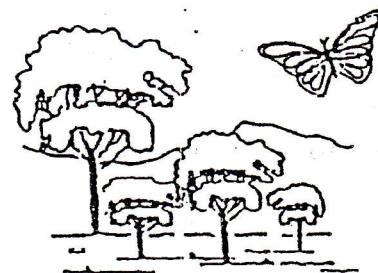

Yare Valley Society Newsletter



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A voice from the past

from our very first Chairman

During a recent visit to Norwich I was delighted to learn that the Yare Valley Society is still thriving. When I initiated the Society some 26 years ago its first task was to protect the valley from an undesirable development proposal on the then Morse's Nursery site - town houses - right on the very edge of Bluebell Road. With the help of the Planning Department we obtained details of previous planning rejections - "an area of outstanding natural beauty etc..." and the use of these precedents helped us to win our case. A few minor obtrusive development proposals were also tackled successfully, always with the thought in mind - give an inch and they will take a mile.

On reluctantly leaving the fine city of Norwich I handed the reigns over to Andrew Salisbury who, together with his wife Val served you well until 1993 - a very long innings - congratulations to them both.

Now a quarter of a century since leaving Norwich, I see you are still tackling the same problems - but for "Morse's Nursery" you now have Bartram Mowers" - the very same site! Well done - keep it up - you have an important task to perform, not only for local residents but for the benefit of the City as a whole. Keep the valley natural - keep ugly at bay - and keep the Yare Valley Society active and watchful. By the way, I like your logo.

Donald Law, Tunbridge Wells

Editors note... Andrew Salisbury's chairmanship was not continuous, although his and Val's interest in the Society has been constant. George Richards was chairman after Donald Law for a few years. John Thurman was our Chairman in the late 80s and early 90s.

Needed - a new Editor

I have been involved with the Yare Valley Society since 1989 when John Thurman, who was then the Chairman, asked me if I could produce a Newsletter for the Society. I had been producing a Newsletter for the MS Society and felt I had the time to take on another one. This is my 32nd Issue and may also be my last as pressure of other commitments has made me look at my priorities and the way I spend my time. For the past two or three years, I have also produced minutes for the committee meetings and AGMs. If you feel you would like to take over the Newsletter or could help in any way, please contact me on 452271 or telephone our Chairman, Elaine Tucker, on 458657.

I produce the Newsletter and minutes on Microsoft Word for Windows and would be happy to hand over a template on disk to get you started! The Newsletter also had a spell of production on Pagemaker, so if someone uses that a copy of that template could be supplied. However, the Newsletter did start off on the most basic of Amstrads so it does not have to have the benefits of the most modern technology - after all, it's the content that counts and keeping you all informed.

I have enjoyed doing the Newsletter: the committee members supply most of the items of copy and our excellent Chairman ensures that it all really does work smoothly - let this tempt you to have a go.

Janet Johnson

Car Parking on Eaton Street

We have written to the City Council about this because we feel it constitutes a danger to traffic and is detrimental to the scene. The City Council has

replied saying that parking in the area is being closely monitored to see what additional restrictions are necessary, both on the green verge as well as on the road. However, waiting restrictions are considered only once a year by the Council and the the next meeting is not until Spring 1996.

Norwich Road Action Group

a date for your diary...

You are invited to a public debate on "Future Transport Strategy and the Economy". This is on Friday 10th November 7.30pm 1995 at the Friend's Meeting House, Upper Goat Lane.

Cable-laying

late You will be aware that we are getting wired up for cable: Eaton has been done and Cringleford is due to be connected in ~~early~~ 1996. There has been considerable concern over the actions of the contractors who are doing the work, especially about the protection our landscape of trees and shrubs needs when they are working close to their roots. We need to be vigilant.

If you are concerned about a particular tree, please contact Mr Mike Volp on Norwich 212546. He would also arrange for replacement of any council trees damaged. However, if any tree on private land is damaged by cable-laying, the owner should take this up with Bell Cablemedia directly, the local point of contact being Norwich 445000.

UEA Walk

On Sunday 5th September, ten members spent a most pleasant afternoon on a conducted tour of the University Grounds.

John Hovey, the Grounds Administrator, explained the plans behind the planting and layout of different sections around the buildings, both to enhance the immediate areas and also to integrate the University campus with the surrounding countryside. The reasons for the choice of plants and trees to suit the different conditions were most helpful to the gardeners amongst us.

I, for one, will be interested to watch the development of these gardens now that I know about the long term planning behind them. Our thanks again to John for an instructive and enjoyable visit.

Pamela Ford

City of Norwich Local Plan

At long last, this will be adopted by the City on 7th November unless the Secretary of State for the Environment considers there are good reasons for not doing so. The City monitors actual development continually and can review the Plan at any time should it seem necessary, though a review is unlikely to be commenced for a few years.

Currently the City is seeing a need to ensure that sites on the edge of river valleys are well-landscaped and only allowed development that will not dominate the valley. Also, it sees the need for access and car parking for river valley use to be accommodated outside the defined river valley. These are important observations as far as the protection of the Yare Valley is concerned and we trust that, in due course, they will be resolved in a Local Plan.

Millenium Project

Into the 21st Century

It may seem a bit soon to be thinking of it but time does go by quickly. Our Society would like to mark the Millenium by contributing to the beauty of the Yare Valley in some tangible way. Any ideas? Please let us have them via any of our committee members.

An Appreciation from Elaine Tucker

It seems strange for me to be typing this into the Newsletter: when Elaine Tucker asked me to include it I felt it wasn't really necessary, but as she insisted...

We are very sorry that Janet has to resign. We shall miss her greatly both as an active member of our committee and as a friend. Thank you, Janet, for all that you have done for us so faithfully and so well.

Thank you, Elaine, but I will remain a member and I hope an active one! Thank you to all the committee for your friendship and encouragement. It's been fun.

Proposed Hospital at Colney Lane Stop Press!!! The latest info...

Proposed plans will soon be publicised. Look out for them as they are liable to have serious implications as far as the Valley is concerned, to which, of course, we shall address ourselves. We will keep you posted.

End of Newsletter 32 - Editor Janet Johnson, 21 Chalfont Walk, Eaton, Norwich NR4 7NH Tel: 01603 452271.