

Valley Conservation Society



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Another Chance To Hear From Bryn

*Complimentary copy
for your interest*

Tovil's annual parish meeting will be this Monday, April 24.

For the first time it is in the new venue of the YMCA building in Barfreston Close, Tovil.

As usual our chairman, Bryn Cornwell, will be giving a report on the Society's activities over the past year. There will also be a talk from Steve Songhurst, the warden at Vinters Valley Nature Reserve, who is advising the trustees of our own Hayle Park Nature Reserve on preparing a management plan for the park.

Other clubs and organisations in Tovil will also be giving their reports. The meeting starts at 7pm and includes refreshments. All welcome.

Last chance for show tickets

Act quickly if you want tickets for our show this coming Friday (April 28) as the seats are nearly all gone. Admission is £10, and includes a pizza supper.

The event at the Tovil Workingmen's Club starts at 8pm and includes music from Five In The Bar and the Unit 5 Showband.

Inquiries to Alan on 01622 751926.



Spring

As always we are conducting a Spring Walk around the land owned by Valley Conservation and the new Hayle Park Nature Reserve.

Saturday, May 13

Meet at the Conservation Cabin in Cave Hill at 10pm. The walk will be followed by refreshments at the Manor House.

All welcome. Bring your dogs and children.



If proof were needed that Spring has arrived, here is a picture of a Mallard on our ponds with her early brood of ducklings.

Litter Pick

The Society will be holding a Spring Clean in the Lower Loose Valley on **Sunday, May 7**. Meet at the Conservation Cabin in Cave Hill at 10am and help us litter pick around the area. Gloves and litter-pickers will be supplied.

All volunteers welcome!

Crisbrook Meadow



The Tuesday work party have been grafting away as usual. Among the tasks they have completed this month is the planting of 800 perennial wild flower plugs to renew the wildflower meadow at Crisbrook. The plugs were kindly paid for by Tovil Parish Council.

*There is a work party every Tuesday, meeting at the Conservation Cabin, at 10am. More volunteers are always welcome. You can stay for an hour or all day and pick the task that suits you. For more details phone Bryn on 01622 746514 or just turn up!

Membership

We have been having a bit of a recruitment drive in the past month. In particular we have been encouraging previous members who have allowed their membership to lapse to rejoin.

We are delighted that so far the drive has resulted in 66 new members.

However, never happy, we would still like to attract more – a big membership helps us when we apply for grants or when we try to persuade the council to do – or not do – something.

Please use the form overleaf to sign up anyone in your family who is not yet a member, or ask your neighbours to join us. Many thanks.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2017

I/We should like to (re)join the Society: *(Please include your title and first name)*

Names:

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Address:

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..... Postcode

Phone: E-mail:

Mobile:

I would prefer to receive newsletters by e-mail: Yes/No

Signature(s)

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Membership is £2 per year (or 50p for young people aged 14 to 18). Send your application form and your cheque made payable to Valley Conservation Society to:

**Colin Holman, Membership Secretary, Flat 3, The Manor,
Hayle Place, Cripple Street, MAIDSTONE, ME15 6DW**

I enclose a cheque/cash for £..... (Donations welcome)

If you are willing to play an active role in the Society, tick the box you are interested in:

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