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The Selborne Society Bulletin

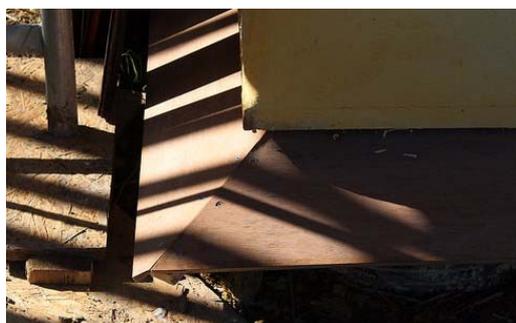
DAWN CHORUS WALK

This is a wonderful opportunity to discover the richness of our bird life at the Reserve, as we hear (and have identified) the various birds sing. In the company of expert (and our chairman) David Howdon, we start at 4am at the Reserve Gate and head into the Central Clearing to sit and listen to the dawn, and enjoy the sun rise for the new day; then maybe walk round the Reserve and up onto Horsenden Hill or the Canal. Magic!

Weather forecast is cold but dry! wrap up well, wear boots, bring a torch and a sense of expectation. [More information](#)

The Bluebell Centre ... work goes on





Work continues but a big part of the month was setting the building up for the AGM and Open Day;... because the Reserve is still so wet after the wettest winter since records began, the ground was very soft and muddy; so gravel and scaffold boards had to be laid laid to form a temporary pathway and the main room cleared of equipment.

Miles the Plasterer came and plastered ceilings and walls, these dried within a few days and have been painted. The corridor has been lined with ply and that's been varnished, looking very spectacular. The internal wall to the classroom has been completed - this is from those second hand scaffold planks that volunteers so carefully prepared, and now meticulously put up by John Sears, and it looks MARVELLOUS.

The next big job is the flooring; we've been given 60 square metres of oak planks, which the volunteers are cleaning ready for laying; once the floor is laid we can start fitting kitchen units, sinks, toilets and basins.

Materials have been collected from the store at the back of Holy Trinity Perivale - tongued and grooved boarding which will go on the Citizen Science Laboratory Walls, and we'll be fitting that in the next week or so.

Upcoming Events:.

Sun 1 May	4:00 AM	Perivale Wood	International Dawn Chorus! Join us as we celebrate this annual event with David Howdon and Martin Smith leading us, and telling us what the calls are usually we go up to the canal and sometimes on to Horsenden Hill there's the chance of a bacon butty on return too ... but do please be punctual! They 'll be off to the Central Clearing and the gate locked quite quickly. Dress appropriate (warm and waterproof) and good shoes / wellies, ground is muddy at the moment. Torch desirable.
Sat 7 May	2:00 PM	Perivale Wood	Pond dipping for Adults with Peter Warne.
Sun 8 May			Conservation Management *
Sat 14 May	2:00 PM	Perivale Wood	Rangers – for our younger members – Minibeasts ... the tiny things that are the bottom of the food web – but so important; where do they live ... how many different types can we find? Come prepared for dirt!
Sat 4 Jun	2:00 PM	Perivale Wood	Adult Field Meeting; John Wells will take us on a Tour of Perivale Wood, looking at our wild flowers.
Sun 5 Jun	10:00 AM	Perivale Wood	Conservation Management *
Fri 10 Jun	9:30 PM	Perivale Wood	National Moth Night; we ll be organising a moth evening with the usual range of trapping (no moths will be harmed) and luring ... its always a brilliant evening and a time to find out more about these wonderful creatures.
Sat 11 Jun	2:00 PM	Perivale Wood	Rangers – for our younger members – Pond dipping; with nets and trays we'll be exploring the depths of our ponds, which teem with life – what will we be able to find?
Sat 18 Jun	tba	Perivale Wood	Midsummer Night's Dream with Impact Theatre Group this will be a charged and ticketed event
Sat 25 Jun		Perivale Wood	We hope to mark National Insect Week with another Bioblitz; details to follow

Annual General Meeting ...

This is one of the most important events in the Society's life, so it was great to hold it at the Bluebell Centre our first "official" event there. The room was full, with about 50 members present.

The annual report can be downloaded from [here](#), if you want to see what we've been up to, and we are delighted to welcome 4 new Trustees, Adrian Cantor, Sarah Hadland, Viv Cane-Honeysett, Mary Rutherford, and confirmed Jon Staples as a Trustee (Jon had been coopted last year). They bring new vision and energy to the Society's Governing Council and it will be great to work with them.

Open Day

What a day! over 3000 visitors to the Reserve, a record.

Despite concerns, the Bluebells were wonderful and the Reserve withstood the wear and tear really well - the ground was really soft because of the wet winter and spring.

Impact Theatre again danced as did the Northfields Morris Dancers. There were stalls from the RSPB and Vole Patrol, FoE, and other groups ... and of course our own Education, Forest Schools, Archaeology Groups, and there was Honey, Jam and Plants for sale.

Homemade Cakes and Teas a plenty. many new members signed up, and we were joined by The Revd. Gilbert White ... all the way from the 18th Century; of course the Reserve is dedicated to his memory, so we were delighted to welcome him to the Reserve.

This was the first time we've told the wider public about our new Heritage and Archaeology Section, and there was a great deal of interest and a number of "sign ups". This is a fascinating project, investigating the history of the Reserve over Millennia, complete with Excavations. If you are interested please contact kim@perivalewood.org.uk

A wonderful day, massive thanks to all who contributed.



We are trying to win £1500 towards our Rangers, if we are successful then we will use the money to buy much needed equipment. It is a competition; we need to come first to get the full £1500 (2nd prize, £750) and runs till the end of June. If you live in Ealing, please Register use the code KBE when you do so, it gives us an extra 25 points immediately!. Collect points (by recycling and taking part in fun activities) and donate your points to us!

There is a poster [here](#)... please share it with family, friends, and any group that you are a member of ... schools and the like THANK YOU!

Dont forget that old mobile phones and tablets can be sold through the scheme - and you also earn points that you can donate to The Selborne Society's Rangers ... Start [here](#) ... remember to register and sign into your Greenredeem account first.

***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



This is a "Crowdfunding" organisation and the Bluebell Centre is live on it; if you'd like to donate and help us raise funds to finish and, critically equip the building to make it really fit for purpose, and a brilliant new home for the Society, and a fantastic place for Schools, please donate ... does not need to be much, as many small donations add up - though bigger donations add up faster!

Please Visit <https://www.spacehive.com/Perivalewood> and donate.

Thank You!!



We've launched our new Education Programme Website, which is funded from the BAA Community Fund Grant. the URL is www.perivalewood.org.uk.

There is some availability for schools and groups sessions in June and July ... so if your school, your children's school, a friends school, etc would like to come, do please put them in touch with environmentaleducation@perivalewood.org.uk - the sessions are proving very popular and

about 1 pm.

beneficial.

Gift Aid ...

The Society is able to recover tax paid on donations, and also membership; if you ve not filled in a gift aid form, and pay tax, then please consider doing so! You can download a form from [here](#).

We need warn that if your tax status changes so you do not pay sufficient tax to cover your gift aid donations, the Revenue may recover any balance from you, so it is important that you tell us if your tax status changes.

Keys

I ve received news that the Library is out of Keys ... all are out on loan. Often the case at this time of year, the bluebells are always very popular. Do please return the keys as soon as you have finished with them, to either the Library or the Cafe (whichever you got them from) so other members can enjoy the Reserve.

Coach Outings

The Selborne village Outing (31 May 2016) is fully booked with a short waiting list, and though the Sheffield Park trip (2nd August 2016) is aso full there is the potential for a second coach, so please book ... the form is [here if you need to download it](#) We'll only bank the cheque once we know for certain that a second coach will be taken, and you ve confirmed that you are still available to come on the day.

We ve planned an outing to Wakehurst Place in October, full information later.



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Impact Theatre will be performing A Midsummer Nights Dream at Perivale Wood on the 18th June 2016; This will be a ticketed event, and charged for, but should be spectacular. Other performances will be at their Centre in Perivale Park information from their [website](#)

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