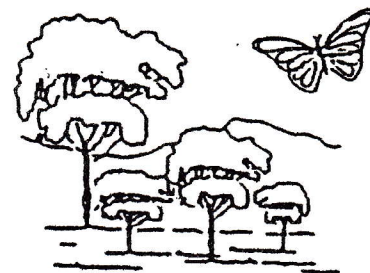


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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MONDAY 8 MAY 2006 AT 7.30 pm

**CRINGLEFORD PLAYING FIELD PAVILION
(off Oakfields Road)**

**After the short business meeting,
there will be a talk by**

PROFESSOR PETER TOWNROE

'THE RIGHT TO ROAM'

Public Liability Insurance

The committee would like some guidance at the AGM on the number of activities that members want to see as part of the normal programme of our Society. As things stand, arranging walks, talks etc is inhibited by the need to have adequate insurance to cover liabilities that could result from these activities.

One possibility is to cover our activities by single event insurances, for a minimum cost of £55 each. Another possibility is hold an annual insurance covering all the events of the year, for a minimum of £130. A look at the AGM accounts will give you an idea of the impact these costs are likely to have on our funds.

How do we balance costs with number of events? Is the AGM to be our only event? Do we want to organise walks, visits, etc in the year? Please make your views known at the AGM.

SNDC's Local Development Framework

You will remember that at the end of last year South Norfolk published, for public comment, a map of sites proposed for development by landowners and developers, to which we responded. In March, South Norfolk published an updated map, rectifying some mistakes in the

previous one, making some modifications and adding new proposals. The new map shows three residential sites in the Yare valley: at Colney, Cringleford and Keswick. We, and some of you, have submitted comments on these. The proposed density on all the residential sites shown on the maps has been laid down by Mr Prescott at thirty dwellings per hectare.

South Norfolk stresses that all the sites are merely suggestions being put forward by landowners and developers. The Council is not promoting them and has taken no decisions on them at this stage. They are not planning applications. The Council itself will, in due course, decide on its preferred options.

'Island' in the Yare valley behind Church Lane

You may have noticed that this island is undergoing some change. We understand this is because the new owner hopes to improve its biodiversity and is thinking of putting it down to grass and grazing it with cattle.

*Articles, comments and letters for possible publication in future newsletters can be sent to Alison Ward
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