labelled so everyone knows what they are! Thanks!

Hedges, splinters and mud!

Kim writes ... A BIG thank you to all of you who came and laid hedges over the past few weeks - they are looking fantastic!

Hedge laying proper has now wound up until October time as we don't really have time to start another section this side of Easter. However, there is remedial work needed on the hedge around Little Elm Meadow and the Bridle Path.

It involves blocking up the gaps in the hedge with binders/dead wood to stop the horses from going into the wood and pond area.

However, if you fancy it, I need to finish the archaeological test pit I started in December. It will be very, very muddy! Once that has been finished, there will be others to dig by the hut before we start to put the outside access ramp in.

Full training given!

[email Kim](#) for more information

Annual General Meeting

Notice is given that the AGM will be at 7:45 pm on the 12th April 2016; the venue will be the Bluebell Centre, Perivale Wood Local Nature Reserve, Sunley Gardens, Perivale, Middlesex, UB6 7PE.

The Agenda etc will follow;

This will be the first event to be held at the Bluebell Centre, our Education Centre, which may not be finished then, but will be useable! We 'll arrange to open Perivale Wood an hour or so earlier, so you can have a walk in the Wood, see whats been done and find out what is planned. and of course see the Bluebell Centre and discover the potential that it holds for the Society and the Reserve.

It is fitting that first meeting in our new building will be an Annual General Meeting, to which ALL members are invited (and ought to attend).



You may remember that we used Ealing Council's [Greenredeem](#) scheme to raise £1000 towards the Education Centre a little while ago; We've applied to raise £1500 towards our Rangers, and have been accepted; if we are successful then we will use the money to buy much needed equipment for use with our burgeoning Rangers Group (61 children at the last session) and the Education Programme will probably benefit too. It is a competition; we need to come first to get the full £1500 (2nd prize, £750) and runs till the end of June; at the moment we are in second place, so if you live in Ealing, please Register use the code KBE when you do so, it gives us an extra 25 points immediately!. Collect points (by recycling and taking part in fun activities) and donate your points to us! THANK YOU!

Clean for the Queen ...

some local initiatives in this national campaign ... I've been asked to particularly mention Saturday 5th March Clean up of the River Brent at Pitshanger Park with our friends Thames 21, Full details - <http://www.thames21.org.uk/event/clean-for-the-queen-pitshanger-park-ealing/> information about other events here <http://www.cleanforthequeen.co.uk/home/2365>

PTES Hedgehog campaign

Henry Johnson rejoices in being the Peoples Trust for Endangered Species' Hedgehog Officer; he spoke at the Society a year or so back, and the PTES have launched a campaign to save the hedgehog ... information [here](#)

A couple of bee related requests ...

1. Elizabeth is looking for gardens in West London, WITH side access but without hives of honey bees, to house bumble bee colonies, as a part of her MsC research ... she'd visit and weigh the colony, and count the bees, weekly from the start of the project till the colony's life cycle was completed; More information and to register <http://www.cleanforthequeen.co.uk/home/2365>
2. Linda is doing a PhD and would like gardeners to help her by planting beans, http://www.ljbees.org.uk/posts/2016/BnB_Sign_up/ for more information

Wildlife Police

In 2014, the government announced only 2 years of support to the National Wildlife Crime Unit (NWCU), the unit will vanish if the government does not fund it beyond March 2016 ... theres more information and a petition <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/118005>

***Conservation Management:**

once a month our wonderful volunteers help

Looking for a Lift

Helen lives in the Pitshanger area and would like to get to Society Events at the Reserve, but has not been able to do so. Anyone able to offer a lift? email me, and I ll pass the message along.

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.

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