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The Selborne Society Bulletin

The Bluebell Centre ... work goes on



After open day the building returned to site mode, and work has continued with foundations for the ramp and steps being dug, and the Citizen Science Lab. Walls being clad with tongued and grooved pine, which we salvaged an amazing 4 years ago from Walpole Park, and stored away ever since. it looks great.

The foundations are source of great interest to Kim, our Archaeologist, who is checking the spoil that comes out (Roman Tiles found) and also digging a test pit under what will become a ramp, as she earlier found material that was interesting!

Steve Haskett has made a brief [Video](#), which is more up to date than these photos ...

Upcoming Events:.

Sat 4 Jun	2:00 PM	Perivale Wood	Adult Field Meeting; John Wells will take us on a Tour of Perivale Wood, looking at our wild flowers.
Fri 10 Jun	9:30 PM	Perivale Wood	National Moth Night; we ll be organising a moth evening with the usual range of trapping (no moths will be harmed) and luring ... its always a brilliant evening and a time to find out more about these wonderful creatures.
Sat 11 Jun	2:00 PM	Perivale Wood	Rangers – for our younger members – Pond dipping; with nets and trays we'll be exploring the depths of our ponds, which teem with life – what will we be able to find?
Sun 12 Jun	10:00 AM	Perivale Wood	Conservation Management *
Sat 18 Jun	tba	Perivale Wood	Midsummer Night's Dream with Impact Theatre Group this will be a charged and ticketed event
Sat 25 Jun	We re sorry to say that we ve had to cancel the Bioblitz that we thought would be held.		
Sat 2 Jul	2:00 PM	Perivale Wood	Adult Field Meeting – Fiona Barclay of Nature Guides will lead us on an entomological exploration of the wood ... wasps, bees, beetles, plus the odd arachnid no doubt. Always a lovely and fascinatioing afternoon.
Sat 9 Jul	2:00 PM	Perivale Wood	Rangers – for our younger members – A tangled web! We'll be looking for, and at our spiders
Sun 10 Jul	10:00 AM	Perivale Wood	Conservation Management *



Impact Theatre and Outreach Network will be performing 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' in Perivale woods on the night of Saturday the 18th of June from 7.30.

This is a ticket only event obtained from Impact Theatre Perivale.

Tickets are £10 each

Please bring a blanket or garden chairs to sit on.

Tel; [0208 992 8979](tel:02089928979)

e mail; info@impacttheatre.co
www.impacttheatre.co



This is the last month that the competition is running; closing date is 30th June ... and **we need your points to help us win £1500 towards our Rangers**, if we are successful then we will use the money to buy much needed equipment. 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!

There is a poster [here](#)... please share it with family, friends, and any group that you are a member of ... schools and the like
THANK YOU!

Dont forget that old mobile phones and tablets can be sold through the scheme - and you also earn points that you can donate to The Selborne Society's Rangers ... Start [here](#)... remember to register and sign into your Greenredeem account first.

Gift Aid ...

The Society is able to recover tax paid on donations, and also membership; if you've not filled in a gift aid form, and pay tax, then please consider doing so!
You can download a form from [here](#).



The new website has been launched; funded by the BAA Heathrow Community Fund Grant, you will find it [here](#) - do please share it with any teachers who you know. also great to put it on social media - twitter and the like - as that ups its count in Google.

The Education programme has nearly met the "Grant" targets ...

***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.

If you've been watching Springwatch then this is your chance to do something great for nature!



We have 24 backers and £153,390 Pledged in our "Crowdfunding" campaign to fund the Bluebell Centre - there's about another £8000 to go ... if you'd like to donate and help us raise

We need warn that if your tax status changes so you do not pay sufficient tax to cover your gift aid donations, the Revenue may recover any balance from you, so it is important that you tell us if your tax status changes.



The observant will have spotted that our Logo has Changed; Thanks to Richard Goddard who has reworked the Logo. Of course the image is Gilbert White, author of the Natural History of Selborne, and is based on the only known portrait of him - a sketch done by a colleague when he was a student. The frame is the perimeter of Perivale Wood Local Nature Reserve, which is dedicated as his Memorial.

Richard was Co-opted to be a Trustee at the Council meeting on the 2nd June, Congratulations and Welcome.

A request from Kim Wakeham:

There is a petition against the governments new proposed Neighbourhood and Infrastructure

funds to finish and, critically equip the building to make it really fit for purpose, and a brilliant new home for the Society, and a fantastic place for Schools, **please donate** ... does not need to be much, as many small donations add up - though bigger donations add up faster!

Please Visit

<https://www.spacehive.com>

[/Perivalewood](#) and donate. Thank You!

Thank You!!

Coach Outings

The Selborne village Outing (31 May 2016) was great, though it rained, everyone had a great time. The next trip is to Sheffield Park trip (2nd August 2016) and full, but there is the potential for a second coach, so if you wan to come, then please book ... the form is [here if you need to download it](#) We'll only bank the cheque once we know for certain that a second coach will be taken, and you ve confirmed that you are still available to come on the day.

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

Bill, which will see the abolition of the current requirements which force developers to carry out archaeological and wildlife surveys before starting housing projects.

If you're interested, then please click this link to be taken to the petition: <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/130783>

100,000 signatures are needed to raise it as a debate in Parliament, so please forward it on to other people.

News of the Nest Boxes at Perivale Wood

Lots of our boxes are occupied, including some of the new ones bought in. Thanks to the excellent maintenance, predation losses to woodpeckers or squirrels drilling into weak spots have been low. However, it seems that both Blue and Great Tits have had a tough time with the cold spring. Both species have had smaller clutches and broods than normal, but most pairs have managed to rear some young. In wetter years recently many didn't.

Blue Tits in particular are also around a week later than usual.

Results so far are that 158 young Blue and 76 young Great Tits have been ringed in the boxes this year. There are a handful of late broods still to do, but overall this will be



Our Friends at the Litten Local Nature Reserve have an Open Day on 2nd July - all welcome. more information [here](#)

The Big Lunch

Perivale Festivals Committee are hosting The Royal Perivale Picnic 2016 on Sunday 12th June from 1-4pm as part of the nationwide Big Lunch celebrating the Queens 90th birthday!

More information [here](#)



'Steve Pound: 'Keep the ban on bee harming pesticides'

As ministers prepare to make decision on application to lift the ban, pressure builds to keep neonicotinoids off our fields this

another below
average year for productivity. The good news is that the breeding population is almost back to normal, indicated by the high proportion of boxes in use. Even 3 of the mammal survey boxes were taken over by Blue Tits!

Vole Patrol:

Huma Writes:

WOODLAND WALKS

I am proposing to do some dusk/evening woodland walks at each of the sites. The aim will be to try and spot and record any mammals heard/seen as well as undertake monitoring for bats. We will walk a transect while it is still light and note any mammal signs that we see followed by a repeat walk of the transect after sunset where we will use the thermal camera, spot lighting and bat detectors to aid us in our mammal search. A list of proposed dates for sites are provided below. The timing of these will be from **20:00 – 23:00** (sunset is around 21:20).

Saturday 4th June – PEAR WOOD – meet at the car park by the Old Dairy (TBC)

Friday 10th June – RUISLIP WOOD – meet at the Bayhurst Wood Car Park (TBC)

Saturday 11th June - GUTTERIDGE & TEN ACRE WOOD – Meet at the garages by entrance to Gutteridge Wood.

summer

Steve has added his name to a growing list of MPs who are opposed to lifting of the ban on bee harming pesticides.

Neonicotinoids have been restricted across Europe since 2013 due to mounting evidence that they pose a risk to bees. Bees are responsible for pollinating two thirds of the food we eat. But the National Farmers Union (NFU) has applied to the government to lift the ban in some parts of the country. Ministers are currently considering their application.

Steve took the pledge to oppose the lifting of the ban at a Parliamentary event held this week, organised by 38 Degrees and Friends of the Earth. MPs heard new evidence from scientists and from a Lincolnshire farmer who had stopped using these pesticides before the ban. Speaking after the event, Steve, said:

“The message is loud and clear from people in Ealing North: keep the ban on bee harming pesticides. I have listened to their concerns and I’ll be making my opposition very clear in parliament to any plan to lift the ban.”

Amy Lockwood, Campaign Manager at 38 Degrees, said:

“38 Degrees members have come together - in our hundreds of thousands - to send a clear

Sunday 12th June – LONG WOOD –
Meet at the entrance on Windmill Lane

Friday 17th June – TENTELOW WOOD
– meet at the car park off Tentelow Lane

Sunday 19th June – DENHAM LOCK
WOOD – Meet at Uxbridge Golf Course

Please contact Huma
hpearce@wildlondon.org.uk for more
information.

*message to the government: the
British people don't want the ban on
bee killing pesticides to be lifted."*

**Sandra Bell, The Bee Cause
campaigner at Friends of the
Earth, said:**

*"Bees are essential for pollinating
our crops - we can't afford to gamble
with their future. The Government
must keep these dangerous
pesticides out of our fields."*



Our friends at
Fleet Pond in
Hampshire
(think Fleet
Services on the
M3!) are having
an Open Day
5th June 2016
.... more
information from
their [website](#).

Bioblitz in Denham

There is a bioblitz being organised at Denham, the Countryside Park; this is intended to get as much information as possible about the wildlife in the area, which will be badly affected by HS2. The date will be 18th July; if you'd like to help, then contact Mark



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