

# Yare Valley Society Newsletter

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## **Lakenham Way Ramble**

A reminder that Matt Davies from the Norwich Fringe Project will be leading a walk on **Sunday 22 September**. Meet at 2.30 pm at the entrance to Lakenham Way adjacent to Sainsbury's Brazengate, formerly a railway line. Please wear suitable footwear and bring a drink and binoculars. More details from Matt, telephone 01603 423303.

## **Friends of Earlham Park and Hall**

Some of the people who were successful in changing the City's Local Plan proposals for a high tech centre at Earlham Hall and Park have recently formed this group to try to ensure a suitable future use for the Hall and its environs after the UEA Law School ceases to renew its lease in 2005.

The area is of course an intrinsic part of the Yare valley landscape and we hope to keep in close touch with this group. Membership of the group will be open to all. If you would like more details, please write to Rosemary Pickering, FEPH, c/o Earlham Nurseries, Norwich NR4 7QT.

## **Visit to John Innes Institute Archives**

The archives comprise rare botanical books covering five centuries; letters, including from Charles Darwin; scientific notebooks and research records from the early 20th century; a large photographic collection; and botanical illustrations from early woodcuts to modern printing. Ken Dix, the librarian has kindly agreed to guide us round the archives on Thursday 17 October 2002, at 7.30 pm. There will be no charge and the Institute has indicated that they will provide tea and biscuits. If you would like to go, please contact John Thurman, telephone 01603 455329 to book a place and details of where to meet. Numbers are limited to 15. If it proves popular, we may be able to repeat it at a later date.

## **Development proposal on UEA farm site**

Thank you to all those who wrote to the City about this proposal. The City sent the proposal back to UEA for it to consider alternative sites or modifications of the

proposed plan. A revised scheme has now been submitted for the same site with the buildings in different positions but still, of course, infringing on land protected by the City's river valley policy from inappropriate development such as this. The application will be considered by the City's planning committee on 19 September 2002. Previous letters objecting to the development in principle will be taken into account.

## **Social Evening**

Monday 18 November 2002

7.30 pm

Cringleford Playing Field Pavilion, off Oakfields Road

Wine and Nibbles

Three years ago we held a social evening which was very successful. Since then we have had a lot of new members. An event such as this, gives people a chance to meet and talk informally and an opportunity to raise issues of concern which can then be discussed generally.

For catering purposes, please telephone Alison Ward on 01603 452330 by 12 November, to indicate that you will be attending. The cost will be £3 per person payable at the door.

## **New South Norfolk Local Plan**

This is likely to become South Norfolk's adopted Plan shortly. The development of Colney Hall and grounds as Research Park which we so vigorously opposed, will unfortunately be included in it. We trust that the development will be as sympathetic to the valley as was being suggested by the developer at the Inquiry into the proposal.

## Norwich Replacement Local Plan – Second Deposit Version

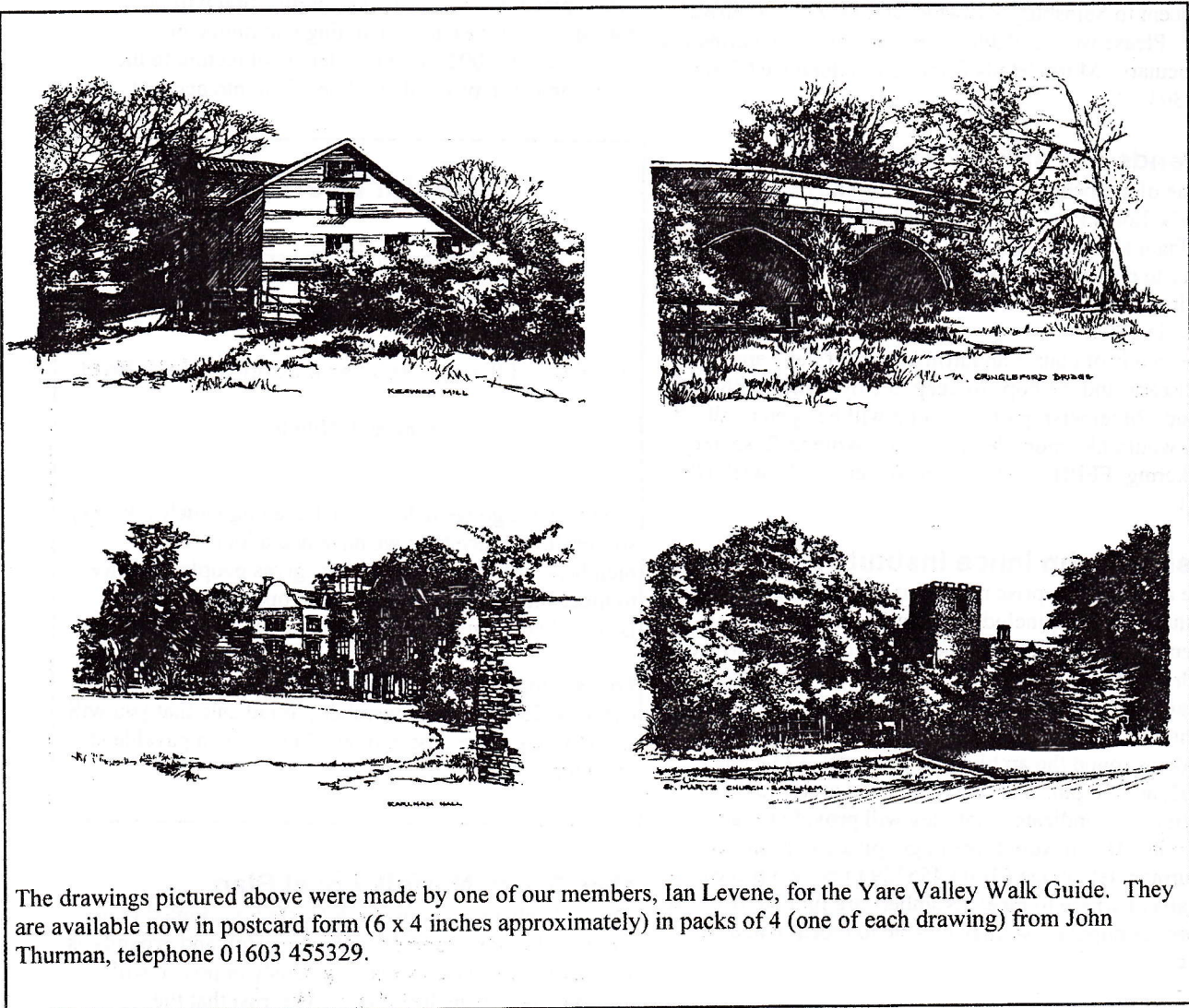
The Second Deposit version of the Local Plan has just been published and will be subject to a short period for formal representations. It may be seen at City Hall. At this stage it is only possible to make comments about changes to the First Deposit version; it is not possible to make comments about policies or proposals that have not been changed. Needless to say we shall look at it carefully for any changes that have been made to the City's proposals for the valley, particularly between Bowthorpe and Harford bridge.

We can report that Bartram Mowers' request that their site in Bluebell Road should be considered for housing or high technology industry has not been included in the Second Deposit version.

## Natural History Group

If you would like to join a small, informal group of members who are interested in the natural history/wildlife of the Yare valley, please contact Elizabeth Groves on Norwich 454782. The group plans to organise walks and other activities out and about in the area and would welcome suggestions for events and/or volunteers to plan/lead these.

**Cringleford Historical Society** have asked us to draw to members' attention their **Jubilee Film Evening** on Saturday 21 September at 7.30 pm in Cringleford Church Hall. There will be wine and nibbles and a chance to see the video and photographs taken of the Jubilee celebrations in Cringleford and order copies of them. Tickets £3.50 for adults, £1 for children under 14 (includes a glass of wine or fruit juice) available from Rita Allen and Sue Dunderdale, 8 Keswick Close, telephone 452079.



The drawings pictured above were made by one of our members, Ian Levene, for the Yare Valley Walk Guide. They are available now in postcard form (6 x 4 inches approximately) in packs of 4 (one of each drawing) from John Thurman, telephone 01603 455329.

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