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The Selborne Society Bulletin

January 2018

Happy 2018!

2018 will see all our activities in the Reserve continuing - our programme of Rangers meetings for young people, and field meetings on Saturday afternoons for Adults. for school visits, and the volunteer sessions on Sundays and Tuesdays (see below for more information).

As we now have the the Bluebell Centre, we are looking at a few new activities at Perivale Wood as well. At the moment these include more of Andrea's brilliant art classes (see below), and occasionally other groups will be using the Centre - the Amateur Entomologists Society's "Bug Club" and the British Naturalists Society will use it, and Ealing and District Beekeepers will be hosting their "Introduction to Beekeeping" course in the Spring.

We are looking for other courses such as hedgelaying and coppicing, to up our management skills, so it should be a great 2018!

Subscriptions

Were due on the 1st January; many of you pay by standing order (thank you) and have Gift Aid set up (thank you again) but a lot of you pay annually.

Membership subscriptions are a major source of income for the Society, and give you access to the Reserve, our activities and publications, as well as supporting what we believe is the first conservation society in the world, having been founded in 1886, before the RSPB.

So this is a reminder that if you do pay annually, do so now please.

Membership costs

£10 adult or £15 for two adults same address;

£3 juniors/rangers - under 18

Please make cheques payable to The Selborne Society Ltd., and post them to the Membership Secretary, 89 Daryngton Drive, Greenford, UB6 8BH Make sure your payment is identifiable to you - so name, address and postcode on the back of the cheque would be great.

If you want to pay by standing order, the form is [here](#) and if you want to Gift Aid your membership, the form is [here](#). If you set up payment or Standing Order Online, please use a reference that identifies the payment as being for membership and from you, and let us know by [email](#) so we can watch out for it.

Thank you in anticipation, and we look forward to your continued membership, and contribution to the life of the Society.

Future Events

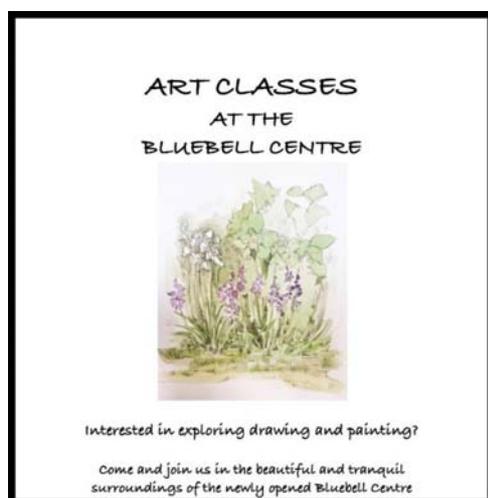
All events are now held at Perivale Wood Local Nature Reserve, Sunley Gardens, Perivale, UB6 7PE unless stated otherwise.

Tue 2 Jan		There is no evening meeting
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, 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.
Sat 3 Feb	2:00 pm	Do you know what Owls eat? Owls produce pellets that are a goldmine of information about their diet – bones and feathers to be teased out and identified. We’ve kindly been given some owl pellets (thanks Jack) and Nicola Goddard will show us how to dissect them, and interpret what we find.
Tue 6 Feb	7:30 pm	Entomologist Gino Brignoli will tell us about ANTS ... wonderful social creatures that live in complex communities. Gino is an expert on Yellow Meadow Ants, and we have plenty of nests in Perivale Wood, so look forward to finding out about these major, but tiny, players in the Reserve’s ecology.
Sat 10 Feb	2:00 pm	Perivale Wood Rangers ...
Sun 11 Feb	10:00 am	Conservation Management - please see the note about volunteering.
Mon 19 Feb	all day	A coach outing to the RSPB Reserve at Titchwell Marsh on the North Norfolk Coast – so an early start – 08:30 at Ealing Broadway or 08:45 at Perivale Station. £20 for members, £22 for guests.

Prebooking essential, full information on the flier that was distributed with the Newsletter.

Tue 27 Feb 10:00 am

Conservation Management - please see the note about volunteering.



Andrea Tierney is continuing her art classes in the Bluebell Centre this winter. They will be on the first and last Fridays in February and March:

2nd and 23rd February

2nd and 30th March

Sessions run from 10.30am to 1.30pm

Contact Andrea for information about registering:

a.tierney@virgin.net or 07939590562

Open Day 2018

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.

Interested in helping us run Perivale Wood?

Why not join our team of wonderful conservation volunteers who help to maintain our wonderful Perivale Wood in tip top condition. We work on the 2nd Sunday of

Running the show

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each month, 10am till about 1pm and on the 4th Tuesday of each month, same times. Bring a packed lunch - tea and biscuits provided.

If you like DIY with a difference, we have a team who meet on Tuesdays (from 10:00am) to take care of our built structures - they are next at the Reserve on the 16th January. There's a list of things to do - the plan for 2018 includes refitting the "old" hut, building a new store (it was delivered before Christmas) and cladding that, plus a host of other jobs.

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

RSPB London Group

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

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 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.

The venue is 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. More information from [here](#)

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
- 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

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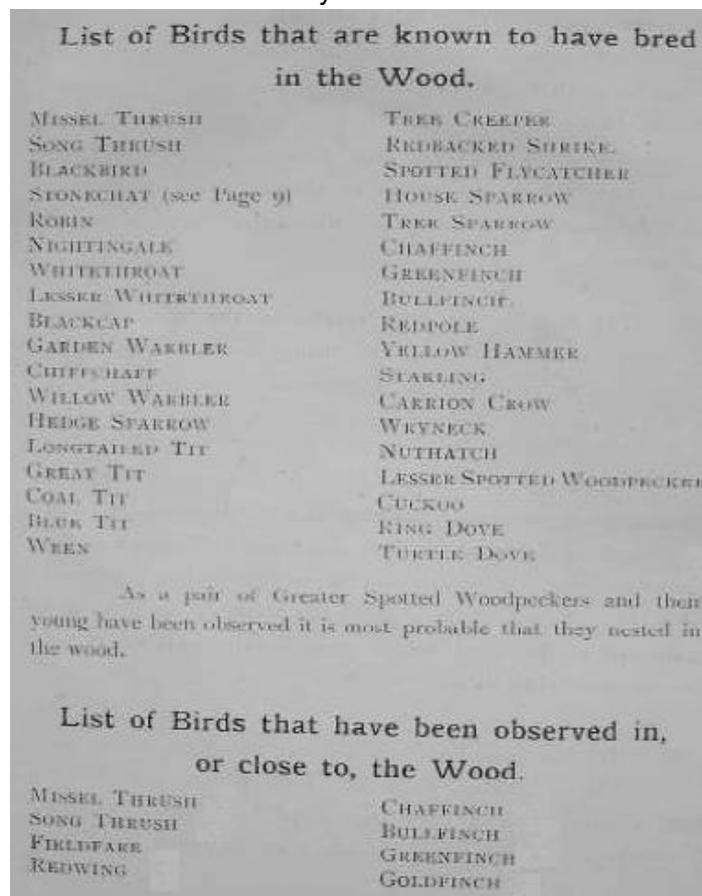
A reminder that the Society's mailing went out recently, including the [Newsletter](#), [Diary](#) for the next few months, and [Flyer for the next Coach Outing](#) (Titchwell, on the North Norfolk Coast; a long way but a great place to go - it sounds **really** wild) on Monday the 19th February 2018; This was close to being full last month, but if you want to go, [email](#) and I'll check the latest for you



Big Garden Bird Watch:

Don't forget the Big Garden Birdwatch is at the end of the month; more information from the [RSPB](#) - its interesting, its fun, its easy, and it is really important as surveys like this give data to show how birds, and ultimately the Environment, are doing - getting better (or worse) over time.

Below is a "species list" for Perivale Wood from 1917 - I wonder how we fare 100 years later!



(click on the image to download a .pdf of the whole pamphlet - sorry it's really poor quality!)

General Data Protection

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

Regulation

Or [GDPR](#) is a new regulation from the EU to protect your data, and we, as an organisation have to make sure it is secure.

Being a small organisation, this ought be fairly simple, however we do need to ensure too that the information that we have is up to date, and to remove information if we no longer have reason to retain it.

We are working on this now, to make sure that we comply.

One thing that we are likely to do soon is to ask you to confirm the details that we have for you are correct. Please watch out for a separate email about this.

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!



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