

Colne Valley Regional Park Newsletter – April 2023



Dear Friend of the Colne Valley Park

Many thanks for your past support for the Colne Valley Regional Park. It really helps us in the important work we do to enhance and protect the local environment and more.

Membership

Many thanks to those of you who paid your 2023/24 membership subscription promptly. Those of you who are fully paid up should now have your new membership card – in a few recent cases the card is on its way to you. If you have not paid, please do so as soon as possible. If you need a membership renewal form, please let me know.

Friends of the CVP AGM

It was good to see so many of you at the AGM on 23rd March. I attach the minutes of the meeting. Congratulations to Glenys Price who was re-elected as the Friends representative on the CVP Trust. It was also announced at the meeting that, although the recent broadsheet newsletters produced with Landscape Partnership Lottery funding would not continue, future newsletters in a different format were planned, with the first later this year.

One suggestion at the meeting was to hold Friends of the CVP social quiz evenings, which would also aid fund raising. If you have ideas about this, or better still are willing to lead the organization of quiz evenings, then please do contact me.

Sketch and Stroll sessions

Mary Pomeroy has organized two more of the popular informal sketch and stroll sessions at Denham Country Park on Sunday 14th May and Wednesday 17th May from 1pm to 3pm. The cost is normally £10, but is **half price** for Friends of the Colne Valley Park. To book a place, contact Mary on 01494 771230 or pomeroy819@btinternet.com

Local short walks in Iver

Simply Walk and Iver & District Countryside Association run an easy going short local walk in a different part of Iver on the third Saturday of each month on local paths, towpaths and quiet lanes, typically 3 miles, 1½ hours. We meet at 2pm at Iver Village Hall Car Park, Grange Way, off High Street, Iver. There is usually an option to socialize at a High Street café on our return. As the IDCA is a local group of the Friends of the Colne Valley Park, you are all very welcome on these walks. Contact me for details. Alternatively, check out the Simply Walk website for up-to-date information on the walks programme throughout Buckinghamshire or to fill in a new registration form if you haven't already done so.

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/parking-roads-and-transport/cycling-and-walking/simply-walk/>

The next Iver walk is on Saturday 15 April.

Conservation Tasks

Many thanks for all of you who have assisted with conservation tasks in the past. Groundwork has now managed to recruit new staff to continue leading these tasks, and a programme for the tasks will be announced soon. If you have any queries, please contact Stewart Pomeroy.

spomeroy@groundwork.org.uk

Green Belt Urban/Rural Fringe Conference

If you have a particular interest in planning and the Green Belt, an invitation to Friends of the CVP has been extended to a Green Belt Urban/Rural Fringe Conference on Tuesday 18th April 2023 from 12.30 pm at Brunel University's fantastic conference facility. Tickets need to be booked via Eventbrite at:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/improving-how-the-green-belt-functions-on-londons-fringe-tickets-531872724637>

If you are interested in the future of the Green Belt, how it should function on the edge of London and planning policy, this will be an afternoon well spent in the company of many interesting speakers. The Colne Valley Regional Park crosses many local authority boundaries, has issues typical of the urban fringe and offers an interesting case study.

Any questions, contact 01895 832662 or email enquiry@colnevalleypark.org.uk

Colne Valley Festival

As last year, the Festival will be spread across a number of days and venues from 17 to 30 July. Further details to follow.

Springtime in the Colne Valley



Herons are nesting here at Springwell Lake, Harefield, and at Little Britain Lake in Cowley.



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