

SHOLING VALLEYS NEWSLETTER

June 2018

THE BEST YET!

The Spring Fayre held on the 19th May exceeded all expectations despite it being the same day as the Royal Wedding. The weather was absolutely perfect and the crowds poured in and all had a good time soaking up the atmosphere. We were able to show the Royal Wedding on the large screen in the Centre for those interested. We were so busy that we ran out of coconuts, lemonade on the hoopla stand and refreshments in the Centre. There was a constant queue at the barbecue.



Falcon High put on two flying displays and, as always, they didn't disappoint and were much enjoyed by everyone especially the children.



We were very pleased, after an absence of many years, to welcome a traction engine which gleamed in the bright sunlight and was a popular attraction to young and old alike.



We are very grateful for the participation of the local organisations and charities that support our event each year as well as some new participants who all provided a wide range of interest, activities and goods. We also had plenty of plants for sale. Candy and Lindsay spoke to many people about the LNR and the work that we do.

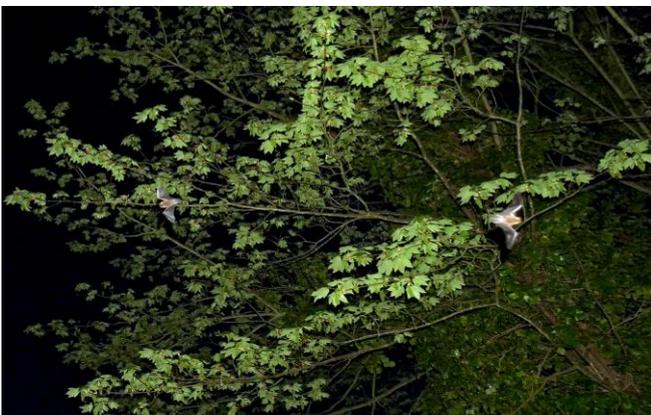


We are also very grateful to our willing band of volunteers who worked very hard all day manning the bouncy castle and all our games and produce.



BATS AT LAST!

Following the twice cancelled bat walk at the end of last summer, we were at last able to guide a group around the LNR on the 25th April. Despite earlier rain, it was a lovely evening and the visitors were rewarded with a wonderful bat display over the pond.



The next Bat Walk is to be held on Wednesday, 22nd August. Places are limited so please e-mail sholingvalleys1@btinternet.com to book.

VISITS BY GROUPS

Several local Beaver Groups have spent an evening with us over the last few months and Forest Schools have also held sessions during Easter and Spring. Forest Schools also have six sessions booked for the Summer holidays in August. During their session on the 13th April, they recorded 113 bumble bees in Botany Bay meadow in just one hour.

VOLUNTEERS WEEK

1st-7th June – Volunteer week is an annual celebration of the contribution that millions of volunteers make across the UK. In support of this, as a thank you for all the past year's hard work, following our normal Conservation Work Day on Sunday, 29th July we will be holding an evening barbecue from 4.00 until 7.00 p.m. for our members and regular volunteers. All food will be provided but please bring your own drinks.

Thanks to our "official" photographer, Bruce Larner, for event photos and Gemma Paul who regularly visits the site with her children.

CONSERVATION WORK DAYS

We have been busy! In April we hired machinery in order to complete work on the footpaths and therefore worked on Saturday and Sunday. Work on the toilet block also progressed well and those of you who came along to the Spring Fayre, would have seen we are almost complete.



Back in March, our volunteers installed the signs that were made from the Tesco 5p bag scheme.



It was a glorious day for our May Workday and volunteers were busy clearing footpaths. However, it was also an opportunity to enjoy the local fauna and complete a meadow survey.

