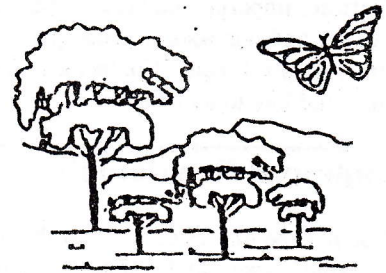

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AGM News

The Society's AGM will be held on 22nd May 1995, starting at 7.30pm at the Cringleford Playing Field Pavilion again. We hope to see a good number of our members as possible again, so that we can get some feedback and hear from you if you are happy with what we have been doing.

Our Chairman, Elaine Tucker, will address the meeting with a report on what we have been doing in the past year and there will be elections for committee posts and for committee members. If you would like to nominate yourself or somebody you know well who has an interest in environmental matters and could spare us some time, to stand on the Society's Committee, please contact Elaine Tucker for a chat. Her number is 01603 458657.

Following the main business of the meeting, John Hovey JP who is Superintendent of Grounds at UEA and one of our members, has kindly agreed to give us a talk on Environmental Issues in the UEA Landscape. It should be most interesting. Do come and give him your support.

If anybody has problems in getting to the AGM and would like a lift, please will you contact Pam Ford on 01603 456021? Pam can arrange a lift for you, so please contact her should this be the only thing holding you back from coming along!

Please make a date in your diary now.

Subscriptions wanted for 1995

Your subscriptions have been coming in slowly this year, so can I remind you to bring them along to the AGM or to let your Newsletter Distributor have them.

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You can post them to Pam Ford, 35, Brentwood, Norwich NR4 7NH if this is easier, or drop them through my letter box if you come to the Chalfont Walk Shopping Parade. I live in the flats above the shops and you need to find the central staircase (there are 3 altogether) just put your subs in an envelope with your name, into no. 21. The cost again this year is £1 per family, but we do like to register all the family members on the one sub, so let us have all your names, please.

Bartram Excavations

You may well be aware of the excavations and alterations that have taken place in recent weeks between the Bartram Mowers' Buildings and the River Yare. We have written to the City Council expressing our serious concern about their effect on the right of way between Bluebell Road and the river, as well as on the landscape, wildlife and the condition of the river itself.

If you also wish to write, the person to contact is Bob Fell, Leisure and Community Activities, City Hall. In any case, we shall keep you informed.

Proposed Road Improvements at Ipswich Road/Hall Road Junction

These would adversely affect an attractive allotment area that forms an intrinsic part of the river valley at this point. We have made our observations known to the County Council. In reply, the Director of Planning and Transportation agrees that this area is covered by river valley protection policy in the Structure and Local Plans and says that environmental implications will be considered before any decision is taken. Therefore we await further and more appropriate proposals.

Norfolk Bat Group

There are important colonies of bats in the Yare Valley and our Society is co-operating with those seeking to protect them. Contact a committee member if you would like to know more.

Cringleford Residents!!

You may be interested to know that your Chairman, Elaine Tucker, and committee member, Graham Hussey, will be seeking re-election to the Cringleford Parish Council on May 4th. They would be very glad to have your support.

Norfolk Minerals Local Plan Public Inquiry Report

The Norfolk Minerals Local Plan identifies possible future sites for gravel extraction in the County.

The Society joined Cringleford, Hethersett, East Carleton and Ketteringham Parish Councils, and a local group: Residents Against Gravel Extraction (RAGE), in opposing the adoption of Site 101 in the Minerals Plan.

This site is immediately south of an area near Cantley Farm where an application for gravel extraction was firmly rejected in 1993. We considered that noise and dust would affect a wide area to the south of Cringleford including the river valleys. The County Council rejected these claims on the grounds that the new area was on a plateau, further away from Cringleford and the river valleys. The Inspector's Report is expected later in the year.

Graham Hussey

Copy needed, please

As you can see, I am short of news and views for this Newsletter as I have almost a whole blank column! We did, however, think it important to send this out in good time for the AGM to make sure you all knew when and where to come, so I am letting this Newsletter go with its large gap.

Do you have any news or views to contribute? Please send me your words for inclusion in the Newsletter: my address is at the end of the letter. I am good at reading handwriting so don't feel the lack of a typewriter or wordprocessor will bar you from publication. I look forward to hearing from you.

Your Editor, Janet Johnson

An Appreciation

We are very lucky to have help from Peter Dillamore, who produces membership lists for us on a regular basis, so that we can keep in touch with all of our members. We are very grateful for your help, Peter, many thanks!

End of Newsletter 30 - Editor Janet Johnson, 21 Chalfont Walk, Eaton, Norwich NR4 7NH, Tel: 01603 452271.