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# The Selborne Society Bulletin

October 2016



Its been a satisfying month on the Build ... so much has been achieved by the team, re-energised and re-invigorated by holidays! The site has been TIDIED and the polytunnels taken down; there is a huge heap of scrap wood (much good for woodburners, if you have one and would like to pick some up do please get in touch; we are keen to see the back of it!), there remain jobs to be done ... the Ramp needs to be finished (but the archaeology test pit is being expanded) and basins to be fitted .... the electrics need to be completed, benches to be made for the boot room, bits of painting to be done! help still gratefully received.

In particular we are planning a skip for the 17th to remove much of the refuse; help sorting and loading much appreciated! email for details, or phone 07878594290.

Of course huge thanks to all who have volunteered so far ... it would not have happened without you.

more information and updates at [www.selbornesociety.wordpress.com](http://www.selbornesociety.wordpress.com)

### Upcoming Events:.

- Sat 1 Oct      2:00 PM    Trustee John Winget leads us on a walk round the Reserve, gentle pace, and finding things of interest generally. A chance to explore the Wood**
- Tue 4 Oct      7:45 PM    The first of our evening meetings of the Season,. and to mark the first anniversary of the Perivale Wood Heritage and Archaeology Group, Trustee Kim Wakeham, who will be talking about the History of Perivale Wood, the discoveries to date, and future plans for exploring and discovering more. Promises to be FASCINATING! Venue will be Horsenden Farm just over the canal bridge - from the Reserve and turn right. Please be punctual as the gates will be locked one the talk starts.**
- Sat 8 Oct      2:00 PM    Rangers – for our younger members – Using some of the coppiced timber, the Rangers will be building Dens – little ones for soft toys, and bigger ones for themselves! And looking for Fungi too.**
- Sun 9 Oct      10:00      Volunteer Working Morning \*  
AM**
- Tue 18 Oct                      Coach outing to Wakehurst Place ... this is now full, and we are no longer taking bookings.**
- Tue 1 Nov      7:45 PM    Prof. Steven Loiselle - the Senior Freshwater Research Manager at Earthwatch Institute (Oxford, UK) will speak to us about Earthwatch, and it sounds fascinating; Earthwatch is an international organisation which for 40 years has been promoting citizen science as a way of monitoring species and habitats, bringing people and scientists together to develop knowledge and understanding, and action required to protect**

the environment; Steve will be sharing his experiences of Research in Africa, South America, the Mediterranean and China.

- Sat 5 Nov 2:00 PM Perivale Wood – the Wood in Late Autumn – John Wells will see what the Autumn has brought to our Nature Reserve
- Sat 12 Nov 2:00 PM Rangers – for our younger members – grubbing about – we'll be checking leaf litter to find out what we creepy crawlies we can find in it; with expert Victoria Burton.
- Sun 13 Nov 10:00 AM Volunteer Working Morning \*
- Sat 3 Dec 2:00 PM Beneath our feet ... Victoria Burton (@soilscholar) will investigate what is underground at the Wood the little things that are easy to miss or ignore .... and undervalue! They are important ... think woodlice, slugs, earthworms, and other soil organisms.
- Tue 6 Dec 7:45 PM Mike Hyde of the Woodlands Trust will speak to us about the work of the Trust
- Sat 10 Dec 2:00 PM Rangers – for our younger members – A christmas party and christmas crafts.
- Sun 11 Dec 10:00 AM Volunteer Working Morning \*



The Rangers meet on Saturday 8th October and be Den Building ... always hugely popular!

Melanie from GreenRedeem had to cancel the presentation of a massive cheque ... £1500 - the result of the "points" award that ended in July, and in which we came first :-), so will be coming to this session to make the presentation!



## News Letter Deliveries:

the Paper version of the newsletter costs a lot to post, but our volunteers save us a huge amount by hand delivering round their neighbourhood.

We are looking for people to deliver, particularly in the W13 and W5 areas. Typically each "round" takes about an hour and a half walking, and less if you can cycle! Only 3 times a year. Please get in touch to offer [contact@selbornesociety.org.uk](mailto:contact@selbornesociety.org.uk)

## Events by Friends and Associates

There will be an event to lobby the three Ealing MP's Steve Pound, Rupa Huq and Virendra Sharma, to protect the people, places and wild places we love from **climate change**

at Perivale Wood at 3pm Saturday 15th October. For more information contact Sue Charlton 020 8997 8236 or [sacharnton@btinternet.com](mailto:sacharnton@btinternet.com); there is a poster [here](#)

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Our Member and good friend, June Chatfield, is leading a beginners course on Fungi from Friday 23rd to Sunday 25th October, in Margham Park, Port Talbot, Swansea South Wales, at the newly built Field Studies Centre there. [More information](#)

And Birkbeck College have their free Evening Lecture Series starting on the 14th October, and the topic is "Lower Plants" with the topics including " How plants got onto land" "Bryophytes", "Ferns", "Microalgae " and "Benthic marine algae (seaweeds) of Kent: ecology, floristics and conservation" ... full programme [here](#) - these lectures are completely free, just turn up on the day (a bit early, finding the room can be a challenge!) and they are always interesting and informative, a chance to learn about new stuff!

## ***IMBY (In my back yard)***

Are developing an online platform that helps people garden to improve urban biodiversity. The platform aims to help people care for the garden they already have, linking it with external data such as weather, providing a platform to gather information about the wildlife in their gardens, then combining all of this to provide analysis for the health of the local ecosystem and make suggestions on how to improve it.

## **Jam --- fruit needed please**

Our Jam makers have been busy and there are 180 jars of jam ready for the 2017 Open Day! but they need ingredients, especially fruit. If you have spare, do please freeze it down, and get in touch via [contact@selbornesociety.org.uk](mailto:contact@selbornesociety.org.uk) - we do have jars, but if you have clean, good jars with secure preferably metal lids, do please get in touch too.

## **Volunteering at Perivale Wood**

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

Tea and biscuits provided.

Up and coming tasks include repairing the dust heap steps and the pond dipping platform in Pondfield, waders provided! theres always scrub to clear, and the big pond needs the Reeds cleared out.

We are never short of things to do! Its fun, its free, its a good way to spend time out in the open are, and work with great company.

We intend to start monthly sessions on Tuesdays too, as we know there are some who are willing to help but can not make it at the weekend. Might start that in November, but we are still finalising that.



They are undertaking research and would like to interview some Society Members ... it would be a relaxed chat around biodiversity and gardening in your own garden.

Each interview shouldn't last longer than 1 hour and would take place at a convenient time for you. Ideally the interviewer, Kirsty would come and visit you but that can be flexible around the location if necessary.

They offer a £25 gift voucher to each interviewee for giving up their time.

If you are interested and available to help out could you please get in touch with [Kirsty](#) to arrange a time and date for your interview. At this stage they would like to speak to volunteers that don't have a leadership type role within the Society but do volunteer for horticultural tasks and also have their own garden at home.

All Welcome

## Coach Outings

The two forthcoming outings are now full and there is a waiting list so, if you wanted to come, sorry!

There will be more outings next year; plans have yet to be formalised!

## Wood Burners

We still have a lot of wood, offcuts from the Build, that is suitable for wood burners, so if you have a suitable burner and are looking for winter fuel, then look no further; there are large quantities of off cuts at the Reserve that would suit wood burners, and we 'd be happy to see the back of them.

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[contact@selbornesociety.org.uk](mailto:contact@selbornesociety.org.uk) to start the ball rolling!



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