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## The Selborne Society Bulletin

April, 2018

### Future Events

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| <b>Sat 7 Apr 2pm</b>      | <b>Spring flowers - Nic Ferriday will lead a walk to find and discuss flowering plants in the reserve</b>  |
| <b>Sat 14 Apr 2pm</b>     | <b>Rangers - Sun and Bluebells. We will be looking at flower anatomy and making sun pictures</b>   |
| <b>Sun 15 Apr 10am</b>    | <b>Conservation volunteers</b>   |
| <b>Tue 17 Apr 7.30pm</b>  | <b>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</b> |
| <b>Sat 21 Apr 10am</b>    | <b>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!</b>  |
| <b>Sun 22 Apr All day</b> | <b>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!</b>  |
| <b>Tue 24 Apr 10am</b>    | <b>Conservation volunteers</b>   |

- 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 Howdon
- Wed 9 May** Coach outing to Selborne Village – the most beautiful, quintessentially 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 great display on mini beasts .
- Sun13 May 10am** Conservation volunteers
- Tue 22 May 10am** Conservation volunteers

All events are held at Perivale Wood Local Nature Reserve, 36-38 Sunley Gardens, Perivale, UB6 7PE unless stated otherwise.

## Mailings ...

A reminder that the Spring Newsletter is out .... if you still receive paper copies, it ought to have plopped or thudded onto your door mat by now. You may have chosen to only have electronic copies, so download the material from here, if you have not already done so ...

- [the latest Newsletter](#)
- flyers for the next two Coach Outings: [Selborne Village](#) - Wednesday May 9th; [Sir Harold Hillier Gardens](#) - Monday 13th August
- the [Nest Box Sponsorship Scheme form](#)
- the [full diary](#)

Our request to go electronic has been very productive, a lot of members have agreed to this and the saving in paper, time, and money will be considerable. You can still agree ... simply [email](#) to request and we'll do the rest.

## A little nag about the AGM

### Open Day 2018

Open Day is almost here - it's on **Sunday 22nd April** - and we are hoping for a fine display of bluebells and all kinds of interesting stalls and activities.

We've got a good number of volunteers already, but your help for the set up on Saturday, running things on the day, and taking down in the late afternoon will be greatly appreciated .... it's fun and not too much hard work - you'll be joining a great team.

Please do think of baking something for the cake stall - and we are always grateful for donations of gluten and dairy free baking of course.

If you want to donate plants to the stall this year please make sure they are carefully potted up and labelled. We are hoping to sell some English bluebell bulbs this year - not from the reserve of course.

[Email](#) to register your willingness to help in any way, and thanks in advance.

We'll be charging £1 entry for adults, and this year are not allowing dogs into the reserve.

#### Plastic Soup ...

Theres been a [lot in the media about plastic pollution recently](#) and we've heard about a campaign by the Womens Institute to bring it to an end;

#### Interested in helping us run Perivale Wood?

Why not join our team of wonderful conservation volunteers who help to maintain Perivale Wood in tip top

information [here](#). Even in the Reserve, we find a surprising amount of plastic, some windblown litter and some brought in by the foxes. So the present media - and political - attention to this issue is appreciated!

There's a [Petition](#) (of course); do, please, sign it.

condition. We work on the 2nd Sunday of each month, 10am till about 1pm and on the 4th Tuesday of each month, same times. Bring a packed lunch.

All Welcome - just turn up! Tools, gloves, tea, biscuits, good company and fun all included!

## Citizen Science Survey

We've been asked to help a student with their research - by [getting entries on this survey](#)

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