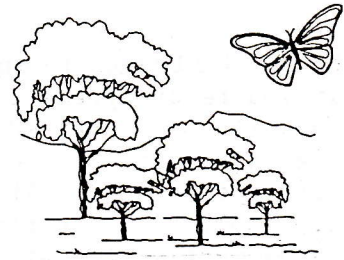


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Yare Valley Society Annual General Meeting

The AGM of the Yare Valley Society will be held on 24th May 1993, at the Cringleford Playing Field Pavilion, entrance from Oakfields Drive. Please come along to support us. The meeting will start at 7.30pm.

The speaker after the meeting will be John Ayton, recently retired Head of Planning at Norfolk County Council. His talk, entitled 'The Changing Pattern of Development around Norwich - Who is to Blame and Why?' will be illustrated with slides. We are very lucky to have him come to talk to us and I am sure you will have lots of questions for him.

The Norfolk Structure Plan to 2006

The Secretary of State for the Environment made his final modifications to this Plan in March. The strong representations made by the County Council and many hundreds of Norfolk people persuaded him to reduce his proposed overall housing figure by 3000 and to reinstate some environmental safeguards. However only one quarter of the policies still remain as originally submitted.

Sadly, all Green Belt policies for the Norwich area have been removed, but policy N8, which seeks to protect the Yare Valley, has been retained though slightly modified.

AGR Windows

The enforcement notice date for removal of the portacabins has been extended to 1 May by South Norfolk District Council, with the cabins having to be off the site by 1 June.

South Norfolk Local Plan for the Norwich area

Final modifications for further public comment will not be available until June or July.

Intwood Estate, Sand and Gravel Extraction

As you will probably know, planning permission has been refused by Norfolk County Council.

More Building Plans by UEA

If you're unimpressed by the architecture of the new buildings at UEA, you will be disturbed by a new proposal to redevelop part of the site the University used to occupy on the corner of Earlham Road and Wilberforce Road. The ground is next to St Mary's Church, Earlham, and overlooks both the river and Earlham Park. We have studied the plans and are objecting strongly to the proposal to build accommodation for over 800 students in the 124 flats (some 4 stories high) and 28 houses.

This very high-density building would be quite out of keeping on this site. Also there are serious potential traffic hazards from large numbers of additional students crossing the Earlham Road.

If you want to add your objections, write to the City Planning Officer quoting ref. no. 4930244/F.

Norwich Fringe Countryside Project now funded until 1996

The Project is continuing for a further 3 years. This decision has now been ratified by each of the local authority partners - Norfolk County Council, South Norfolk and Broadland District Councils, Norwich City Council, the Broads Authority and the Countryside Commission. If you have any ideas, comments, news or views on the work of the Project, or would like more information, contact Bob Cronk, tel. Norwich 765476.

Subscription Reminder

Please remember that your annual subscription of £1 per family is due, which brings you this Newsletter every quarter, more frequently if there are matters of concern. We are introducing a change in the contribution year. To simplify matters, your subscription will become due on the 1st January of each year. Please renew at the AGM if you have not yet given us your contribution.

Treasurer's Report *Steve Dawson writes...*

The Society has seen a small increase in its bank balance during 1992, so we can keep the membership fee at £1 for the current year. With the exception of a small number of donations (for which we are very grateful and which are always welcome) all our income comes from membership fees.

A large proportion of expenditure is used to obtain reports and maps so we can fight planning applications and comment on Local Plans. The production of the newsletter, too, cannot be carried out without cost, although this and many other of our activities place a smaller burden on the Society's finances than they might otherwise because of the generous use of their time by our members. Our thanks are due to these people.

Income and Expenditure, Year Ending 31st December 1992

Expenditure		Income	
	£		£
Room hire	25.00	Balance at 1st Jan	175.95
Printing and photocopying	12.55	Membership subs	137.00
Membership of CPRE	12.00	Donations	<u>13.20</u>
Miscellaneous expenses	50.63		326.15
(postage, reports, maps)			
Photo competition prize	10.00		
Balance at 31st December	<u>215.92</u>		
	326.15		