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## The Selborne Society Bulletin

April, 2017

### The Bluebell Centre

Last month I advised that we had some snagging to do, and it is work in progress; so we are not there yet with the building. But so close ....

The build team are still working hard, and high on the list now is to clear the last of the rubbish, and some unused materials, identify what we will use, either soon or "will be useful in the future" (we plan to refit the old hut when we are done with the Bluebell Centre) - but extra hands will be welcome. Email [contact@selbornesociety.org.uk](mailto:contact@selbornesociety.org.uk) to offer your services! We are working several days each week, so there is choice.

#### Future Events

- Sat 1 Apr 02:00 PM** Nic. Ferriday will be leading us, investigating the Spring Flowers at the Reserve ... in addition to Bluebells, of course, we have Celandine, Wood Anemone, and a host of others ... what will we find.
- 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 Apr 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM Our annual Open Day; a chance to show off the Reserve, the Bluebells, the Bluebell Centre, and the work of the Society. We need volunteers to help run and staff the event ... offers please to Viv [vtchopera@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:vtchopera@yahoo.co.uk)**
- Sat 6 May 02:00 PM Field Meeting at Perivale Wood**
- Sun 7 May 04:00 AM Dawn Chorus at Perivale Wood. We gather at the Reserve Entrance at 4am, then go into the central clearing to listen to the chorus as the new day dawns – then a walk round the wood, perhaps to the canal and Horsenden Hill, before returning – with a bit of luck, to a bacon butty breakfast (Veggie option too, of course). Join us for a magical way to start the day!**
- Sat 13 May 02:00 PM The Perivale Wood Rangers will be investigtating hedges – what lives in, and under them? Spiders, caterpillars and lots more besides ... what will they find? Results will be fed into the Open Air Laboratory Survey data. \*\*\*\* Adults must be accompanied by a Ranger! \*\*\***
- Sun 14 May 10:00 AM Volunteer Working Morning \***
- Tue 23 May 10:00 AM Volunteer Working Morning \***

## **Annual General Meeting**

A reminder that our AGM is on the 4th April, at 7:30 pm in the Bluebell Centre, Perivale Wood Local Nature Reserve, Sunley Gardens, Perivale, UB6 7PE

Paperwork is now ready ... printed copies will be at the meeting, or you can download as follows:

[Draft Agenda](#)

[Minutes of the 2016 AGM](#)

Annual Report and Financial Statement (21 pages)

- [High Resolution \(7 MB\) or](#)
- [Low Resolution \(1.5mb\)](#)

[Schedule of persons nominated to stand for election to the Society's Governing](#)

## Council

### Notice of AGM

It would be great to see as many members as possible at the AGM - it really is an important moment in the life of the Society.

### **Open Day 2017 Sunday 30th April. 10am to 4pm**

There's a [poster here](#) - with full information. Last year we had 3000 visitors, which swamped both the volunteers and the Reserve, so we want to play it down a bit this year - we've not invited external organisations in, and will focus on the Society and our activities. As part of that, we are also playing down the publicity, so while members are of course encouraged to come, and please bring friends and relatives etc., we really want it to be a local "Perivale Wood" event. We've not created a Facebook Event, and ask that you'd avoid sharing it on Facebook - too much publicity can be a bad thing!

We are still looking for volunteers to help us run Open Day -

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 - Repeat!

Hopefully youve received a package by now, unless you ve said email only for your paperwork from the Society. I sent the links last month, but here they are again in case you missed them.

The [newsletter](#) - a colour version

The [diary](#) through till August (its been slightly updated since produced, see above for Saturday's Field Meeting)

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

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

The next **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 and are very nearly fully booked. The booking forms are linked above There will be another outing in the Autumn, details with the Summer mailing.



The Rangers meet on Saturday 8th April at 2pm. at Perivale Wood, We hope that they'll be dissecting owl pellets to find out what the Owls had been eating, and there may be a spring Treasure Hunt too.

Adults **MUST** be accompanied by a Ranger!



David Howdon, our Chairman, is a man of many talents. Each year he produces a video, and this year it is of the woodland floor and the Bluebells.

Enjoy!

**Hope Church, Community  
Cafe**

## 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

## 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](#)

Important news about the rendezvous cafe, who hold our keys - it will be closing for refurbishment on the 13th April, for several months.

During that time, the Library will be the only place that is able to supply Keys to members. Their opening hours are [here](#)

## 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 have begun, 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 8755 2339](tel:02087552339) if you'd like to help!

there are some videos from Trail Cameras put out - sadly not in Perivale, but a fun watch - [click here!](#)

## The Great British Bee Count

organised by Friends of the Earth, a survey of our Bee Population .... find out more, and register to help, by clicking [here](#)



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