



Yare Valley Society Newsletter

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Feedback

In response to the August newsletter, our chairman, Elaine Tucker received the following note from Councillor Judith Lubbock:

Thank you to you and your committee for the latest Yare Valley Society Newsletter. I particularly liked the piece from Colin and Margaret Forbes 'Life in the valley'. It gave me a real thrill to hear of their sightings especially the otters. It helps put all the day to day problems into perspective and make one thankful for that which we do have on our doorstep. It also re-enforces the need to preserve the wildlife we have.

Thanks again.

Judith.

Keswick Mill

On a very wet afternoon back in August, twelve members enjoyed a fascinating and convivial visit round Keswick Mill where much of the original milling machinery is still in situ including a great spur wheel and the miller's metal store for the account books. Our sincere thanks go to Eva and Maarten for not only sharing with us how the mill worked but also giving us tea and cake at the end!

Wind turbines

In his talk at our AGM this year, Professor Trevor Davies mentioned that CRed (UEA's carbon reduction project) is looking into the possibility of erecting three wind turbines on land north of the old A11 (Hethersett road) and west of the A47. Although this is not within the Yare Valley area, Professor Davies has asked if the Society would write and support the proposal which we have done. As yet planning permission has not been applied for.

Building work at UEA

As many of you will be aware, much building work is currently taking place at UEA including another new residential block to replace Waveney Terrace and a new health and community centre in the area of the former tennis courts near the Bluebell Road entrance. The Estates Development Director at UEA has written to the

Society indicating that the university has obtained an agreement from the planning department to lay down a temporary membrane and hardcore surface on the land in front of Suffolk Terrace for lorries to use as they move spoil from the new development. However the good news is that we have in writing from the University that the land will be re-instated and re-seeded to its former condition, as UEA is aware of the high landscape quality of the area.

Plea for newsletter distributors

We are looking for members who would be willing to deliver newsletters four times a year (February, April, July and October approximately), particularly in the Colney Lane area. If you are able to help in this way, please contact Alison Ward (telephone 452330).

Yare Valley Society website

Thanks to Chris Turner, currently a post-graduate student, we are in the process of developing a web site for the Society. In the next newsletter, we hope to be able to give you the full details of how you can access it on the web.

Guide to the Yare Valley Walk

The new revised edition of the Guide is available price £1 from Cringleford Post Office, Intwood Road.

Alternatively you can obtain it by sending a stamped, self addressed envelope (A5 size) and a cheque for £1 made payable to the Yare Valley Society, to Yare Valley Publishers, 20 Bluebell Road, Norwich, NR4 7LF.

Christmas is coming and the Guide would make a good little gift for friends who live locally!

Norfolk Wildlife Trust

We have received details from the NWT of their Winter Wildlife Workshops for Adults held at various locations in Norfolk. Details are on their website www.wildlifetrust.org.uk/norfolk. Workshops include,

'Introducing Wildfowl of the North Norfolk Coast', 'Beginner's Guide to Dragonfly Larvae Identification' and 'Wild about Gardens'.

Articles, comments and letters for possible publication in future newsletters can be sent to Alison Ward, 20 Brettingham Avenue, Cringleford, Norwich, NR4 6XG