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## The Selborne Society Bulletin

July, 2017

Welcome to the Society's July Bulletin - with news of our activities, and also local events and a National Citizen Science Survey of Dragon Flies to take part in - time to get out, enjoy, and learn about Nature.

### Future Events

- Sat 1 Jul 2:00 PM Entomology Explorer ... Fiona Barclay seeks and discovers insects (and often other beasties too) in and around the wood and meadows – this is always fascinating, and wonderful critters are usually found ....
- Sat 8 Jul 2:00 PM The Perivale Wood Rangers will find out about BEES ... do they all make honey? What else do they do .... (apart from stinging!) how many types can we find, why are they so important? \*\*\* Adults must be accompanied by a Ranger! \*\*\*
- Sun 9 Jul 10:00 AM Volunteer Working Morning \*
- Tue 25 Jul 10:00 AM Volunteer Working Morning \*
- Sat 5 Aug 2:00 PM We will be looking at our Grasses, with Laura Belton leading us.
- Tue 8 Aug All Day A Coach outing to the National Trust's Ickworth near Bury St Edmunds; A Georgian Italianate palace in an idyllic English landscape; full information and booking via Flier which is

available separately

Sat 12 2:00 PM The Perivale Wood Rangers will be finding out about the Sun –  
Aug it provides light and heat, the power of LIFE itself– and we can use it to tell the time – maybe we'll make a sundial. \*\*\* Adults must be accompanied by a Ranger! \*\*\*

8:00 PM Bat Walk at Perivale Wood; always popular, a chance to explore find out about our local bat population, explore Perivale Wood after dark armed with Bat Detectors, wrap up well .. bring a torch, expect to be intrigued!

Sun 13 10:00 Volunteer Working Morning \*  
Aug AM

Tue 22 10:00 Volunteer Working Morning \*  
Aug AM

All events are now held at Perivale Wood Local Nature Reserve, Sunley Gardens, Perivale, UB6 7PE

### Mailing ...

The summer newsletter has been written, edited, laid out, and printed. Earlier today it was delivered to Rae, our "envelope stuffer" who will carefully fold, collate, and pack them into envelopes with the latest diary, and Coach Outing Flier - to Winkworth Arboretum, October 24th; then she'll organise delivery or post them out. Unless you've agreed to receive our mailings by email only, expect a delivery in the next week or so.

In this day and age, paper is both expensive, laborious, and unsustainable in Environmental terms - and we are Pioneers in Conservation. So the Society's Council have decided that from the end of the year, if we have an email address for you, then unless you [opt in by requesting paper copies](#), distribution will be electronically only.

But you can download the [Newsletter](#), [Diary](#) - since places are limited on the Coach, we'll release the flier and booking form for that in a week or so, so those who do not have email are not disadvantaged.

Our Editor, John Kane, has had surgery recently so I m sure you'll join me in wishing him well.

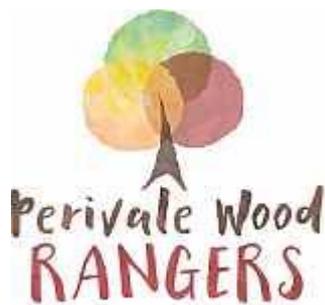
### Volunteering at Perivale Wood

Every month our wonderful volunteers help us maintain our Wonderful

If you go down to the Woods Today ...

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



The Rangers meet on Saturday 9th July, 2pm **SHARP!** at Perivale Wood,

This month it will be about busy bees ... and honey and wax - a lovely beeswax candle to be made ...

\*\*\* Adults **must** be accompanied by a Ranger! \*\*\*

Latecomers may well have trouble getting in, as the gate is locked and the Rangers may be away from the Gate Area.

### Hope Church, Community Cafe

Important news about the rendezvous cafe, who hold our keys - they've closed for refurbishment, so the only place that keys can be borrowed from is the Perivale

Please do not be surprised if you find large machinery drilling big (well, about 200 mm) diameter holes deep into Little Elms Meadow and Willow Mead, the grassed areas by the Railway Embankment.

The holes are a part of the preparatory investigation work for the HS2 (High Speed 2 Rail Link) that will pass through a tunnel bored under the Railway Embankment. The machines will be there from the 14th July for about 2 weeks. They've promised to be very careful!!

You may also find our Contractors mowing; we've decided not to have horses or other grazing animals this year, but to take a hay cut off; this will remove some of the nutrients from the soil, and should enable a richer mixture of wildflowers to prosper. We think that Nitrates (from the air pollutant, NOx, Nitrogen Oxides - have built up in the soil, favouring grass over wild flowers.



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### Two Day Forest School in Perivale Wood

Age 6+ Wednesday 2nd & Thursday 3rd of August

Join us this summer as we delve deep into Perivale Wood at our forest school. Summer's themes are exploration of natural materials, forest art and building structures. From terrific trees to minibeasts in the forest there is something for everyone. Come and explore the wonders that our ancient woodland has to offer, make new friends and be safe, happy and creative!

**What might we get up to...**

- 🌿 Bush craft: safe tool use, cooking, knots, fires & whittling
- 🌿 Teamwork & trust games: circle & problem solving
- 🌿 Construction: inventive shelter building, rope swings & balancing activities. We could build our own rope park!
- 🌿 Learning and identification: terrific trees and minibeasts in the forest

Times: 10:00 – 15:00  
Ages: 6+ years  
Cost: £69.50 Inc. (2 days)  
Places are limited and filled on a first come first served basis  
Profits go to reserve management and conservation funding

Enquiries and bookings: [info@forestcorner.org](mailto:info@forestcorner.org)

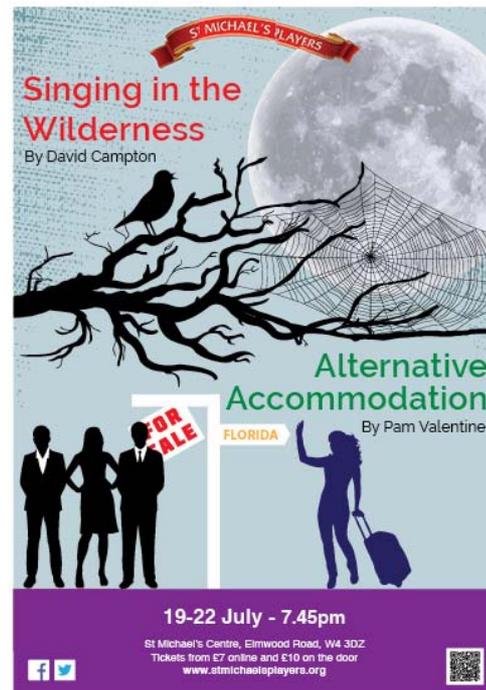
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Library. Their opening hours are [here](#). We are sorry as this reduces availability considerably, but it will be for a few months till the Cafe re-opens.

## Community Fete

St Stephens Church in West Ealing are organising a Community Fete where there will be a Climate Action Week Stall & much more - Sunday 2nd July 12.30 in Cleveland Park. More information next month.



Congratulations to local Perivale Firm Wiles Greenworld, for winning the National Recycling Awards! Jonathan Wiley, our contact there, writes:

*Last night we won a National Recycling Award for Corporate Recycler of the Year!*

*We were recognised by the entire recycling industry for our free recycling program, collecting recycling while delivering your office supplies.*

*We were up against 7 other worthy contenders, which included Ikea, Kellogg's and Multiplex.*

*We are immensely proud of the team*



for running such a unique service – providing value to over 300 customers.

For those of you who recycle with us you can also take pride in knowing that you are participating in an award winning scheme.

Wiles Greenworld are "London's Sustainable Office Supplier" and were kind enough to sponsor our Education Programme by £8,000 - for which, of course, thanks ... it is great to be supported by an organisation that sets such a great example to others!



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