

The Selborne Society Diary, Spring and Summer, 2018



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!
Sun 11 Mar	10am	Conservation management
Tue 27 Mar	10am	Conservation management
Sat 7 Apr	2pm	Spring flowers - Nic Ferriday will lead a walk to find and discuss flowering plants in the reserve
Sat 14 Apr	2pm	Rangers - Sun and Bluebells. We will be looking at flower anatomy and making sun pictures
Sun 15 Apr	10am	Conservation volunteers
Tue 17 Apr	7.30pm	AGM – in the Bluebell Centre of Perivale Wood Local Nature Reserve. Our most important meeting of the year, where our members review the finances, and the activities, for the year, and elect new members for the Society's Governing Council. All paid up members welcome
Sat 21 Apr	10am	Open Day preparations – your help will be needed, please ... 10am set up commences, and finishes when we've finished. Volunteers welcome to put up gazebos, erect stalls and so much more!
Sun 22 Apr	All day	Open Day ... the time to showcase the reserve to the public, promote the Society's work, and recruit new members! Volunteers will be needed to staff stalls, steward the event, and so on!
Tue 24 Apr	10am	Conservation volunteers
Sat 5 May	2pm	Pond dipping for adults - Peter Warne will help us identify and learn about the abundant life in our ponds pools and puddles, and it really is amazing what we find – teeming, fascinating .
Sun 6 May	4.15am	An event for early birds! Come along to the Dawn Chorus, and try to identify our morning songsters aided by bird enthusiasts Martin Smith and David Conservation
Wed 9 May		Coach outing to Selborne Village – the most beautiful, quintessentially British, English village, home to our hero, the Revd. Gilbert White, Author of The Natural History of Selborne, our Spiritual Home! Country walks with wildlife experts John Wells and June Chatfield, A visit to “The Wakes” - Gilbert White's home, a trip to his Church, and Lunch – and perhaps an ale – in the Selborne Arms. A perfect day. Booking information in the flyer.
Sat 12 May	2pm	Rangers will be bug hunting and asking why are invertebrates important. We will make a mini beast presentation.
Sun 13 May	10am	Conservation volunteers
Tue 22 May	10am	Conservation volunteers

Sat 2 Jun	2pm	Butterflies and moths - David Howdon will lead us through the reserve to identify and learn about these fascinating and beautiful insects
Sat 9 Jun	2pm	Rangers will be pond dipping and studying frogs and food chains in the pond
Sun 10 Jun	10am	Conservation volunteers
Tues 26 Jun	10am	Conservation volunteers
Sat 7 Jul	2pm	Trees - Jon Staples, LBE ranger and Council member, will take us through the wood looking at our trees, their history and their future
Sat 14 Jul	2pm	Rangers will be looking at bees and butterflies, and finding out about the differences between moths and butterflies
Sat 14 Jul	5pm	Rangers Big Little Sleep Out - booking details will be published
Sun 15 Jul	10am	Conservation volunteers
Tue 24 Jul	10am	Conservation volunteers
Sat 4 Aug	2pm	Entomology Explorer - Fiona Barclay will guide us round as we look at bees, dragonflies and butterflies
Sun 12 Aug	10am	Conservation volunteers
Mon 13 Aug		Coach outing to Hillier Gardens - booking form in mailing flyer https://www.hants.gov.uk/thingstodo/hilliergardens
Tue 28 Aug	10am	Conservation volunteers

Volunteering at Perivale Wood

There are several opportunities to volunteer at Perivale Wood each month; if you are into "Conservation" work - maintaining and improving the natural features, coppicing, hedgelaying, scrub clearing, then there are two opportunities - 10:00 am on second Sunday and 10:00 am on the last Tuesday of each month are for you.

If you want to help maintain and improve the infrastructure, with jobs like building a new store or

Pond Dipping Platform, then most Tuesdays at 10:00 am is your chance.

You will be welcome to join our established and skilled teams, learn new skills - hedgelaying coppicing and the like, have some fun, drink some tea and eat some biscuits!

Wear old clothes and suitable footwear. Contact Nic Ferriday (020 8930 4119) for further details. Please help if you can!

Events are now held at The Perivale Wood Local Nature Reserve, Sunley Gardens, Perivale, Middlesex UB6 7PE – either exploring Perivale Wood or using the Bluebell Centre, our newly constructed Bluebell Centre. Sometimes the Reserve will be the rendezvous and for coach outings, separate information will be given.

When Travelling to Society Events do please consider your carbon footprint; Car Bad, Bike, Bus, Train, Shanks Pony good! - If you are coming by Public Transport the Central Line Perivale Tube Station is a couple of hundred metres away; the nearest buses are 297, 95, and the E5; The Grand Union Canal runs to our North and makes a great way to travel by bike or walking. More information about the Society and the Reserve can be found on the Society's website:

www.selbornesociety.org.uk

We are also on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/PerivaleWood>) and Twitter @selbornesoc

The Society publishes monthly email bulletins for our members, with updates and if you are not receiving these then please register, contact@selbornesociety.org.uk

If you'd like to set up a group visit to the reserve, or a school trip etc. do please get in touch.

We welcome suggestions for outings, future talks or sessions at the Reserve or offers to lead sessions and give talks etc.. If you have knowledge or expertise that you are willing to share, then please contact the Society (see below) to discuss.

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