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# The Selborne Society Bulletin



## 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 [register here](#)

We will be looking for volunteers to set up, marshall the event and so on, set up on the Saturday, go to the Cash and Carry, and tidy up afterwards, do please register [here](#) if you are 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! We are not planning to sell books or plants this year, but there will be a lot more on!

You can download the poster by [clicking on it](#), print and display, give to friends, or share electronically by email, Facebook, Twitter etc, There's [a black and white poster too](#)

## Annual General Meeting

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.

You can download the Annual Report from [here](#) in addition to the essential (but quite brief) financial report on the Charity, our income and expenditure, it includes a summary and photos of our activities during the past 12 months;

This will be the first event to be held at the Bluebell Centre, our Education Centre. We 'll arrange to open Perivale Wood from 6pm, 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. And the kettle will be on

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).

The AGM is when we elect our Trustees / Directors, and if you would like to stand for election do get in touch ... nominations are now open.

There will be 50 copies of the annual report printed in A4 booklet format to had out at the AGM, but if you are coming it would be great if you could download it and bring it on your Tablet, Kindle etc so paper copies are saved for those without such devices.

We look forward to welcoming you to this important event in our fantastic new building.

## The Bluebell Centre ... work goes on



Again its been steady progress, and the great news is that all the internal partitions are in; and we have a plasterer - Miles - starting next week to skim the walls and ceilings in the Kitchen, corridor, toilets, and laboratory. Most of the wiring is in and Brunel University are sending a team of student electricians to do some wiring for us on Sunday.

Norman the floor man will come to lay sheet vinyl in the toilets and kitchen, and the we 'll be

able to start fitting those out, so great progress is being made.

The Ramps and steps outside will be made from Decking Timber and BASF have sponsored this, so delivery is imminent. Thanks BASF.

As always, more hands make light work; if you can volunteer, please [email](#) .. and visit the blog, [www.selbornesociety.wordpress.com](http://www.selbornesociety.wordpress.com) for regular updates.

## Upcoming Events:.

Sat 2 Apr	2:00 PM	Perivale Wood	Martin Smith is leading us on a walk round the Reserve and out onto Horsenden Hill, mainly to look at the wildflowers, but Martin is a fount of knowledge about the Hill itself, and so an interesting experience is assured; come prepared for mud! Everywhere is very wet still!
Sat 9 Apr	2:00 PM	Perivale Wood	Rangers –Rangers April 9th we'll be looking for signs of spring and going on an Easter egg hunt. Also we'll be making pine cone bird feeders.?
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. 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 to be quite a beano!
Sun 1 May	4:00 AM	Perivale Wood	International Dawn Chorus! Join us as we celebrate this annual event with David Howdon and Martin Smith leading us, and telling us what the calls are ... usually we go up to the canal and sometimes on to Horsenden Hill there's the chance of a bacon butty on return too ... but do please be punctual! They 'll be off to the Central Clearing and the gate locked quite quickly.
Sat 7 May	2:00 PM	Perivale Wood	Pond dipping for Adults with Peter Warne.
Sun 8 May			Conservation Management *
Sat 14 May	2:00 PM	Perivale Wood	Rangers – for our younger members – Bees and Honey ... exploring the world of Bees, why are they important (apart from making honey!); how many different types can we find?
Tue 31 May			A coach outing to the wonderful Selborne Village; prebooking essential, charged and ticketed.



.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. It is a competition; we need to come first to get the full £1500 (2nd

## Spring Mailing

Just in case you missed it, the Spring Mailing contained the following:

[the Spring Newsletter;](#)

[Coach outing forms for Selborne Village 31st May,](#)

[the diary for the next few months](#)

[Coach Outing form for Sheffield Park](#)

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!

***And there is a new way to earn points to donate to us .., old mobile phones and tablets tend to get stored away in a kitchen drawer or on the top shelf of a cupboard for safe keeping. But you can sell them for cash - Sometimes up to £350 , and by selling them through the Greenredeem Scheme, you can get points that you can donate to The Selborne Society's Rangers ... Start [here](#)... remember to register and sign into your Greenredeem account first.***

## Coach Outings

... the last I heard was that there were just 8 places on the Selborne Outing (31 May 2016) and 10 left on the Sheffield Park (2nd August 2016) Trips ... so if you want to come, please book urgently.

We will hold a few reserve places, and if there is demand, will consider booking a second coach for Sheffield Park, where their facilities will accommodate two coach loads (where Selborne Village will not!) booking form links in "spring mailing" above!

We ve planned an outing to Wakehurst Place in October, full information later.

[Notice of our AGM,](#)  
[nest box adoption scheme leaflet](#)

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.

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## \*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.



we have some availability for schools and groups sessions in June and July ... so if your school, your childrens school, a friends school, etc would like to come, do please put them in touch with

[environmentaleducation@perivalewood.org.uk](mailto:environmentaleducation@perivalewood.org.uk) -

the sessions are proving very popular and beneficial.



... for those of you who have not heard of it, the Big Lunch is a national initiative organised by the Eden Project ... with big lottery funding. <http://www.thebiglunch.com/>; It would be splendid to have a big lunch type event at the Wood, and the Eden Project offer free training, which friends

## Want to share an Allotment??

Member Paul has rented an allotment off Jubilee Gardens, and would like to share it with someone ... if you are interested, then please contact Paul on 07490738537 or [297779525@qq.com](mailto:297779525@qq.com) and discuss. -

Paul says there are also vacant plots nearby if you want to have one of your own.

have done, and is said to be excellent. Really recommended, not just for the Selborne Society but other organisations and community groups too. information about the training [here](#)

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We are delighted to announce that Impact Theatre will be performing A Midsummer Nights Dream at Perivale Wood on the 18th June 2016; This will be a ticketed event, and charged for, but should be spectacular. Other performances will be at their Centre in Perivale Park ....

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