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The Selborne Society Bulletin

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Future Events

- Sat 5 Aug 2:00 PM Adult Field Meeting ... we've not got a leader or topic at the moment, so we'll just do a tour the Reserve with questions and (hopefully) answers, and Tea in the Bluebell Centre.
Little Wild Sleep Out – an event for Perivale Wood Rangers and their Friends; booking essential, <http://tinyurl.com/selbsleep>
- Tue 8 Aug All Day The Coach Outing to Ickworth .. now fully booked, sorry!
- Sat 12 Aug 2:00 PM The Perivale Wood Rangers session today has been cancelled! Sorry ... back 9th September.
8:00 PM Bat evening 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 Aug 10:00 AM Volunteer Working Morning *
- Tue 22 Aug 10:00 AM Volunteer Working Morning *
- Sat 2 Sep 2:00 PM Field Meeting at Perivale Wood TBA

Sat 9 Sep 2:00 PM The Perivale Wood Rangers will enter a web of intrigue and discover the world of SPIDERS – can we find some? What do their webs look like ... what are they made from, and how do they use them? *** Adults must be accompanied by a Ranger!

Sun 10 10:00 Volunteer Working Morning *
Sep AM

Tue 26 10:00 Volunteer Working Morning *
Sep AM

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

Unfortunately Laura Beltons session on Grasses on the 5th will not take place - this was due to a mix up, for which apologies both to Laura for the mix up, entirely my fault! and to everyone else!

Newsletter, Coach Outing and Diary.

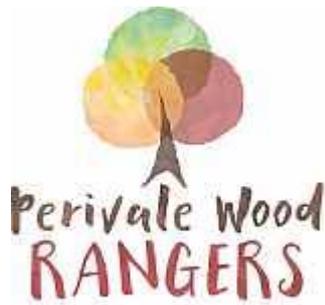
A reminder that you can download the

[Newsletter](#),

[Diary](#) - and, the

[Coach Outing Flier / Booking Form](#). The outing will be on the 24th October and we are heading to the National Trust's [Winkworth Arboretum](#) - this is filling fast, just 10 places left at the last count.

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, you will only receive mailings from the Society electronically unless you [opt in by emailing and requesting paper copies](#).



Sadly we ve had to cancel the Rangers Meeting on the 12th August .. none of the leaders are available.

So Rangers will be back in action on the 9th September, investigating SPIDERS ...

Little Wild Sleep Out ...

We are delighted to announce that we'll again be holding a "little wild sleep out" at Perivale Wood in August - for our Perivale Wood Rangers - a chance to air tents, find your sleeping bags, and discover nature - and the Perivale Wood Rangers Community.

Date - 5th August (Saturday night) arriving from 4 pm onwards, to Sunday Morning, at about 10:00 am.

We ve not got the detailed plan in place yet, but previous years have included sweep netting in the Paddock (butterflies, crickets and grasshoppers), wriggly worms, story telling, camp fire and toasted marshmallows, a late night walk - with bat detectors.

This year we are charging, to cover



HS2 Boreholes, finished!

The expected machinery - and, my it was big, and a lot of it - all arrived on the 17th July as scheduled, there were two boring machines ... so the two boreholes were sunk simultaneously. It took about 5 days of actual boring, plus a day setting up and a couple of days to clear everything up. I understand everything is left in apple pie order, and the Reserve is back to normal. We need to do a final H&S check before we formally reopen the Little Elms Meadow and Willow Mead. What they've done - bored 45 metres deep, taking "cores" out for expert analysis by geologists, filled the bores with a variety of gravel (porous), bentonite (impervious) leaving a couple of pipes going down about 30 and 40 metres so that ground levels can be monitored over the next 12 months. What have they left? a couple of small metal plates flush with the grass that the engineers will monitor

the cost of food and drink (Adults, £8.25 including booking fee, and Rangers £5.50, including booking fee). Bookings need to be made in advance from [here](#)

Please note that this is **EXCLUSIVELY** for our Rangers - the Junior Members of the Society, and their families. All Adults **MUST** be accompanied by at least one Ranger (and Rangers must have a responsible adult with them too, of course).

This is always popular (and fun!) and early booking is recommended!

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Access to Perivale Wood

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We've had a new gate put in, and volunteers are currently finishing the paving to it. once that's completed, the double gates will be locked with a new lock, and the old will be transferred to the new, smaller, side gate, so access to the Reserve will be maintained for those with existing keys. Keys for the old gate will be issued only to those needing to bring vehicles onto the Reserve.

This is another step towards the electronic access control system to the Reserve.

Dont forget that the rendezvous cafe, who hold our keys - have

ground water levels for over the next 12 months. Maybe a marker post or two. Some flattened grass.



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

Weathervane ...

On order is a weathervane to top out the Bluebell Centre; it will feature the profile of Gilbert White (the Society's Logo) and the Captials will be taken

closed for refurbishment, so the only place that keys can be borrowed from is the Perivale 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.

Have a great summer, if you are going away, investigate the local wildlife, geology, archaeology, culture, art, customs ... even astronomy! Visit museums - go on trips! Bring back photos, drawings, new knowledge and interest! It's an wonderful world, full of interest. Take and use binoculars, a note book; discover, explore, have fun! Remember Terry Pratchett's comment: HUMAN BEINGS MAKE LIFE SO INTERESTING. DO YOU KNOW, THAT IN A UNIVERSE SO FULL OF WONDERS, THEY HAVE MANAGED TO INVENT BOREDOM

from his "Garden Kalendar" - the Society owns the Manuscript. The artwork has been done by Richard Goddard, and the Weathervane is being sponsored by Gillian Brown, in memoriam her parents.

Many of you will know that Periale Wood is dedicated as the Gilbert White Memorial, and that the Society is named to reflect his book "The Natural History and Antiquities of Selborne" - the Village in Hampshire. So this is symbolic - Gilbert Whites and his writings commemorated at the Reserve. Its being made by <http://www.jetblacksmith.co.uk/> a firm who I chanced upon on Holiday last year, and who's work is truly **magnificent**. I'm sure you'll agree, when you see it, and we look forward to the finished work arriving and being installed.

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