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The Selborne Society Bulletin

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Future Events

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

Sat 4 Nov 2:00 PM **Field Meeting at Perivale Wood - a gentle walk to the further Reaches of Perivale Wood – what will we find? With Tea etc in the Bluebell Centre.**

Tue 7 Nov 7:45 PM **Swifts – House-hunting for Survival The Swift is now Amber Listed as a Bird of Conservation Concern in the UK. Catherine Day, RSPB Swift Volunteer from the RSPB Central London Local Group, will describe its life-cycle, how electronic tagging has revealed the story of its migratory route, and how there are new London and nationwide initiatives to try and prevent its move onto the UK Red List of Threatened Species. Despite leading the most aerial existence of any bird on Earth, the Common Swift is suffering its own severe housing crisis. Come and find out more about these dashing summer visitors, how to choose and site ready-made or DIY swift nest boxes, and hear about some very varied swift projects from**

cottage bathrooms to church towers and supermarket carparks. Catherine will also talk about her own Chiswick Swift Project.

Sat 11 Nov 2:00 PM **Perivale Wood Rangers. We're finalising the programme but it is likely to include exploring the wild depths of Perivale Wood, visiting places no Ranger has ever been before. Plus craft activities – acorn collage, sticky headbands, finding out why trees loose their leaves and why animals hibernate *** Adults must be accompanied by a Ranger. *****

Sun 12 Nov 10:00 AM **Conservation Management - please see the note about volunteering.**

Tue 28 Nov 10:00 AM **Conservation Management - please see the note about volunteering.**

Sat 2 Dec 2:00 PM **Field John Winget will lead us on a Ramble round Perivale Wood**

Tue 5 Dec 7:45 PM **Winter Wildlife in London with Brenna Boyle. Discover what the plants, birds and animals of London are up to during the winter months. Uncover some fascinating strategies for survival and what to look out for during Dec, Jan and Feb**

Sat 9 Dec 2:00 PM **The Perivale Wood Rangers will be doing Winter activities – making Yule Logs or beeswax candles, and enjoying warming food and drink. Yes, its Christmas Party time. *** Adults must be accompanied by a Ranger. *****

Sun 10 Dec 10:00 AM **Volunteer Working Morning ***

Tue 26 Dec - Its Boxing day, so there will not be a volunteer morning.)

READ ALL ABOUT IT

The latest editions are OUT

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[Newsletter](#)

[Diary](#) for the next few months, and

[Flier for the next Coach](#)



Trustee and Archaeologist Kim Wakeham is in the process of putting the application together for a branch of the [Young Archaeologists Club](#), and needs a couple more people to be able to help on a

Outing (Titchwell, on the North Norfolk Coast; a long way but a great place to go - it sounds really wild) on Monday the 19th February 2018; its a long way, so there will be early set offs (8.30am from Ealing Broadway or 8:45am from Perivale Station) and probably a late return, but a chance to go out to the North Sea Coast for wildlife and, perhaps, a proper "Blow").

Interested in helping us run Perivale Wood?

why not join our team of our wonderful volunteers who help us maintain our Wonderful Perivale Wood in tip top condition. We work on the 2nd Sunday of each month, 10 am till about 1 pm. and on the 4th Tuesday of each month, same times.

Future plans include

- clearing the ditch to the bridle path and rebuilding the bridge to it
- making the roof drainage from the bluebell centre top up the pond
- rebuilding the pond dipping platform and
- clearing some overgrowth on the canal towpath.

All Welcome - just turn up! Tools, gloves, tea, biscuits, good company and fun, all included!

monthly basis, for about 3 hours on a Saturday morning. No archaeological experience / knowledge is required - just the willingness to learn and be involved. If you are interested, or know of anybody else who would like more information, email Kim on kim@perivalewood.co.uk.

Sounds GREAT!

Running the show ...

with the recent increase in activities and membership, we re setting up sub committees to help us run the Society smoothly and efficiently, and involve more members in the day to day running of the Society.

The Sub-committees are

- Events and Activities
- Education,
- Membership and Communications
- Science and Heritage
- Buildings and Access (Estate Management)

If you are interested in being on any of the committees, or have relevant expertise that you can share, then

please get in touch

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Going



Photo Exhibition.... Extended **RSPB London Group**

If you are on Facebook you may have a series of talks they are on Thursday evenings at 6.45pm; the results can be seen at an exhibition

at Walpole Park and its been extended to 9th Nov 2017. The Madagascan Releard Project & The Flight of the Swags by Peter Cranwick WWT.

information [here](#)

14th Dec 2017 Birds of The Gambia, A Photographic Journey by Czech Conroy, RSPB Central London Local Group member.

11th Jan 2018 Filey International – Arrivals and Departures: North Yorkshire’s Bird Observatory by Mark James Pearson.

8th Feb 2018 The Conservation of the Sociable Lapwing by Dr Rob Sheldon, Chairman of the Ornithological Society of the Middle East, The Caucasus and Central Asia.

8th Mar 2018 The Selborne Society: Pioneers in Conservation by Andy Pedley, Selborne Society.

12th Apr 2018 Creation of the Ouse Fen Nature Reserve by RSPB Senior Project Manager for the

paperless!

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,

Kew Mutual Improvement Society

Organised by the Royal Botanical Gardens, Kew, so their diploma students, have an outlet present the details of their field trips and also has presentations by well-known horticulturalists.

Entry is just £2.50 on Monday evenings - generally . Less than an hour, from 6pm to 7pm with some time for questions, sometimes announcements and other items to begin. Tea & biscuits in the lobby before hand!

Of course, the lectures have a horticultural focus, but sometimes include information on conservation.

If you want more information, [please visit their website](#) or there's a [pdf flier here](#)

Ecology and Conservation

Hanson-RSPB Wetland Project at
the Ouse Fen Reserve.

10th May 2018 'FaB Peregrines' – A
London Peregrine's Year by Nathalie
Mahieu, Fulham & Barnes
Peregrines.

St Columba's Church Hall, Pont St,
Knightsbridge SW1X 0BD.

There is a fee charged, but the
meetings are open to all whether or
not members of the RSPB.

Access to Perivale Wood

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We've had a new gate put in, and in
use. The double gates are now
locked with a new lock, and the old
lock has been transferred to the
new, smaller, side gate, so access to
the Reserve is maintained for those
with existing keys. Keys for the old
gate will be supplied 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
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

Study Society

Free lectures, currently themed: "Birds
and Us" - wild birds are popular
creatures: twitchers seek them out to
list them, ringers study their
movements, fanciers enjoy racing them
and egg collecting was popular before
it became illegal.

Birds have interesting historical,
cultural and religious significance. Birds
can even be tourist attractions, and lots
of people delight in feeding them in
their gardens and parks. Bird guano
even boosted our agricultural fertility.
Significantly, wild bird populations are
used to indicate the health of our
biodiversity and have been the subject
of "citizen science" for many years.
On the other side of the coin, however,
there are problems. Birds can suffer at
our hands, either deliberately or
because they are in the way. For
instance, albatrosses die caught on
fishing long-lines and the Quelea is
second only to the locust as a tropical
plague.

Alien species can be very controversial.
Food premises need to be bird-proof
and gulls breeding in our towns can
harass us.

Bird 'flu risks crossing the species
barrier to plague us. Bird strike is a
hazard for aircraft. Game birds show us
both sides of the coin; conserving their
habitat conserves other species, but
their harvesting kills the birds, and
predatory birds may be killed illegally
by gamekeepers.

This series explores some of these
issues between birds and us, and
sounds fascinating!

considerably, but it will be for a few months till the Cafe re-opens.

Jam - and Jars ...

Thanks to all those who have provided jars - aware that we've not picked them all up yet, but your offer is not forgotten, thanks. the immediate need has passed, but if you find you have spare jars do please say.

Dont forget to wash the jars and remove the labels. bring them with their lids, too. Thank you!

3rd November - **Saving the albatross: conservation action on the high seas.** Oliver Yates, Programme Manager of BirdLife's Albatross Task Force.

10th November - **Birds and rewilding at Knepp, West Sussex.** Penny Green, Knepp's resident ecologist.

17th November - **Invasive alien species threaten island birds around the world.** Steffen Oppel, Senior Conservation Scientist, RSPB Centre for Conservation Science.

18:30 to 20:00, Lecture Theatre B01, Clore Management, Centre, Torrington Square, London WC1E 7JL (opposite the Birkbeck main building).

more information from [here](#)



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