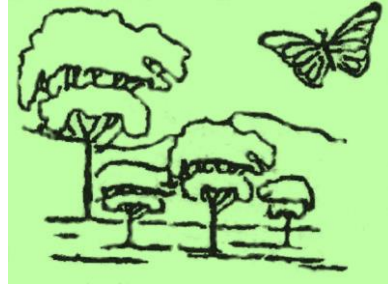


Yare Valley Society

Enhancing the Valley
for Wildlife and Informal Recreation

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Diary Date: Society AGM on evening of Wednesday 21st June, see end of Newsletter.

This is a short Newsletter mainly to tell you about a great morning out for the Family (and everyone else) in the half term week:

Plant surveys on Strawberry Field - Saturday 3rd of June at 10 am -12

Matt Tomlinson of Friends of Strawberry Field and UEA meadows ([Friends of Strawberry Field and UEA meadows | Norwich | Facebook](#)) is organising a baseline survey of the plant life on the evolving meadow. Some of you will have heard Matt speak at the recent Eaton Eco Fair and/or at last year's YVS AGM.

Matt writes: "As last year was the first proper year that Strawberry Field was managed as a wildflower meadow, we are keen to get a baseline for the richness and diversity of plant life on the field. This will give us an idea of the positive impact of this new management (cut, collect and removing arisings off site) and add to the value of the site. It will also give data to the Norfolk biodiversity information service [Home | Norfolk Biodiversity Information Service \(nbis.org.uk\)](#) They are calling for this kind of baseline data and would very much appreciate our data.



A bit early, but you might find the fabulous Bee Orchid

Photo: Matt Tomlinson

The surveys will be by Quadrat (a simple square grid) thrown on the ground and a set number of plants marked if present (rapid grassland assessment). Experienced people will be in the teams to help out. If we have enough people, we can look for plant species not yet recorded on the meadow.

As always everyone is welcome and it's a great opportunity to get up close with the meadow's flora and insect life."

The more of us there, the more we can achieve, so please join Matt and the Friends on Saturday 3rd of June from 10 am – 12. Meet by the gate at 10 am (if a bit late wander down and look for activity on the meadow).

Other News

Deal Ground Development

Members of the committee attended recent presentations and a webinar on the Deal Ground Proposals and will respond to the Pre-Application Consultation. The proposals and a means of making your views known are at <https://www.dealgroundconsultation.co.uk/>, click first on Downloads and then on Feedback.

The committee's concerns include: safeguarding the County Wildlife Site, ensuring net biodiversity gain, ensuring no additional flooding on the Yare, upstream or downstream, good off road cycling and walking connectivity (particularly with Whitlingham Park and a future Yare Valley Walk), safeguarding the Yare Valley Green Infrastructure Corridor. More on this in our next Newsletter.

Have your say on green spaces in Greater Norwich

Greater Norwich Growth Board are consulting on green spaces in and around Norwich. More details are at <https://www.greaternorwichgrowth.org.uk/projects/giconsultation/>.

Please respond to say how important the Yare Valley Green Corridor is to you, and the importance of improving it for the future. Details of YVS response in the next Newsletter.

2023 AGM

The 2023 YVS AGM is booked at Cringleford Sports Pavilion for 7.30 pm on Wednesday 21 June. Our speaker will be Sarah Gelpke of the Norfolk Rivers Trust who will give us the background on current works on the river to improve water flow and biodiversity.

The AGM papers will be in our next Newsletter, but now is the time to think about becoming a **committee member**. If you are interested, please be in touch via the email below.

Stories, pictures and news of activities for possible publication in the Newsletter and/or on the YVS website and Facebook are always welcome at yarevalleysociety@gmail.com.



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