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## The Selborne Society Bulletin

July 2018

### Future Events

- Sat 7 Jul 10.30** **From onwards** **Gates will close at 4pm** **Shire horses mowing in the paddock! Members can come along to watch these magnificent horses working as they used to do. The benefits are they work quietly so won't disturb wildlife, and there's lower soil compaction and impact on flora compared to machinery. By using them we will also be helping to ensure a future for these endangered animals. Come along from 10.30. Bring a packed lunch if you like and stay on for the afternoon field meeting about trees - make a day of it! Soft drinks, teas and cake will be available to buy.**
- Sat 7 Jul 2pm** **Trees - Jon Staples, LB Ealing ranger for Horsenden Hill and Selborne Society Council member, will take us through the wood looking at our trees, their history, and most importantly, their future. How do we manage our woodland successfully in the 21st century.....**
- Sun 8 Jul 10am** **Conservation volunteers (not 15th as in the diary, sorry!)**
- Sat 14 Jul 2pm** **Rangers will be looking at bees - there will be an observation hive to marvel at,**

- Sat 21 Jul 5pm onwards**      **Rangers Little Wild Sleep Out - this is specially for Rangers and their families and places are limited, so book your place quickly! [Go to https://tinyurl.com/ssoclwso18](https://tinyurl.com/ssoclwso18) to book.**
- Tue 24 Jul 10am**      **Conservation volunteers**
- Sat 4 Aug 2pm**      **Entomology Explorer - Fiona Barclay will guide us round the reserve as we look at bees, dragonflies and butterflies and learn about how to provide a habitat they will thrive in**
- Sat 11 Aug**      **No Rangers this month**
- Sun 12 Aug 10am**      **Conservation volunteers**
- Mon 13 Aug**      **Sorry but all seats are taken on our coach outing to Harold Hillier House**
- Tue 28 Aug 10am**      **Conservation volunteers**

## Summer Newsletter

The Society Newsletter is out - for those of you who still want paper copies, it will be plopping on your doormats soon, or may already have done so.

Thanks to the the 400 odd members who have not asked for paper mailings to be continued - the saving in both money (printing, and in some cases, postage), paper and person power (collating, enveloping, labeling, distributing, and delivering) is enormous!

Click on these links to upload the documents that are part of the most recent Newsletter mailing -

[Newsletter](#)

[Diary](#)

[Coach Outing Form](#) (Stourhead, 17th October)

If you do get a paper copy of the Newsletter and are happy to receive it by email in future, then please say - [contact@selbornesociety.org.uk](mailto:contact@selbornesociety.org.uk) and we'll organise that for you.

## Visiting Perivale Wood

Members can visit Perivale Wood by borrowing a key from Perivale Library, or the newly re-opened Cafe Rendezvous, which is next door to the Library. You must take your membership card along and leave it as security for the key.

The Library Opening Hours are [here](#), and the Cafe is currently open Tues and Wed 10- 4, Thurs 10 -1. They hope to increase their opening hours.

The padlock on the "pedestrian" gate needs care to operate. Please check that you have properly locked it after you enter and again when you leave.

If you are visiting, do follow the code of conduct, and enjoy your visit to the Wood.

## Field meetings coming up

On the 7th July at 2pm, Jon Staples, who is the ranger responsible for Horsenden Hill and many other open spaces in the area, and a member of Selborne's council, will share his knowledge of the history of the **woodland** in the area, including our woods, and discuss what we need to be thinking about to ensure the woodland survives and thrives. Jon will share some of his knowledge of woodland management before taking us out into the woods to learn more.



and on **Saturday 4th August**, our local entomologist, Fiona Barclay will guide us round the reserve as we look for, and at, bees, dragonflies and butterflies - and whatever else we encounter too -

## Events organised by others

### London National Park City Fair

**Saturday 21st July:** The London National Park City Campaigners are kicking off the inaugural London National Park City Week with the first ever London National Park City Fair right in the heart of the city.

25+ stands, 25+ speakers, experiences, talks, walks, art and more. And all free (donations welcome).

You are invited to [register now for a reserved place.](#)

### BioBlitz

All across Britain, groups are taking part in their own BioBlitz activities - see [this](#) and [this](#)

In Hanwell, the Ealing Wildlife Group are organising a Bioblitz on the **28th July, from 10:00 am**, so there's a chance to join in a fun, marathon biodiversity recording session to count

Fiona's knowledge is prodigious.  
Great fun and a great way to explore  
the reserve.



### Learn to Love ..

The Field Studies Council have a programme to increase and improve wildlife recording skills, and with it, recording - they've set up a series "Learn to Love" and we are delighted to be hosting Learn to Love Bees on 8th August. [More information](#) (booking essential, £5.00 fee). There are a number of these courses and details of all are [here](#); there will be more at Perivale Wood too.

### Interested in helping us run Perivale Wood or the Society's admin systems?

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.

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

how many species of plants and animals can be found in Boles Meadow, which is down the steps adjacent to St Mary's Church Hanwell (by the Bunny Park) - W7 3BZ

They've been improving the habitat at Boles so it's a perfect opportunity to establish a baseline list of species that call it home. Year on year they want to repeat the exercise, in the hope of add to this list to show that community conservation projects help improve biodiversity!

But they need your help. Plant people, bird brains, batty folk, bug enthusiasts, fungi fans, moth & butterfly boffins, tree huggers and any other nature experts all needed throughout the day to find, teach and record.

Feel free to pop in for as long or as little time as you like to take part and learn all about the wildlife there. There will be interesting species on display, bug bottles, moth traps, bat detectors for later, binoculars to spot birds and experts to show you how to identify all manner of living things.

Kids welcome, fun for all the family!!! Just pop down throughout the day and get involved in some 'Citizen Science'. Get your little ones interested in the natural world.

Experts are sought to help, so if you know your wildlife, contact Sean McCormack via the [Facebook Ealing Wildlife Group Page](#)

We need people to do other jobs too - the Society takes a lot of running, so if wielding a slasher is not for you, but you are handy with a pen, or these days a computer, and would like to help us run the show, do get in touch. The same applies, too, if you'd like to do wildlife recording, or other odd jobs. Great company guaranteed!

## Mammals on roads survey

The People's' Trust for Endangered Species (PTES) is running a nationwide survey of mammal sightings along single-carriage roads. Add your sightings to help them find out crucial information about the status of our wildlife. It might also help keep young human mammals amused on long car journeys. [More details, with free apps to download here.](#)

### GDPR

No doubt you've been blitzed by emails about this; as this is only sent to members, or recent members, we do not need you to refresh your consent.

Sarah Hadland, our Vice Secretary has produced a new Privacy policy that is in final draft at the moment. If anyone wants to see it do email, and we'll send a copy; it will be circulated when finalised.

If you do prefer not to receive these, there is an unsubscribe button; we will be notified and will remove you from

They 'll be running from 10am to 10pm so seek volunteers to staff tables, take care of specimens, hand out field guides and equipment and provide refreshments. Please say if you can help - more information from [here](#)

### Walk for Wildlife

There will be a great looking **Walk for Wildlife** in London with Chris Packam on the 22st September - more information from [here](#) and a [Video](#)

### Lectures

And early news of the [Ecology and Conservation Society's](#) autumn lecture series - 6 Friday evenings 12th Oct to 16 Nov, 18.30 pm, "Transport and Nature". The detail of the programme has not been finalised, but there's a summary and more information [here](#)

future circulations.

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