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The Selborne Society Bulletin

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The Bluebell Centre

The last job was the Decking ... and that is all but completed, so we are now ready

for the obligatory tests to make sure the building complies with Building Regulations ... we need an air tightness test, as an efficient building is free from draughts, and then the Council 's Building Control Officers to come and sign it off. Brilliant work, thanks to all who have been involved.

There is more to do, of course ... so the team will continue, but the building will be in use very soon.

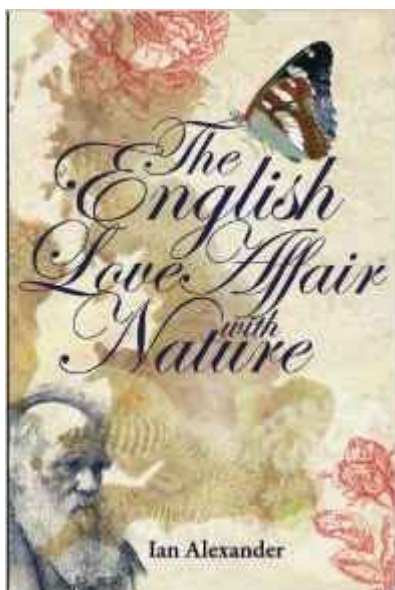
Future Events

Sat 4 Feb 2:00 PM **Field Meeting at Perivale Wood – John Wells explores the wood discovering our Mosses and Liverworts his specialism – delightful and varied. Bring a hand lens if you have one - you need to get up close and personal with these guys!**

Sun 5 Feb 10:00 AM **Hedgelaying Group: contact Kim@perivalewood.org.uk for more information**

Tue 7 Feb 7:45 PM **Evening Meeting ... At the Greenford Community Centre, 170 Oldfield Lane South, Greenford,**
The English are deeply in love with nature. Millions of us spend time gardening, birdwatching, fishing, hillwalking; tens of millions have pets and bird-feeders. How that came about, starting in the 18th century, the books that triggered it, including Gilbert White's 'Natural History of Selborne', and how it grew through popular movements from animal cruelty to conservation and birdwatching, from art to gardening, from fossil-hunting to photography (and more) is the subject of this talk. Ian Alexander the Speaker, is the author of “The English Love Affair with Nature” I have been in love with nature all my life, exploring one aspect after another. I had phases of birdwatching, looking at lichens, fossil-hunting, orchids; of photographing natural patterns and colourful insects, especially butterflies, dragonflies, and ichneumon wasps. My work (in engineering) took me to Sweden and Germany, and I spent holidays in France, which still has many more wild flowers and insects than England, and started to wonder what it was about my country that made people so passionate about Nature.

- Sat 11 Feb 2:00 PM Rangers – for our younger members – Birds of Prey. Learn about the birds of prey that visit Perivale Wood and dissect an owl pellet.**
- Sun 12 Feb 10:00 AM Volunteer Working Morning ***
- Tue 21 Feb all day An outing to the wild, wet RSPB Reserve at Dungeness ...This is now fully booked.**
- Sun 26 Feb 10:00 AM Hedgelaying Group: contact Kim@perivalewood.org.uk for more information**
- Tue 28 Feb 10:00 AM Volunteer Working Morning ***
- Sat 4 Mar 2:00 PM With the new Season approaching Archaeologist Kim Wakeham will take us for a walk around the Wood, Paddock and Meadows, showing us what shes found, and and its significance ... telling us of plans to investigate and excavate to investigate in more detail, and, how you can get involved, in digging or other Research – collecting Oral History, research at Record Centres, and more.**
- Tue 7 Mar 7:45 AM Jack Lloyd – who did his Bsc on the Red Kite will come and share his knowledge of this wonderful and majestic bird.**
- Sat 11 Mar 2:00 PM Rangers – for our younger members – Archaeology and habitat management**
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The venue for Ian's talk on the 7th Feb. will be the Greenford Community Centre. 170, Oldfield Lane South, Greenford, UB6 9JS

Ian will bring a stock of his books "The English Love Affair with Nature" and is offering a discount on their sales (with a donation to the Selborne Society too for each copy sold!).

Notice is hereby given

that the 132nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Selborne Society Ltd. Will be held at the Bluebell Centre, Perivale Wood Local Nature Reserve, Sunley Gardens, Perivale, Middlesex, UB6 7PE, on TUESDAY, 4th April 2017, at 7:30 pm

Date of Notice: 26th January 2017

Andrew Pedley Hon. Secretary, tel: 07878 594 290 contact@selbornesociety.org.uk

AGM's are important ... please come to ours!! They are the moment when the Society's Members elect the Trustees who actually run the Society - and in fact any member can consider standing for election - If you think that you have something to contribute - expertise, knowledge, vision then you could consider standing. Our constitution allows up to 25 Trustees and currently 23 places are filled.

If you d like to find out whats involved then contact Andy on 07878 594290 or contact@selbornesociety.org.uk. To stand for Election, you need a nominator and to be seconded. Nominations must be received 14 days before the meeting, and there are legal requirements which may prevent some from becoming Trustees.

It is also the time when we approve the Accounts, so a chance to see the way in which we've spent the Society's Money in the last year (the Accounts will be with the Accountants soon, and we ought to be able to release the Annual Report with the full Accounts, and the summary of activities for the year with the next Bulletin).

Of course you can help in other ways without being a Trustee, from helping working at the Reserve, and running the society in other ways ... the Bluebell Centre will provide new opportunites! Do get in touch.

Open Day 2017

We are looking for volunteers to help us run Open Day on Sunday 30th April. We need help n the day, but also on the day before when we set everything up (Saturday 29th) and the day after when we finish packing everything away (Monday 1st May). It doesn't need to be a long commitment – we can probably find a job for you even if you only have an hour to spare! We would like to know in advance that you can help, though, as that way we can ensure we have enough people for all the jobs that need doing. There are all kinds of different jobs you can do – from helping erect the marquee, through serving teas, putting out leaflets, helping signpost the route through the woods, putting out rubbish bins.. and much more. We hope to have enough volunteers on the day to ensure everyone will have some time to enjoy Open

Day even if they are donating some time to volunteering.

If you would like to help, please complete the short survey by clicking [here](#)

Cakes

Our tea stall has always been popular because we have had such wonderful home made cakes. Sadly the number of donations of cakes and biscuits has been declining in recent years, so brush up your Bake Off skills, get out your recipe books and please have a go at making something for us to sell on Open day. Any offers or queries, please put them [in here](#) and we'll get back to you. Remember it's good if we can offer dairy free and gluten free options as well.

Plants

If you have seeds or plants you can propagate or divide to help us have a good range and number of plants to sell on Open Day start now! The plant stall is always popular – houseplants, garden plants and vegetables are all good sellers. You can bring them to the reserve before Open Day or when you arrive. More information about times you can deliver plants will be available nearer the day.



The Rangers meet on Saturday 11th Feb, 2pm. at Perivale Wood,

Adults MUST be accompanied by a Ranger!

Schools Poster Competition ...

We've set up a [poster competition for Key Stage 3 pupils ...](#), terms and conditions apply ([here](#)). To celebrate "[Empty Classroom Day](#)" (18th May 2017) the competition is open to any school in the London Borough of Ealing, the prize is a free [Perivale Wood Education Session](#). If you have children, grand children,

Hedgelaying

Hedgelaying has been going a pace. first with a new woven fence - will be planted to form a hedge, using whips, seedling, suckers and cuttings from the Reserve, and now laying the paddock hedge - there's plenty to do! If you fancy having a go, do join us intended dates are Tues, 1st Feb, and 5th February and the 26th February are Sunday dates. contact

kim@perivalewood.org.uk for information.

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

nephews, nieces, or friends at School in Ealing, please share this with them! More information .. [email](#)

Free Lectures at Birkbeck College:

Each year the Ecology and Conservation Society 2 series of lectures, free, at Birkbeck College in London ... the Spring Season is themed on "Energy in Nature"; They are on Friday Evenings, 10th Feb to 17th March; the previous series have been excellent! Sadly their website has not been updated with details of the speakers and topics, but the link is here <http://www.bbk.ac.uk/geds/our-research/ecss/free-public-lectures> so you can keep an eye on it for yourselves if interested. 18:30 for about an hour, plus questions, Birkbeck College, University of London, Torrington Square.

PERIVALE WOOD ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

we have wonderful wildlife records about Perivale Wood, the results of many thousands of patient work by naturalists professional and amateur, which we carefully preserve. Research into the Archaeology is now in hand. But theres a lot of knowledge in our heads! where, sadly, it is quite "vulnerable" so to speak ... being forgotten, confused, and so on (you know what I mean!). I personally can go back about 26 years, and other members have know the Wood for more than 50, so perhaps almost half of its 115 year life as a Nature Reserve.

So we are setting up an oral history project to capture that information record it, in your own voice as well as some of it being transcribed. If you are interested in helping with this, either as an interviewer, or by

there will be another session on the 4th Tuesday of each month, same times.

Tea and biscuits provided.

All Welcome

Greater London National Park City Initiative

are [making a map of London](#) as a National Park City and need your help to decide where the map should include. The goal of this site is to collectively draw outlines of everything that should be included in the map.

Thy are not asking where the boundary for a future London National Park City should be ... but **what** and **where** should be included in the **London National Park City map**.

No areas, names or boundaries are here to start with. You make the map. The outlines are up to you.

After mapping, be sure to View London Outlines to see what everyone else has drawn. All the colour on this site comes from your contributions.

No personal information is stored, and it is completely anonymous.

To start, simply press **Start Mapping** at top left on [this page](#), and then click on the map to draw your first point.

To find out more about the map,

being interviewed, do please let Kim know kim@perivalewood.org.uk.

Fuller information in the Newsletter.

Coach Outings

We re planning to take a coach to the Devil's Punchbowl and the Haselmere Museum on the 6th June the booking form will be circulated soon!

There will be another outing to the National Trusts Ickworth on Tuesday, 8th, August, 2017

Sit. Vac. Interpretation Officer

'Interpretation' is a vital part of what we do and many of our active people are involved in it, be it school visits, Open Day, Newsletter, Members afternoons, Conservation Days or whatever.

It would be really good to have someone who will look at interpretation as whole. As with any role filled by a volunteer, the job is very much what the person wants it to be and is able to do. It could involve a strategy role of identifying gaps and opportunities and inviting others to produce materials. Or it could be hands on, writing and producing materials. Examples of things which could be developed include providing materials to help enhanced the web site, Facebook and other social media, a new Nature Trail leaflet, Open Day (and other) notices, interpretation boards, and new booklets.

If anyone is interested in this role, please contact contact@selbornesociety.org.uk

and to support the crowdfunding campaign, [click here](#).

Froglife

As their "London Dragon Finder" project comes to an end Froglife want to share the learning from the project so have organised a conference, at the Natural History Museum - guest speakers will talk about important topics arising from the project, including:

Citizen Science - Becki Lawson, ZSL

The impact of Nature on people's happiness – Laurie Parker

The current conservation status of Toads in the UK – Jules Howard

Friday, 24 February 2017 from 13:30 to 15:30 (GMT)

More information and Booking (Essential). ... [click here](#)

Crowdfunding:

Spacehive are promoting [Veolia's Recycling Fund for Communities - Crowdfunding Workshop](#) - a chance to learn about crowdfunding and how to apply.

they are running a community crowdfunding workshopn Acton on the 8th of February.

Not just Perivale Wood need benefit ... so they are interested in ideas of all sorts ... community

Voe Patrol:

Several people took part in the Vole Patrol last year, surveying both Perivale Wood and other sites in West London with the London Wildlife Trust.

The 2017 surveys will begin on the 25th February and run through till the 1st May.

Contact **Huma Pearce, Project**

Officer, Vole Patrol

hpearce@wildlondon.org.uk Telephone: [020 8755 2339](tel:02087552339) for more information.

How can we improve the future of London street trees?

Student Miranda Janatka asks for help by filling in [this survey](#) to help her research for her dissertation at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. ... and asks that you link with as many Londoners as possible, the more results, the more accurate the data will be. Many thanks,

gardens, street murals, festivals and sports facilities, if you've got a project idea that could make Ealing better, then it's worth going along!

There's almost £150,000 in funds available for local community projects including £50,000 for the projects that:

- Inspire people and businesses to do the right thing with their waste
- Make use of recycled, reused or reclaimed materials
- Protect and preserve resources or enhance local environments

Join to learn how you can use crowdfunding to transform the places where you live, work and spend your time.

When: Wednesday, 8 February 2017. 6-8pm

Where: Wasps Great Hall, Twyford Avenue Sports Ground, Acton, London, W3 9QA

[Register for free here.](#)



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