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The  
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## The Bluebell Centre

We've some snagging to do before we can get Building Regulation Sign off; nothing too drastic, we don't think, but alas, not quite there yet!

But we are beginning to get the building filled while that is being sorted out - books have come back from storage, will be sorted and put away; we collected some lovely ex Selborne School Furniture (thank you Selborne School!) and moved that in! And have been putting tools away.

The rain has made the area wet and muddy, so the amazing team have laid reinforcing grid and the area is currently roped off in the hope that we'll get some regeneration before Open Day. We need to improve the drainage by the gates, that's the lowest spot and notorious for puddles.

Graham Gunn (Domotics) is completing the sophisticated wiring, and slowly and gently we are getting there. A laptop has been donated, cleaned up and suitable software installed for use. We've been promised more IT equipment too.

The team have had the week off, so they'll be back hard at it next week.

So looking forward to moving in!

### Future Events

**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 she's found, and its significance ... telling us of plans to investigate and excavate so we can 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 PM Red Kites ... introduced to the Chilterns in the 1990s, and gradually spread out from there, and now regularly seen in West London ... spectacular birds, a real joy to behold. Our speaker, Jack Lloyd did his Bsc on the them and will share his knowledge of this wonderful, majestic bird. The Venue will be the Greenford Community Centre, Oldfield Lane South, Greenford (car park entrance in Wordsworth Avenue).**
- Sat 11 Mar 2:00 PM Perivale Wood Rangers – will be learning about Archaeology and conservation – the Rangers will also plant a new hedge, with cuttings and seedlings from Perivale Wood itself. \*\*\* Adults must be accompanied by a Ranger! \*\*\***
- Sun 12 Mar 10:00 AM Volunteer Working Morning \***
- Sat 25 Mar 08:30 PM Earth Hour – an event at the wood – a small fire, to warm us, hot drinks, toasted marshmallows, if someone brings a musical instrument, some music, a great way to join the Global Earth Hour demonstration of support for action on Climate Change**
- Tue 28 Mar 10:00 AM Volunteer Working Morning \***
- Sat 1 Apr 02:00 PM Field Meeting at Perivale Wood Topic, TBA!**
- Tue 4 Apr 7:30 PM Annual General Meeting at Bluebell Centre, Perivale Wood Local Nature Reserve, Sunley Gardens, Perivale Middx, UB6 7PE. All members welcome. This is an important moment in the Society's life, as it is when Members have a chance to review the Society's activities, accounts, elect Trustees (stand for election if you want), and guide the society for the next 12 months. Please come! If you want to stand for Election, please contact the Secretary who will tell you what is involved.**
- Sat 8 Apr 02:00 PM Perivale Wood Rangers - the Rangers will be dissecting owl pellets and there will be a spring treasure hunt. \*\*\* Adults must be accompanied by a Ranger! \*\*\***
- Sun 9 Apr 10:00 AM Volunteer Working Morning \***
- Sat 29 Apr 10:00 AM Open day set up – from 10am; many hands make light work, so the more the merrier.**

**Sun 30 10:00 Our annual Open Day; a chance to show off the Reserve,  
Apr AM to the Bluebells, the Bluebell Centre, and the work of the  
4:00 PM Society. We need volunteers to help run and staff the event  
... offers please to Viv [vtchopera@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:vtchopera@yahoo.co.uk)**

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 opportunitites! 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 on 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. Please ensure that plants are labelled with what they are!

## **Newsletter and Mailing**

The next mailing is imminent ... at the printers as this is being sent.

You can download the material as follows

The [newsletter](#) - a colour version

The [diary](#) through till August

[Notice of the AGM](#) / and finally

A flier about the [Nest Box Scheme](#)

The next two Coach Outings will be to the Devil's Punch Bowl 6th June, and the National Trust's Ickworth (Bury St Edmunds) on the 8th August. We are not quite ready to be taking bookings yet, but will send the booking forms with the April Bulletin.

**Hedgelaying .... and other  
Conservation work.**



The Rangers meet on Saturday 11th March, 2pm. at Perivale Wood, They ll be finding out about the History and Archaeology of the Reserve. And maybe planting a hedge if conditions allow.

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

### Vole 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 though till the 1st May. Contact **Huma Pearce, Project Officer, Vole Patrol**  
[hpearce@wildlondon.org.uk](mailto:hpearce@wildlondon.org.uk) Telephone: [020](tel:020)

We ve finished our hedgelaying programme for the time being; the next time we can do hedgelaying will be in the late autumn, when the leaves fall, so watch this space.

***There are plenty more jobs to be done though***, and we ve set up a special one on Tuesday 7th March, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm we will be clearing the Japanese Knot Weed (JKW) off the Dust Heap The JKW was "treated" in the autumn, but being a very persistent plant, it will need retreating for several more years before it is eradicated. Its a non native invasive species that will take over if we do not control it, and spread beyond our boundaries to the Canal. Clearing the dead material will make it much easier to see where it is regrowing, and much easier to get in to treat it - and make the place look a lot better too!

There are three main patches, so with two / three people on each patch it wouldn't take very long to clear it. The debris is dry and should burn nicely! The whole area could do with a good litter pick too - there's lots of bits which look like it's been blown in.

The Canal and Rivers Trust have cleared fallen trees from the tow path, and some of the sawn logs have come over the fence into the reserve, so the whole fence area could do with a bit of a tidy up, and

[8755 2339](tel:87552339) for more information.

## In My Back Yard

Nic. Mason and his team are developing a new gardening app focused on encouraging people to bring nature back into our urban environments, and while it's still early days, they are looking for people who might be interested in helping test and develop the app over the coming months.

They've launched a website at [www.imby.bio](http://www.imby.bio), and would love it if you could check it out. The first few blogs have also been published, including ones from Ken Thompson (<http://www.imby.bio/wildlife-gardening/2017/02/12/slugs-have-feelings-too.html>) and Elaine Hughes (<http://www.imby.bio/wildlife-gardening/2017/02/12/a-view-from-the-garden.html>), two wildlife gardening experts who they hope you enjoy reading. They hope to work with the London's parks and gardening communities as we develop further, and are always open for suggestions about how they can improve.



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clearing of litter so we'll do this at the same time.

Bring a packed lunch if you want to work with us all day ... remember not to park on the street between 2 and 3 pm (controlled parking zone) if you want to come for the morning or afternoon, that will be fine.

## 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

MailChimp.