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The Selborne Society Bulletin

May 2018

Future Events

- 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. Dress warmly - it can be very chilly in the early hours.
- Wed 9 May** Coach outing to Selborne Village – the most beautiful, quintessentially English village, home to our hero, the Rev 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 mini beast presentation.
- Sun13 May 10am** Conservation volunteers

- Tue 22 May 10am Conservation volunteers**
- Sat 2 Jun 2pm Butterflies and moths - David Howdon will lead us through the reserve to identify and learn about these fascinating and beautiful insects**
- Sat 9 Jun 2pm Rangers will be pond dipping and studying frogs and food chains in the pond**
- Sun 10 Jun 10am Conservation volunteers**
- Tue 26 Jun 10am Conservation volunteers**
- Sat 7 Jul 2pm Trees - Jon Staples, LBE ranger and Council member, will take us through the wood looking at our trees, their history and their future**

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

AGM

About 30 members came along to the AGM and the necessary business was done. We are delighted to welcome John Kane as a new member of Council - John has been editing the newsletter since 2010, and has helped in many other roles in the Society. The Accounts were approved (you can view them [here](#)) and they include a summary of our activities during 2017, too.

Open Day 2018

Was GLORIOUS; the sun shone, the bluebells bloomed, about 2200 people visited and - as usual - loved Perivale Wood. The £1 entry fee proved worthwhile, and uncontroversial (more people complained it was too small a sum than that it was being imposed). We aimed to display the full range of activities that go on in the reserve - conservation and habitat management, scientific study, archaeology, woodland management - and from the interest shown in each stall we achieved that.

We also recruited a lot of new members for the Society.

We had visitors from the Horsenden Hill spoon carving group and the London Wildlife Protection group, explaining their work, and they were pleased with the response they had from visitors. As usual the home made jams, and honey sold well, and this year the plant stall offered English bluebells for sale (sourced from a reputable nursery) which were snapped up quickly. Cakes and teas, of course, kept everyone going through the day.

All this was planned and run by our wonderful volunteers, of course, to whom many, many thanks.

Visiting Perivale Wood

Selborne Village Outing

There are still a few places (6) on the Coach outing to Selborne Village on May 9th (Tuesday) - full information from [here](#) - do please [enquire of John Wells by email](#) to see if there are still places before posting the form off

Local Transitions Groups

The Ealing Transitions Group is screening 'Anima Mundi' followed by a discussion and refreshments.

'Anima Mundi' is an independently produced, homegrown, grassroots documentary made with very low embodied fossil-fuel energy. It is not a

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 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!

Wildlife Gardeners Day

'How To' video, it is a 'Where To' documentary showcasing alternatives like earthships, permaculture, permablitz, retrofitting the suburbs, lifeboats, localized food production and currencies, planned energy descent and Gaian philosophy.

After the screening, there will an opportunity to explore the relevance and significance of permaculture principles and practice in creating a sustainable future.

The event will be held at St Mary's Church, St Mary's Road, Ealing, W5 5RH. Entry to the event is free but donations to help us cover costs will be welcome. **Sunday 13th May 7.30pm**

And the **Southall Group** are showing Blue Planet II on **Tuesday 15th May 7.30pm** - this is combined with their AGM, at St John's Community Hall, Havelock Road, Southall, UB2 4DH.

This is a great opportunity to learn more about how Southall Transition is run, the projects they have completed this year and how you can get involved.

Refreshments will be available; however, to foster community spirit, attendees are also invited to bring food and drink to share.

Consultation on the future of Agriculture and Wildlife

The Wildlife Gardening Forum have partnered up with the Wildfowl and Wetland Trust to hold this - which will include celebrity talks, workshops, market stalls and guided walks at the beautiful London Wetland Centre. Speakers in open sessions include authors and broadcasters Professor Chris Baines, Kate Bradbury and Adrian Thomas, with Peter Massini of the GLA and Paul de Zylva of the LNPCF describing how the new London National Park City initiative can work with Wildlife Gardeners.

Another fourteen experts are providing specialist talks, guided walks and workshops giving practical tips on many aspects of garden wildlife from biological recording to gardening for bumblebees, butterflies and earthworms!. There will also be a Wildlife Gardeners Fair, with 20 stalls run by plant nurseries, equipment suppliers and wildlife gardening organisations.

There are a limited number of places so booking is essential. Initially places are reserved for Wildlife Gardening Forum members, but will open to non members soon - more information and booking [here](#)

Learn to Love ..

The Field Studies Council have a programme to increase and improve wildlife recording skills and with it Recording - they've set up a series "Learn to Love" and we are delighted to

The Peoples Trust for Endangered Species have asked for everyone to respond to the Government's Consultation. There's full information [here](#), and a [link to the consultation](#)

be hosting Learn to Love Bees 8th August. [More information](#) (booking essential, £5.00 fee). There are a number of these and details of all are [here](#); there will be more at Perivale Wood too.

Help Requested:

There's a [survey on Citizen Science](#) - we are big on that!! Do fill it in if you have a minute.

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