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# The Selborne Society Bulletin

January 2016

Happy New Year ...

2015 has been a great year, with fantastic progress on the Education Centre by our wonderful team of Volunteers. that is on track to be formally opened at the end of April, and then put to great use with our Grant Funded Education Programme, which has already started ... Several Schools have come to the Reserve and we had our first Forest School session with service users from Certitude, who've adopted the name Forest Guardians! More on that later.

2016 promises to be as good, as we can begin to focus on using the Education Centre, and we hope to build up a full programme of adult courses - we've had Photography, hedgelaying, scything, coppicing ... so are looking to have more of these ... basket weaving using our willow and hazel, green wood working, spoon carving ... suggestions welcome and if you know anyone willing and able to tutor, do please say!

Lots of good things planned, including the Impact Theatre Group who will be performing A Midsummers Nights Dream at Perivale Wood in June; What could be better?

## What a difference a year makes!



I'm sure you can work out which is before and after, but it is amazing to think that 12 months ago we had a hole in the ground and a tatty garage ... now we have a smart 110 sq m watertight, rendered, straw bale building, and are on progress for the Opening Ceremony!

## Upcoming Events:.

<b>Sat 2 Jan</b>	<b>02:00 PM</b>	<b>Perivale Wood</b>	<b>Annual walk over Horsenden Hill with Martin Smith</b> ; a chance to find out about the history and wildlife of Horsenden Hill and find the hidden ponds. Martin is a mine of information. Please come prepared for mud! Gentle pace, great company.
<b>Tue 5 Jan</b>			There is no meeting this evening.
<b>Sat 9 Jan</b>	<b>02:00 PM</b>	<b>Perivale Wood</b>	<b>Rangers – for our younger members.</b> The Rangers will be joined by the St Peters Ealing Brownie Group and will help with some conservation jobs around the Reserve, and follow that with a campfire and songs.
<b>Sun 10 Jan</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Perivale Wood</b>	<b>Conservation Management *</b>
<b>Tue 19 Jan</b>	<b>07:45 PM</b>	<b>Greenford Community Centre</b>	<b>Selborne Council Meeting</b> the Governing body of the Society meets; observers welcome!
<b>Sat 30 Jan</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Perivale Wood</b>	<b>Joint with London Wildlife Trusts; nest box making</b> ... using off cuts from the Education Centre Build, we'll be crafting nest boxes for use in the small mammal survey all across London. Bring a hammer if you have one, plus safety glasses. All else provided.
<b>Tue 2 Feb</b>	<b>07:45 PM</b>		<b>Kathy Wormold of Froglife</b> will be telling us about their work
<b>Sat 6 Feb</b>	<b>02:00 PM</b>	<b>Perivale Wood</b>	<b>Adult Field Meeting</b> – John Wells will lead, exploring the Reserve, looking at our mosses and Liverworts – easy to overlook, but charming, and important, in their own right!
<b>Sat 13 Feb</b>	<b>02:00 PM</b>	<b>Perivale Wood</b>	<b>Rangers – for our younger members</b> – exploring the history of Perivale Wood; we've found things from the stone age, Romans, and middle ages; Kim will lead the Rangers as they explore the wood; who knows what else they will find!
<b>Sun 14 Feb</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Perivale Wood</b>	<b>Conservation Management *</b>

### \*Conservation Management:

once a month our wonderful volunteers help us maintain our Wonderful Perivale Wood in tip top condition; all welcome; tools gloves, etc provided. 2nd Sunday of each month, 10 am till about 1 pm.

### Volunteers Needed Please!

We've had a couple of volunteers to do teas after the Field Meetings on the 1st Sunday of each month, but it would be GREAT to build a team ... so if you think you can help, [do get in touch](#) ...

### Greenredeem

Some will remember that we used Ealing Council's [Greenredeem](#) scheme to raise £1000 towards the Education Centre a little while ago; We've applied to raise £1500 towards our Education Programme, and waiting for news of our application .... so but if

### Coach Outings

Just a couple of places left on the next coach outing (23rd February to the Wildlife and Wetland's Trusts Arundel Nature Reserve full information in the flier .. download from [here](#)) ... so if you want to come book quickly. Future Plans include Selborne Village in Hampshire (provisionally 31st May, so we can hopefully see Duke of Burgundy Butterflies) Sheffield Park, and Wakehurst Place. Information on these as it comes available

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you have any points to donate, please hold on to them so you can donate them to us when - if - the project is accepted. And of course EARN those points by recycling and doing all the quizzes and all that they offer, so we get off to a great start! THANKS!

### Roundhouse roof

Our friends at the Litten Local Nature Reserve are building a Roundhouse using traditional materials and techniques, including a turf roof! There will be a course (charged) on the 21st and 22nd Jan, and Selborne Society Members are invited ... email [Patrick](#) for information and to book



### Education Programme

The launch of the education programme is going really well. Late November, three Reception classes and three Year 1 classes came from Selborne Primary to learn about autumn and the trees of Perivale Wood. In December we had Year 1 and Year 2 classes come from Petts Hill Primary to learn about habitats. The Breakaway group also visited the reserve in December for two Forest School sessions, which included cooking on a campfire. This is a group based in Ealing for people with learning disabilities. We already have some bookings for the spring and summer term and are looking

Monday 8th February, 8pm-10pm.

Blackwell Hall, Uxbridge Road,  
Stanmore, HA3 6DQ.

Hertfordshire and Middlesex Butterfly Conservation; and hosted by the Harrow Natural History Society.

An event that anyone interested in butterflies in North and West London can attend. The first part of the evening will cover the butterflies of London

and how their numbers have changed over the years. Malcolm Hull will then speak about what we can all do to help butterflies.

For further details:

<http://www.harrownaturalhistory.org.uk/>



### Rangers

The Christmas Party for Rangers in December went really well. Yule logs were made using materials from the wood and there was even a visit from Father Christmas himself!

The sessions for 2016 are shaping up to be really exciting.

January 9th we are looking forward to toasting some marshmallows around a campfire. Gill, who runs Forest Corner at the wood, is going to lead the session and will also be telling us about her February half term Forest

forward to introducing more children  
and adults to Perivale Wood.

Nicola Goddard



School.

The February session is going to led  
by Kim, who is an archaeologist, and  
we are going to be exploring the  
Victorian dust heap. I wonder what  
we'll find!

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