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# The Selborne Society Bulletin

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## The Bluebell Centre

The work continues ... the list of jobs is getting shorter!

The plumbing is complete, the electricians are awaiting the final design of the control box and installation; the ramp continues ... the Archaeology Test Pit is now flooded, so is being closed down for the winter, and we'll build the ramp over it with removable sections so Kim can carry on in the Spring. Otherwise the ramp and steps are nigh on complete.

The decorative - and insulating - boxing over the shutters are made, the insulation is being shaped to fit, and the boxing is being fitted.

Fire proof paint completed in the Corridor, and the flooring in the boot room is on order.

We've found a buyer for the parquet flooring that we had spare, so that's £250 in the bank, thank you! Also some of the surplus salvaged materials are off to (another) good home - the windows we salvaged from the Rickyard, but not used, are on their way to Haslemere Allotments, where they'll be a part of a new glasshouse, and they are having some spare timber and possibly bits of our spare roof trusses too.

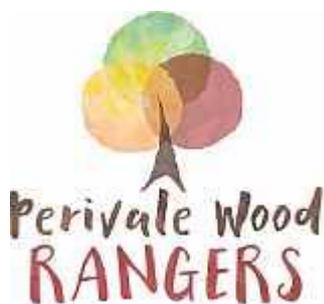
More of the spare 100 x 50 mm timber has gone to Horsenden Hill, where it's going to become a pig pen (!) and most of the burnable timber has gone to a good new home, where it will provide winter warmth. We had a 13 Cubic Metre Skip, which took a very short time to fill, so the Reserve is looking MUCH tidier, which is a relief ... very aware that the building site has taken over the main entrance area, and the impression is not good.

As always, follow the blog w [www.selbornesociety.wordpress.com](http://www.selbornesociety.wordpress.com) to keep up to date.

### Upcoming Events:.

**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. The Venue will be the Greenford Community Centre, Oldfield Lane South, Greenford (car park entrance in Wordsworth Avenue).**

- 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 \*
- Tue 22 Nov 10:00 AM** The first of our midweek Volunteer Sessions at Perivale Wood; to be the 4th Tuesday of every month (except December). The aim is to provide a time when people who would like to work on the Wood and help keep it pristine for nature, but can not make it on the regular Sunday sessions, a chance to take part. 10:00 am at Perivale Wood, more information in the newsletter
- 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. The Venue will be the Greenford Community Centre, Oldfield Lane South, Greenford (car park entrance in Wordsworth Avenue).
- 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 12th November 2016, 13:45 at Perivale Wood, and will be looking at ... and picking up ... wriggley worms with the NHS's Victoria Burton, who's a

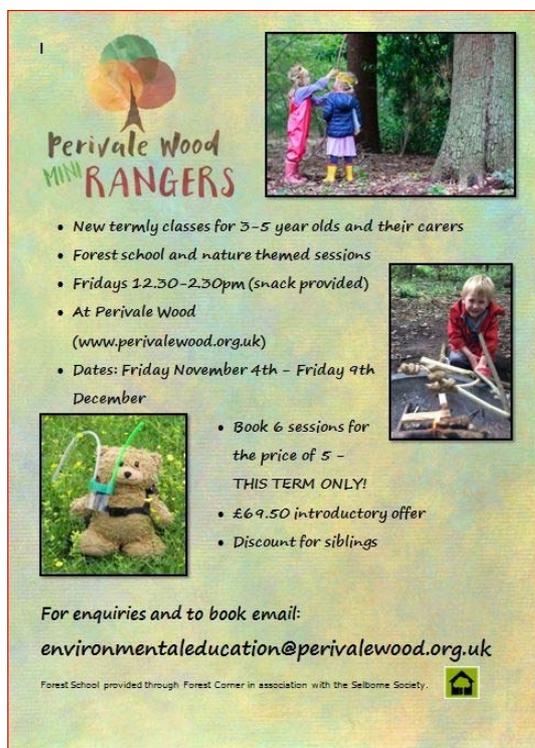
### **Mailing coming soon.**

The editor had been busy and a mailing is nearly ready to go out, it will include the newsletter, diary for the next few months, and a flyer for the June coach outing. Some have asked just to receive this by email, and if so you will not get a paper copy. do keep an eye open for another mailing in your in box!

proper expert.  
Rangers, and their  
parents,welcome.  
Expect fun!

## Mini Rangers

We are delighted to announce the launch of Perivale Wood Mini Rangers .... [click on the poster below for a full size version.](#)



The poster for Perivale Wood Mini Rangers features a stylized tree logo with the text 'Perivale Wood MINI RANGERS'. It includes two photographs: one of two children in a forest and another of a child working with sticks. The text on the poster provides details about the classes, including their frequency, location, and dates. It also lists booking information, such as the price of 5 and an introductory offer of £69.50. Contact information for enquiries and booking is provided at the bottom, along with a small house icon and a note about the Forest School being provided through Forest Corner in association with the Selborne Society.

- New termly classes for 3-5 year olds and their carers
- Forest school and nature themed sessions
- Fridays 12.30-2.30pm (snack provided)
- At Perivale Wood  
([www.perivalewood.org.uk](http://www.perivalewood.org.uk))
- Dates: Friday November 4th - Friday 9th December
- Book 6 sessions for the price of 5 - THIS TERM ONLY!
- £69.50 introductory offer
- Discount for siblings

For enquiries and to book email:  
[environmentaleducation@perivalewood.org.uk](mailto:environmentaleducation@perivalewood.org.uk)

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## Japanese Knot Weed

Some of you will be aware that there is quite a lot of this in Perivale Wood, up by the Canal Towpath. It has been there for some years, and one member, Dusty, spent a lot of time trying to dig it out years ago.

Despite Dusty's efforts, the infestation continued - Knotweed is

## 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)

## 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. and there will be another session on the 4th Tuesday of each month, same times. Tea and biscuits provided.

All Welcome

## 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

a very invasive exotic species that has a hold all over the UK, it spreads by root suckers, and any tiny piece or root or stem is capable of creating a whole new infestation.

We've been monitoring it, and the time had come to try to control it.

Last year there was a fairly ineffective spraying with Glyphosate, the herbicide, so this year we've commissioned Ealing Council's Rangers to cut the weed down and inject the stems with glyphoate ... this is supposed to be a more effective treatment than spraying, and is safer close to the canal.

The treatment was not of all the affected areas - sadly they ran out of time before they were able to complete, and it is now too late in the year for the treatment to be effective. So in the spring there will be further treatment.

Such is the persistence of the plant, that we expect to take 3 or 4 years to eradicate it from the Reserve completely. but it is do-able, and we need to do it to prevent its further spread.

## Events by Friends and Associates

The Canal and River Trust are consulting on upgrading the Towpath on the Grand Union Paddington Arm (that the Canal that runs through Ealing) to a "Quietway", making it better for pedestrians and cyclists. There's full information and a questionnaire [here](#) if you want to find out

clean, good jars with secure preferably metal lids, do please get in touch too.

## Coach Outings

The Wakehurst Outing last month - Johns done a write up in the Newsletter that will be round soon.

Our next trip, to Dungeness, is already full!

We re planning to take a coach to the Devils Punchbowl and the Haselmere Museum in June .... the booking form will be circulated soon. There will be another outing in October 2017, but we ve not decided where to go yet!

## Mammal Day at Horsenden Hill

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come and meet some of London's smallest Mammals! Also, Nut hunt, owl pellet analysis and discovering mammal footprints and nature trail. 30th October.

[More information](#)

## Bat Harp Trapping and Detection

Harp Traps are designed to catch bats without harming them, and there will be a session of Harp Trapping and Bat Detection on Horsenden Hill on the 30th October, from 6pm onwards,

[More information here](#)

more and respond to the consultation.

I am a student at Newcastle University studying Bsc Countryside Management and for my dissertation I am looking at how wildlife gardening is contributing to biodiversity in South East England.

I am inviting participants from gardening clubs, horticultural societies and environmental groups in South East counties to complete a questionnaire about gardening behaviours and wondered whether you could distribute this questionnaire to your members or people who would be interested?

It is an online questionnaire with a total of 23 questions and I would really appreciate all gardening enthusiasts spending approximately 10 minutes to complete it. Results shall remain anonymous and confidential.

Here is the survey

URL: <https://www.esurveycrator.com/s/0b6c9d3>

And finally, our Friends at Impact Theatre would really appreciate it if you could take the time to cast your [votes for IMPACT](#) to help them get funding from the Aviva Community fund.

## **The Truth About Air Pollution, and what we can do about it**

Ealing Transitions are hosting a presentation by Professor Frank Kelly of Kings College London, premier expert on London air quality + response from Borough of Ealing and discussion to create local solutions. Keynote Guest, Cllr Julian Bell, Leader of Ealing Council. All welcome.  
19:30 to 21:30, 30 October 2016

St Mary's Church, South Ealing, W5  
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