

Valley Conservation Society



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Buy your Barbecue Tickets Today

*Complimentary copy
for your interest*

The Society's summer barbecue will be on **Saturday, July 20.**

It will be held as usual in the gardens of The Manor at Hayle Place, courtesy of Jane and Colin Holman.

There will be burgers, sausages and chicken portions on the grill, plus salads and a wonderful array of desserts. All food is included in the ticket price of **£10 per person**. Please bring your own drinks, picnic tables, seats or rugs. Vegetarian options are available if ordered in advance. Parking in adjacent field (follow signs). Please no dogs.

There will be live music as usual, but we have a different band this year: **The Swinging 60s** – who will play a variety of hits from that era.

Doors open at 3pm, with food served from 4pm. There is no necessity to be exactly on time, the barbecue will keep going until at least 6pm. Accompanied **children under 14** are FREE, but please let us know how many you intend to bring in advance for catering purposes.

Similarly, ticket sales will CLOSE on **Saturday July 13**, so that we can place final orders with our caterers. So don't leave it until the last minute to book!

Tickets from Alan Smith on **01622 751926** or by email to a128smith@btinternet.com

The best time to call is between 4.30pm and 7.30pm. There is an answerphone to leave a message. But if you can't get hold of Alan, call Bryan Stovell on **01622 609377**.

This event is for members and their guests only. It is not open to the general public.

The venue...



The band ...

You can listen to some demo tapes of the Swinging 60s on their website:

www.swinging60s.com

The chefs ...



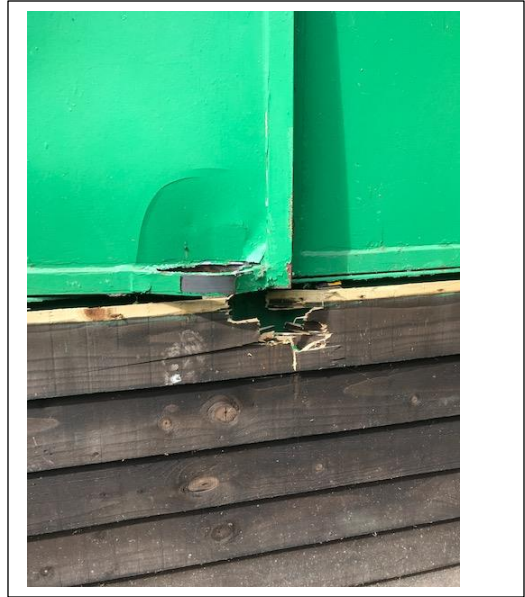
Carriages at 10pm. We ask guests to please take empty bottles and rubbish home with them. Gazebos and chairs can be collected the next day (at owners' risk).

Close shave

We suppose it had to happen eventually.

On Wednesday, June 13, thieves attempted to break into the Conservation Cabin in Cave Hill. They were in the process of trying to jemmy open the window shutter when they were disturbed by a neighbour, hopped over the gate and made off in a white pick-up truck.

They were probably expecting an easy target, not realising that beneath the wooden cladding, the shed is actually a metal container unit. Nevertheless it was a close thing.



Two nights before, thieves (perhaps the same ones?) broke into the Tovil Scout Hut in Straw Mill Hill and stole a ride-on mover valued at £5,000. We ask all our members – please if you see a vehicle outside the Cabin at night, or see anything suspicious, try to take a photo of the number plate and call the police.

None of the genuine VCS volunteers will mind being challenged. And you can always double check with a call to our chairman Bryn Cornwell on 01622 746514.

Poppies



The boys from the work party have been adding some finishing touches to our newly restored ragstone wall in Crisbrook Meadow, which they had previously postponed because of the onset of early frosts. While there, they were treated to an abundant display of poppies that had grown up along the top of the wall.

**The work party meets every Tuesday at the Conservation Cabin in Cave Hill at 10am. If you would like to help, just turn up or phone Bryn Cornwell for more details on 01622 746514.*



Reminder

A quick reminder that tickets for our next music night with **Five In The Bar** are already on sale. We are restricting tickets sales to 120 places this time to give us all a little more room. The show will be at Boughton Monchelsea Village Hall on Saturday, October 19. Admission is £15 to include a fish and chip supper.

Five In The Bar play music by the likes of Frank Sinatra, Michael Buble and Bobby Darin. Their leader singer, Dorian Gray (above), was a Sixties star in his right, appearing on Top Of The Pops with his chart-topper Got You On My Mind. Tickets for the 7.30pm show can be ordered from Alan as per the barbecue tickets mentioned earlier.

Proud Mum



This proud mum is taking her new family for a swim on Lower Crisbrook Pond.