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Latest News on the Local Interest Issues currently being worked on by members:

Mushroom Farm - And I just reported it had all gone quiet! Revised plans have now been lodged at the Council offices in Fleet. Our interpretation of the modifications is that the building size has been reduced by approx 13%. The new proposal is for 16,800 sq m of two and three storey offices (raised by underground parking and topped with rooftop service structures) with 672 car parking spaces. There are two points of entry/exit - Reading Road and Darby Green Lane, traffic calming is proposed in Swan Lane, Sandhurst Lane and Rosemary Lane. An exhibition and Public Meeting is to be advertised by a Focus newsletter for Saturday 9 September at the Frogmore Hall, Frogmore Road.

Silver Fox Farm - waiting for statutory replies from English Nature, Hants County Council etc.

Knellers Cottages, Plough Lane has requested permission for an extension to this listed building. If this is to be at the left hand end, the character of the building could well be affected.

Robins Grove Park, in the Conservation area, is seeking permission for 7 houses. We need to keep an eye on the details to make sure the character of this rural part of the Green is maintained.

It seems no-one at the Town Council can explain the explosion of roundabout sponsorships throughout Yateley.

We wait with interest to see if Balfour, Harpton Parade, are successful in applying for a licence to sell alcohol.

Minley Roundabout - controversy surrounds the question of ownership of the land on which this has been built. Is it Defence owned or Common land? Handfords Barn - repairs are to take place, but a request has been made to remove the doors which currently face the road.

Cycleways - and where to put them. The Society has commented on Hants County Council proposals, eg as most cycleways are proposed on roads used by other traffic, congestion and safety are big concerns. Overall objectives have been asked to be defined - we won't hold our breath though. Your comments are welcomed by Adrian Collett.

Castle Bottom - as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), National Nature Reserve (NNR) and part of the Special Protection Area (SPA) for Red Book Birds (RBB?) we have to be concerned about its Rapid deterioration, Raise awareness and Rally support for action (3R's).

Our talk in October from the Environment Agency may help clarify matters.

The Natural History and History Libraries are now being held by **Richard Johnston**. If you would like any information about what is held, how or would like to borrow something, please feel free to contact:

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Postcards - 2 brand new postcards will be ready in September and it is **Roger Coombes** aim for the Society to produce a Year 2002 Jubilee presentation set of 8 postcards.

November 1 is the deadline for **Tony Hocking, Elizabeth Tipton, Stephanie Pattenden** and **Jo Hill** to document all our local footpaths so they can be officially recognised.

If you would just like to know any more about any or these issues, just contact me and I will do my best to help.

The selection above shows only some of the things the Yateley Society is currently involved in or monitoring. Resources in terms of manpower are always tight - new blood is welcome, I've found that out myself.

Is there anything you think you would be able to help with or enjoy getting involved in? Anything you feel strongly about? Personally, I'd like to really increase the membership of the Society. What do you think?

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EVENTS PROGRAMME

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 9 -

"Yateley Industries Fayre"

12 noon - 4pm, at Yateley Industries, Mill Lane, Yateley

Drop into one of Yateley's foremost events and, amongst other local and national interest groups, see the latest the Yateley Society has to offer about your Yateley.

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 21 -

"Know Your Common"

8pm at the Frogmore and Darby Green Social Hall (opp Bell Pub), Frogmore Road

Have you wondered just exactly what Yateley Common is? Where is it? What is happening to it? Here's a splendid opportunity - take advantage of our expert panel at this event. Learn everything you've always wanted to know, and what you didn't know you've always wanted to know, about our Common.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 24 -

"The Feel Good Factor"

10am to 1pm, meeting at Wyndhams Pool, Yateley Common (off Cricket Hill)

Got those back to work/school blues and long for the outdoors? Come and 'do your bit' for the conservation of Yateley Common under the guidance and supervision of the Country Park Rangers. No previous experience needed.

Tools and free refreshments provided - we meet the last Sunday of every month.

Planned for:

Thursday October 19 - A visit from the Environment Agency

Saturday November 7 - Yateley Society Exhibition 2000 at Yateley Library

Please note that the Venue for the September meeting is the Frogmore Village Hall. I will be interested to know what you think about this location for future events.