

The Selborne Society Diary,



Summer and Autumn, 2017

Sat 1 Jul	2:00 PM	Entomology Explorer ... Fiona Barclay seeks and discovers insects (and often other beasties too) in and around the wood and meadows – this is always fascinating, and wonderful critters are usually found
Sat 8 Jul	2:00 PM	The Perivale Wood Rangers will find out about BEES ... do they all make honey? What else do they do (apart from stinging!) how many types can we find, why are they so important? *** Adults must be accompanied by a Ranger! ***
Sun 9 Jul	10:00 AM	Volunteer Working Morning *
Tue 25 Jul	10:00 AM	Volunteer Working Morning *
Sat 5 Aug	2:00 PM	We will be looking at our Grasses, with Laura Belton leading us.
Tue 8 Aug	All Day	A Coach outing to the National Trust's Ickworth near Bury St Edmunds; A Georgian Italianate palace in an idyllic English landscape; full information and booking via Flier which is available separately
Sat 12 Aug	2:00 PM	The Perivale Wood Rangers will be finding out about the Sun – it provides light and heat, the power of LIFE itself– and we can use it to tell the time – maybe we'll make a sundial. *** Adults must be accompanied by a Ranger! ***
	8:00 PM	Bat Walk at Perivale Wood; always popular, a chance to explore find out about our local bat population, explore Perivale Wood after dark armed with Bat Detectors, wrap up well .. bring a torch, expect to be intrigued!
Sun 13 Aug	10:00 AM	Volunteer Working Morning *
Tue 22 Aug	10:00 AM	Volunteer Working Morning *
Sat 2 Sep	2:00 PM	Field Meeting at Perivale Wood TBA
Sat 9 Sep	2:00 PM	The Perivale Wood Rangers will enter a web of intrigue and discover the world of SPIDERS – can we find some? What do their webs look like ... what are they made from, and how do they use them? *** Adults must be accompanied by a Ranger! ***
Sun 10 Sep	10:00 AM	Volunteer Working Morning *
Tue 26 Sep	10:00 AM	Volunteer Working Morning *
Tue 3 Oct	7:45 PM	Bats – Keith Barker, a bat supremo, from the Herts and Middlesex Bat Group will tell us much about bats – fascinating creatures. Often travels with a couple of “rescue” bats to look at too.
Sat 7 Oct	2:00 PM	A Fungus Foray with acclaimed expert Alec Henrici ... always fascinating, the Reserve is a rich in fungi, so there is usually plenty to find and learn about.
Sun 8 Oct	10:00 AM	Volunteer Working Morning *
Sat 14 Oct	2:00 PM	The Perivale Wood Rangers will go on a fungus foray, finding out about the food web and why fungi are important. *** Adults must be accompanied by a Ranger! ***
Tue 24 Oct	all day	Coach Outing, Winkworth Aboretum; booking essential, form will be circulated
	10:00 AM	Volunteer Working Morning *
Sat 4 Nov	2:00 PM	Field Meeting at Perivale Wood - TBA

We're sorry that some items are still "TBA" (to be announced!) but we re working on filling the gaps. Monthly updates are issued by email - if you are a member and do not receive these, then please email to request them. We often publicise events on our Facebook Page and Twitter, so follow the Society on Social Media. The diary on our website, www.selbornesociety.org.uk will be updated from time to time too, and you can email to enquire contact@selbornesociety.org.uk

*** Volunteer Working Mornings ... Perivale Wood does not take care of itself, so on the second Sunday of each month, a group of members help with the management, aiming to keep it in tip top condition and a great place for nature ... there's a range of jobs, from clearing bramble through to making and erecting nestboxes. We are always pleased to welcome more**

volunteers and we greatly appreciate assistance. It's fun, a good way to get some exercise, out in the fresh air, make friends, and develop new skills too. Tools and gloves are supplied. Wear old clothes and suitable footwear. Contact Nic Ferriday (020 8930 4119) for further details. Please help if you can!

- Tue 7 Nov 7:45 PM Swifts – House-hunting for Survival
The Swift is now Amber Listed as a Bird of Conservation Concern in the UK. Catherine Day, RSPB Swift Volunteer from the RSPB Central London Local Group, will describe its life-cycle, how electronic tagging has revealed the story of its migratory route, and how there are new London and nationwide initiatives to try and prevent its move onto the UK Red List of Threatened Species.
- Despite leading the most aerial existence of any bird on Earth, the Common Swift is suffering its own severe housing crisis. Come and find out more about these dashing summer visitors, how to choose and site ready-made or DIY swift nest boxes, and hear about some very varied swift projects from cottage bathrooms to church towers and supermarket car parks. Catherine will also talk about her own Chiswick Swift Project.
- Sat 11 Nov 2:00 PM Perivale Wood Rangers. To be announced, *** Adults must be accompanied by a Ranger! ***
- Sun 12 Nov 10:00 AM Volunteer Working Morning *
- Tue 28 Nov 10:00 AM Volunteer Working Morning *

Most events will now be 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 and 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 information below.

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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