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The Selborne Society Bulletin

December, 2017

Future Events

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

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| Sat 2 Dec | 2:00 PM | Andy Pedley 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. |
| Tue 2 Jan | | There is not an evening meeting this evening |

- Sat 6 Jan 2:00 PM** **Martin Smith and a sortie to Horsenden Hill – please dress appropriately for the weather, and wear good boots or shoes – can be muddy. Martin is a proper expert – he’s live near, and worked on the Hill for many years, and knows it, and its secrets, intimately. Join us for a fascinating time.**
- Sat 13 Jan 2:00 PM** **Perivale Wood Rangers – Adults must be accompanied by a Ranger.**
- Sun 14 Jan 10:00 AM** **Conservation Management - please see the note about volunteering.**
- Tue 23 Jan 10:00 AM** **Conservation Management - please see the note about volunteering.**

Happy Christmas and New Year!

Open Day

Will be Sunday 22nd April 2018 - a week earlier than you may expect! Be warned!!

We will need your help for the set up on Saturday, running things on the day, and taking down in the late afternoon - but it's fun and not too much hard work! [Email](#) to register your willingness, and thanks in advance.



Happy Birthday to Us!

More correctly, Happy Incorporation Day to Us! The 28th December sees the 100th anniversary of the Society's Incorporation as a Limited Company. Of course there are a number of significant dates, from 1885, when the Society was first Constituted, to 1902, when we entered into an Agreement to manage the Hedges at Perivale Wood for birdlife. 1916, and we Leased Perivale Wood from the Church Commissioners, while 1920 saw the launch of a public subscription to buy the Wood, to mark the bicentenary of the Rev. Gilbert White's birth on the 18th July 1720. 1922 saw the purchase going through. There was one, astonishing, anonymous donation of £5000!

Our "Tag Line" is "Pioneers in Conservation" because we believe we are the oldest conservation organisation in the world, predating, for instance, the RSPB. There are several accounts of the Society's history on our [website](#).

Interested in helping us run Perivale Wood?

Why not join our team of our wonderful conservation 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.

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

Running the show ...

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

The subcommittees are

- Activities and Events
- Education
- Membership and Communications

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- Science and Heritage
- Habitat management
- Estate Management

If you are interested in being on any of the subcommittees, or have relevant expertise that you can share, then please get in touch contact@selbornesociety.org.uk

Christmas Social ...

We hope that we've invited every one who has volunteered for us, but its difficult to remember everyone!

So if you have volunteered in any way, and would like to come to the Christmas social, the information is [here](#) - please email [Kim](#) asap; £15, places are limited so book soon if you want to come.



Ealing Wildlife Group

If you are on Facebook you may know of the [Ealing Wildlife Group](#) who set up a photo competition. I finally got to have a look and there are some great photos, showing real interest and expertise in both photography and wildlife (including



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 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

one by our own John Morrell). The exhibition was due to close at the end of November, so if you want to have a look you need to do so quickly. There's more information

[here](#)

The Ealing Wildlife Group are organising a trip to Otmore, an RSBP Reserve in Oxfordshire ... its a self drive / car share event, and aimed at seeing the Starling Murmation there more information the [Facebook Event Page](#) -

RSPB London Group

Have a series of talks - they are on Thursday evenings at 6.45pm, as follows:

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

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Sounds GREAT!

Going 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.

Rubbish at Perivale Wood

We work on the basis that we are all responsible for the refuse - rubbish - garbage - trash, what have you - that we generate, so we don't have rubbish collected from Perivale Wood - you are responsible for your own rubbish, please take it home with you. If you come across rubbish thrown into the reserve, or are with a group having tea or using any kind of materials we appreciate your help in taking all this stuff home - tea bags included! Bags are available in the buildings for people to take rubbish home.

Many thanks for your help!

Fen Nature Reserve by RSPB
Senior Project Manager for the
Hanson-RSPB Wetland Project at
the Ouse Fen Reserve.

Access to Perivale Wood

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.



The February Field Meeting (3rd Feb 2pm) we will be investigating owl pellets - these can be dissected and you can find out what the owl ate - the picture is of a pellet from 1978 found at the Reserve. We've kindly been given some to go through and Trustee Nicola Goddard will show us how, and how to interpret what we find.



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