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The Selborne Society Bulletin

February 2018

February

The new year is well under way - snow drops and crocus are flowering and things - they - are - a - changing with the Selborne Society. The Governance review mentioned last month has been agreed, so that there are now sub committees that will take responsibility for different areas of the Society's life and activities, and greatly increase the opportunity for members to get more involved in running the Society. This is a very positive step.

Of course there will be a range of activities through the year, and we are beginning to plan for Open Day, which will be on the 22nd April, bit earlier than before, but again timed, we hope, to see the Bluebells at their best. We are going to charge a nominal £1 per adult admission this year, and if you want to bring a group it is important that you contact us in advance to agree arrival time etc - last year one group of 70 turned up, and caused quite a queue. One group was charging to bring people to our event, and we thought that more than cheeky, and asked them not to do it. We are also introducing a "no animals" rule (apart from Assistance dogs); this is partly for infection control (the Reserve has foxes, and there are diseases that dogs carry, for example, that affect foxes), but it's also the dreaded Health and Safety alas dog owners do not always behave as we ask, so dogs have in the past been let off their leads, or put on long leads, damaging the bluebells and presenting a tripping hazard.

We are, of course, always pleased to receive gifts of cakes and biscuits (PLEASE tell us ingredients, so we can warn of allergens!) and volunteers to help set up and staff the day itself. Set up is 10am on Saturday 21 April, just turn up, we'll find a job - putting up

gazebos, marking the trail ... lots to do! Many hands make light work, good company and TEA assured.

The other main event is the Annual General Meeting; this is really important, as it is the moment when you, our members, have your say on what we are doing; the moment when you can ask questions, make suggestions, **VOTE!** Vote in - or out - our Council Members, and if you want, to stand for Election to the Society's Governing "Council". To comply with the constitution, anyone who wants to stand for election must be a member of the Society and must also be nominated 14 days in advance, so that we can undertake due diligence checks. If you'd be interested in finding out more do please [email](#). As a member of the Council, you'd be both a director of the Limited Company, and also a Trustee of the charity so there are legal responsibilities. If you have natural history, conservation, heritage, archaeology, financial, publicity, admin or other relevant skills we'd be especially pleased to hear from you. The date is the 19th April, the time is 7:30 pm, and the venue is the Bluebell Centre in Perivale Wood Local Nature Reserve, 36-38 Sunley Gardens, Perivale, UB6 7PE.

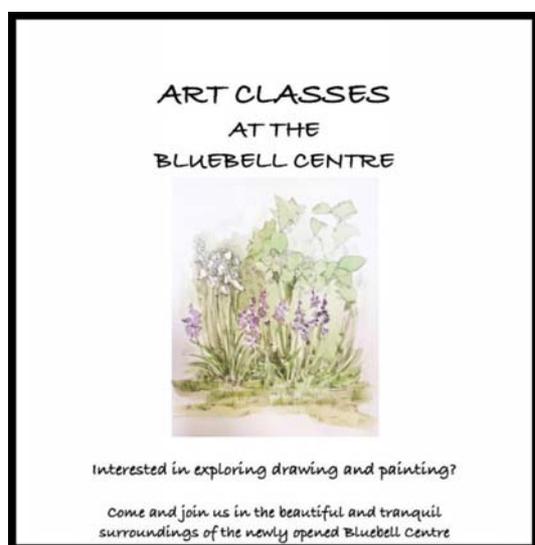
You may not want to be involved at the "Council" level, but on one of the Sub Committees - just get in touch and we'll contact you to discuss.

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 3 Feb 2pm | Do you know what Owls Eat? Owls produce pellets that are a goldmine of information about their diet – bones, 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 7.30pm | 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 2pm | Rangers - come and learn about our archeological work in the reserve. Kim Wakeham will help us explore animal bones, and there will be a treasure hunt! |
| Sun 11 Feb 10am | Conservation Management volunteering session |

- 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, are just 3 places available on the 31 Jan so if you want to go, book quickly!
- Tue 27 Feb 10am** Conservation Management volunteering session
- Sat 3 Mar 2pm** 'An Introduction to the Lower Plants'. How to understand the purpose and identify mosses, liverworts and lichens. Field meeting at Perivale Wood - John Wells will start with some slides in the Bluebell Centre and then lead us through the reserve
- Tue 6 Mar 7.45pm** Dr Poppy Lakman from the Open Air Laboratory (OPAL) will speak about their programme of Citizen Science and, at the beginning of the surveying season, tell us of their latest programmes and chances to take part
- Sat 10 Mar 2pm** Rangers - find out about woodland birds and nesting. Lots of things to learn, do and see!
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Andrea Tierney is continuing her art classes in the Bluebell Centre this winter. But there have been changes in the dates ... they are now programmed for

9th Feb,
23rd Feb, and
16th 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.

As above, we 'll be charging £1.00 entry, and this year are not allowing Dogs into the Reserve.



**Perivale Wood
MINI RANGERS**

Autumn mud kitchen

- Termly sessions for 3-5 year olds and their parents/carers
- Forest school and nature themed sessions
- Monday 10.00-12.00 (snack provided)
- At Perivale Wood (www.perivalewood.org.uk)
- Spring 1: starts Monday 19th February and runs weekly for six weeks until Monday 26th March
- Block booking £ 59.90 (6 sessions)
- For more information/booking contact info@forestcorner.org

Join us for some guaranteed out door fun and learning!

Dirt digging, mud making!

The art of trees

Mini beast hunting

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Coach Outings -

There are just 3 places left on the Coach Outing to Titchwell, on the North Norfolk Coast; it is a long way but a great place to go - it sounds **really** wild) on Monday the 19th February 2018. The [flier is here](#) -



Interested in helping us run
Perivale Wood?

Why not join our team of wonderful conservation volunteers who help to maintain Perivale Wood in tip top condition. We work on the 2nd Sunday of each month, 10am till about 1pm and on the 4th Tuesday of each month, same times. Bring a packed lunch - tea and biscuits provided.



Centenary - and a Twinning!

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

Last month I told you a small but significant anniversary - the 100th of our Incorporation as a Limited Company. This stimulated a beautiful card from a former Perivale resident and visitor to the Reserve Kate Boyd, who is now living in Australia. Kate wrote

RSPB London Group

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

" in 1970 when I was 12 I lived in Ealing and enjoyed many visits to Pervale Wood with my Parents, and my brother, from a Bluebell Open Day, other open days, working bees to an evening up a tree Peter Edwards, waiting to see Vixen and cubs play underneath us. We also went to Selborne for Gilbert White's 250th Birthday, All these and the many other places we visited that year "European Conservation Year" had a lasting effect on my development as a Nature Conservationist. Back home in Australia, I wanted the remnant patch of woodland to become another Perivale where Children and Adults could enjoy discovering nature and love her details and interesting ways. With help from various people that happened, tho not as big or well used Education as Perivale. - I am now dreaming of how we celebrate Gilbert's 300th Anniversary in this little bit of Australia.

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

amazingly we also got a Centenary Certificate from Companies House themselves.

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](#)

Going paperless!

We ve had a number of responses to the request for email addresses, so we can circulate publications by email and so save the cost and waste involved in producing paper copies.

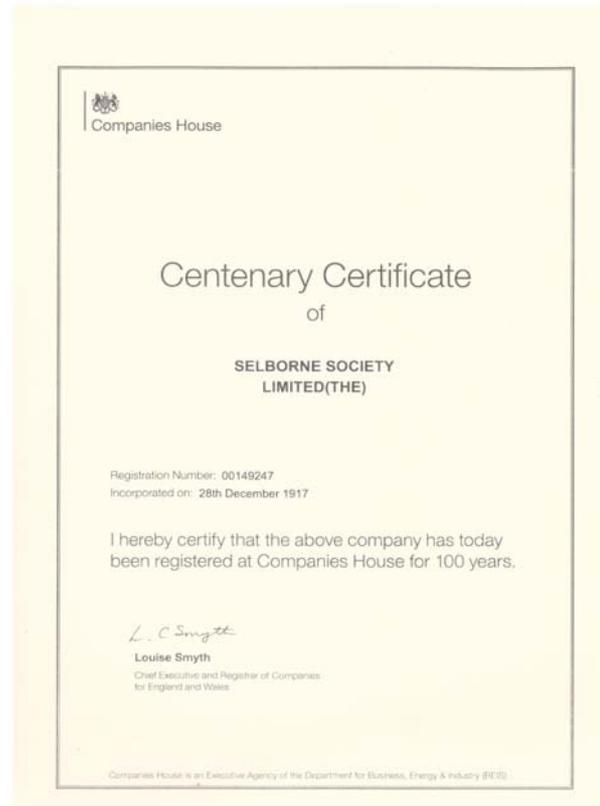
If you want to continue receiving paper copies of the publications, it is really important that you tell us, otherwise we'll just send stuff to you by email.

Wildflow Seeds, FREE ...

A great looking scheme from Kew and Grow Wild - applications invited - you need to identify some land to work on first! full

details: <https://www.growwilduk.com>

And we've just had news of [Into the Woods: Trees in Photography](#) at the [V&A](#), a small and free exhibition of arboreal photography from some of the greats, such as Ansel Adams, Alfred Stieglitz and Tai



our original certificate was hand written (we still have it of course! it's in the collection at the Linnean Society) and this one was computer generated ... but the envelope was hand written! I do wonder how companies make it to 100 and still going strong ..

Thanks Kate, and Company's House!

Ecology and Conservation Studies Society

Again have their free public lecture series in February and March; Friday Evenings, 6:30 pm - full information from [here](#)

The Lectures are at Birkbeck College, University of London, convenient for the Central Line (Tottenham Court Road Station) or the Hammersmith and City Line (Euston Square). The topic is The World and Nature of Fungi, and the dates are 9th Feb to 16th March.

Shochat. If you can't make it in person,
the highlights can be viewed online.
The exhibition runs until 22 April.

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