



## Happy New Year 2017!

We hope that you all enjoyed the Christmas festivities! The Snowdrop is a brave bulb to emerge this month and put forth its flowers, while the majority of other plants are still resting up until Spring. Water birds such as geese, ducks and waders will be feeding frantically on the coast and wetlands, a great sight to behold. The trees are now standing bare, providing an excellent opportunity to sharpen your skills in Winter tree ID or better yet join us for our Winter tree workshop.

## Let them grow

PEA headed back to Poole Farm in December, to create a new edible hedge by planting 319 new trees! The PEA team first helped to add trees to the top of a Devon earth bank, creating a natural barrier in the orchard field for livestock and people. Then the team moved on to the wonderful task of creating an edible hedgerow along the top of the field. Trees planted included, Blackthorn, Hazel, Crab Apple, Plum and Holly. The large apple trees for the orchard will be added this year!



## Christmas Social

To make merry, PEA volunteers gathered together for a Christmas walk at Wistman's Woods on Dartmoor. Even the PEA mascot, with Christmas attire made an appearance! It was a lovely way to wrap up the year, especially with the mince pies. If you haven't yet made it to a fun filled PEA social, there will be plenty more opportunities this year!

## January Events

7<sup>th</sup> - Tree Planting (**Free**)

14<sup>th</sup> – Winter Tree ID (**£10**)

28<sup>th</sup> – Tree Planting (**Free**)

To book a space on one of our events please contact us via text/email

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## Review Corner

Is it a gripping action film? A breathtaking thriller? An entertaining comedy?



No, it's **Planet Earth II**, the nature documentary series aired on BBC1 in November and December 2016 and narrated by Sir David Attenborough. Each of the 6 episodes features a specific habitat (islands, jungles, mountains...) and offers astounding HD close-ups on wildlife from all over the world. A must-see for nature lovers. There might still be time to catch up on the BBC iPlayer if you've missed out!

## Creature Feature



**Dormice** are one of our amazing hibernating mammals.

During January they will still be snuggled up in their nests with their tails wrapped around them. Dormice remain dormant from October to May, they achieve this by slowing down their body metabolism by 90%. When awake they spend all their time foraging for berries, flowers and nuts.