



THE YARE VALLEY SOCIETY

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AGM

This will be held on 11th May, starting at 7.30pm at the Cringleford Pavilion, on the Sports Field. After the evening's business, several members will give short talks on the history of some of the older buildings in the Valley and the natural history of its flora and fauna.

Your annual subscription, which will be due at the AGM, remains at £1.00 and brings you this newsletter approximately 6 times a year.

We are still looking for volunteers to serve on the committee of the Yare Valley Society. The duties are not too onerous - a committee meeting every other month and a willingness to keep your ears and eyes open to protect the Valley for future generations. Societies of this kind need a regular influx of new talent!

If you can spare some time, contact John Thurman, telephone 55329.

Planning Concerns

City of Norwich Local Plan

A big thank you to all those who wrote to City Hall about this, especially with regard to the demarcation of Eaton Vale and the Bartram Mowers and the Eaton Vale sites. Our voice was certainly heard and the Planning Department is currently considering whether to make some amendments in order to increase the protection to these sites, prior to the Public Enquiry which will finally settle the issue. The enquiry will not be for at least 6 months, and if necessary the Society will give evidence.

AGR Site, Cringleford

Again, thanks to all who wrote. The enquiry was duly held, and the refusal of planning consent for the portacabins was upheld, as was the enforcement notice for their removal. A good result.

Eaton Golf Course

Despite rumours, there has so far been no planning application for change of use for any part of the golf course. Unofficially, we know

the owners are interested in developing some of the land but there may be problems of access from Eaton Rise caused by the old chalk workings.

UEA Building

The present building work on various parts of the campus is unsightly and restricts public access, but is only what was expected when planning consent was given. We have written again to the university pressing for all due care to be taken during the construction work and for speedy restoration of the landscape and public access after completion. We have received some reassurances.

Parkland Rangers' Events

Sunday 26th April - Yare Valley in Spring

Discover woodland wildflowers and spring specialities as we follow the the Yare through the fringes of Norwich. Meet Earlham Car Park, 2pm.

Sunday, 17th May: Marston Marsh Open Day

Meet the local conservation groups and join in the fun - all you ever wanted to know about wildlife and conservation but were afraid to ask! Meet Marston Lane (Eaton end) between 10am and 4pm.

Photo Competition

We have had several entries for our photo-competition already, but I would like to remind you that entries can still be sent in! So take your cameras out and get snapping this Easter, or sooner...

There are 2 categories: Adult and Junior (under 14). The competition is open to all members and non-members can contribute for the fee of £1.00 which will also bring a years' subscription to the Newsletter.

Photos should be taken within the Yare Valley between Harford Bridge and Watton Road. Entries, which should be prints, are limited to 3 per member and should not be larger than 10" x 8", but can be smaller, colour or black and white. It would be helpful if you could indicate in which month the photograph was taken.

The closing date is Saturday, 25th April and your entries should be sent to Claire Harris, tel 250387, with the entry form which is printed at the end of the newsletter, or simply write the information on the back of each photo. ***There are prizes for the winners.***

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Photo Competition Entry Form

Send photos to Claire Harris, 15, Blakeney Close. Closing date, 25.4.92

Name:

Address

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No of Prints sent: 1 / 2 / 3

Please indicate Category entered: Adult/Junior