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The Selborne Society Bulletin

July, 2014

Whats on, whats happening, and what has happened ...with the Selborne Society
and at the Perivale Wood Local Nature Reserve.

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The Build Begins ...



10th June was the day ... Volunteers John Morrell, Howard Levy, Len. Lewington and Andy Pedley were at the Reserve, beginning phase 1 of the improvements – the Accessible toilet. The site, just to the north of the existing hut, had been identified, and the ground was cleared, a test hole was bored with a hand auger to find out how difficult it would be for the foundations, and a lot of the scavenged timber was denailed ... you can read about it [on the Blog](#), --- that will start you at day 3, but scroll down for days 1 and 2.

The next Volunteers Days are the 1st July and the 15th July, both Tuesdays. – we are trying to do them every couple of weeks. If you'd like to volunteer, [register here](#) – you dont have to have any particular skills, and if you fancy just making the tea, that is enormously appreciated too!

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Whats on

The Society's activities for the next couple of months

27 and 28 June

Bioblitz at Perivale Wood Local Nature Reserve



To mark "National Insect Week" we will be holding a "Bioblitz" involving checking moth trap contents and beetle traps in the morning and exploring the reserve to draw up a list of invertebrates and other organisms present.

This is a joint event between the Amateur Entomologists Society, the London Natural History Society, and the Selborne Society.

Programme:

27th, 9pm, Bat Talk, 9:45 pm, Bat and Moth Walk,

28th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, examination of moth traps, pond dipping, bird walks, plant walk, and butterfly walk; Stewards etc. greatly appreciated!

5 Jul (Sat)

Field Meeting at Perivale Wood Local Nature Reserve, 2pm John Wells will be taking a close look at the grasses in the Reserve, telling us about them and their significance

12 Jul (Sat)

Junior section Moths and butterflies abound but can you catch one?

13 Jul (Sun)

Conservation Management at the Reserve. 10.00 am (see note at foot of page 2)

2 Aug (Sat)

Adult Field meeting. 2.00 pm at the Reserve;

Fiona Barclay will lead one of her fascinating walks looking for Bumble Bees in the Reserve, telling us about these creatures and their importance as pollinators. She usually finds a few other things of interest too

9 Aug (Sat)

Junior Section Colour games and a picnic in the meadow.

10 Aug (Sun)

Conservation management at the Reserve. 10.00 am (see note at foot of page 2)

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Conservation Management:

Every month we have a conservation management session at Perivale Wood - an important time when we carry out essential jobs to preserve the Reserves biodiversity, and to carry out any maintenance or improvements that are needed. The current joblist includes building a post and rail fence, pulling brambles, finishing off the boundary fence - there is plenty of work for willing hands. Even if you can not help with physical work, wielding the teapot is a valuable role much appreciated by our eager volunteers.

If you can help, we will be delighted to see you ... 2nd Sunday of every month from 10:00 am to about 12:30 or beyond.

Grants!!

Delighted to be able to announce that the John Lyon's Charity has awarded us £25,000 to the new Education Centre; this is a real vote of confidence in our proposals. We 'd bid for a similar sum from another funder, and we are in a bit of a limbo state with them - they want to help but need more information, which we will provide to them in due course. We are nearly there with the Education Centre Funding, but the better funding provision that we have the better we will be able to fit it out and equip it for use!



Amazingly we now have £117 (£94 last month!) donated through the Council's Green Redeem project ... thank you so much if you are one of the Donors!

For those of you who are not using the project, our Education Centre project has been accepted by Green Redeem as one of their projects. GreenRedeem is a new scheme under which you get points for recycling, and those points can either be converted to rewards, or donated to the project of your choice (gentle hint here! Please make the Selborne Society your choice!). The maximum is £1000, and we have bid for this.

If you live in Ealing (or anywhere that the GreenRedeem scheme operates) please register ... **add the code HFR when you register**, and the Society's account will immediately be credited with 25 points; As you recycle you will accumulate points, and when you have 200 points please donate

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these to the Society's Project (200 equals £1); If all our local members do this, we will **very quickly** reach our £1000 target!

You can see more about [GreenRedeem](#) here. Our project is listed as "Education and Research Centre" and has our Gilbert White Logo (Top Left) as it's Icon. You can download instructions on how to donate from [here](#)

"Social" Media

The Society is increasingly using its [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) accounts for news and information; do please Like and Follow us as appropriate to keep up to date. And of course there is the [blog](#) that is updated regarding the Building Project. And you can find us on [Streetlife](#), too; its a sort of local version of Facebook.

Next Coach Outing

We are planning a trip to Wrest Park near Luton in October ... the 14th. Booking forms with the Autumn Mailing.

Jars and Fruit ...

Open Day Jam sales raised over £700 ... fantastic, thanks to the Jam makers Clare and Elsa ... but they need

- JARS, 1/2 and 1 lb jars please with metal or plastic lids., and
- FRUIT fruit - all kinds and tomatoes and jars -- surplus from allotments and gardens, to be frozen down and Jammified for next year.

Email clarecvernon@hotmail.co.uk or elsapawley@hotmail.com to offer either

A plea for help!

Our Minute Secretary has hung up her quill pen! It would be great if there was someone willing to come to Council Meetings (and the AGM) - typically only 4 or 5 meetings a year, take notes, and turn them into typewritten (ok, word processed) minutes! offers to contact@selbornesociety.org.uk.

Donations

We are very happy to accept donations towards the new building; payment can be made by cheque drawn to the Seborne Society Ltd and sent to 36 Ferrymead Gardens, Greenford, UB6 9NF the Society's Registered Office. If you are a UK

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Project Wild Thing

a film about Children and Nature - [Ealing Transitions](#) will be having a showing on the 20th July at St Mary's Church, South Ealing (7:30PM) and the Society will be present too. Everyone welcome to Transitions Meetings - they are a very active group engaged in both education via their monthly meetings and practical action - see their [webpage](#) for more information.

Royal Society Summer Science Exhibition

This looks AMAZING ... 1st to 6th July, at the Royal Society - Carlton Terrace, SW1Y 5AG; the annual exhibition of cutting edge science and technology. More info from <http://sse.royalsociety.org/2014/>

taxpayer we can claim the tax back; there's a gift aid form [here](#) you can download and fill in.

We'll be setting up an on line donation page in the near future!

The Selborne Society Library - an update

Last month I told you how the Selborne Library, a collection of Heritage books that is currently housed at the Southall Library has to move. We've now ordered the new cupboards, that will house the collection when it arrives in Ealing Central Library. No dates yet, but hopefully they will be in their new home in September.

Mikron Theatre Group

We really enjoyed the Mikron Production at Perivale Wood last year; they are not coming to the Wood this year, but are in Walpole Park on the 5th July ... information from [here](#)

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