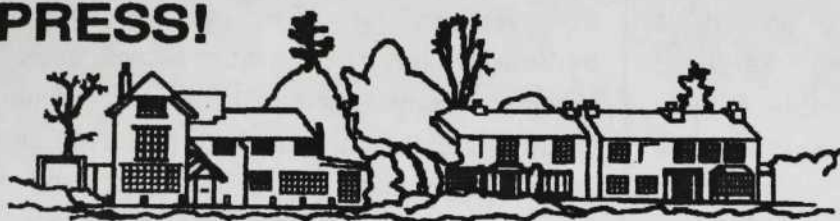


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The  
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Society

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

**Mushroom Farm** - The Public Meeting on 9 September was more entertaining than the last night at the Proms - if you weren't there or left early, you even missed the Lady Mayoress in full and passionate flow. A steady stream of visitors to the exhibition and a packed Frogmore Hall reflected the strength of feeling of the residents. Subsequent to the meeting members of the Planning Subcommittee met the planning officer handling this application to emphasise that all the planning constraints agreed by the Local Plan Inspector should be taken into account when Hart's Planning Committee determine this outline application. In later correspondence we have challenged Hart regarding the desirability of preserving both the setting of the listed buildings and the character of the Darby Green Conservation Area. Consequently the Society's letter of objection will still be advocating smaller, domestic style buildings, rather than the huge head-office style buildings in the developer's illustrations.

**Yateley Green Conservation Area** - there are now no less than 3 planning applications under way which could adversely affect the Yateley Green area.

**Robins Grove Park**, seeking permission for 7 houses,

**Heath Cottage** (the Dental Surgery) for demolition to be replaced by apartments, and

**The White Lion.** Bass are now changing their focus from Yateley Lodge to the White Lion -- another Listed Building. Again the Society has been asked to provide historical research assistance to Hart. Richard Johnston will carry out a full measured survey.

These new applications, together with the general 'clutter', are typical of the creeping changes to the character of the Yateley Green Conservation Area since the Society suggested it twenty years ago, when the character was decidedly *rural*. Now the 'Green' is being referred to as the 'Park', and the character has become decidedly *urban*. The groundsman's building has become the Town Council Offices and the cricket pavilion has become a public house. A small petrol station has expanded with an enormous lit canopy. Landscaping outside Forge Court now partly obscures the buildings, 2 for 1 steak dinner adverts litter the front of the White Lion, and litter bins (not entirely patronised) litter the landscape. The latest urbanisation is 'sponsored' roundabouts -- need I say more!

**What's a Town Council?** - Apparently, at last months Yateley Town Council Meeting, there were no members of the public present. If you want to find out what the Town Council is doing, feel free to go along to The Tythings at 7.30pm on Monday 16 October 2000.

Minutes of sub-committee meetings and meeting dates are also available from the Council offices opposite The Tythings - on Yateley Green.



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 shows only some of the things the Yateley Society is currently involved in or monitoring. Is there anything you think you would be able to help with or enjoy getting involved in? Anything you feel strongly about?

Contact me

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## EVENTS PROGRAMME

### THURSDAY OCTOBER 19 -

#### "Environmentally Speaking"

8pm at the Ryder Social Area, Frogmore Community College, Frogmore Campus

Q. What is wet and watery? A. Water!

But is that all there is to it? Find out when David Webb of the Environment Agency talks to us about their plans for the waterways of the Blackwater Valley.

### SUNDAY OCTOBER 29 -

#### "The Feel Good Factor"

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

Have some fun and exercise in the great 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.

### THURSDAY NOVEMBER 16- LIBRARY

LECTURE 2000 - "Yateley and John Company" - new research into Yateley peoples connections with the East India Company 1600-1858"

7.45 pm at Yateley Drama Hall, School Lane. After last year's talk about "Parson Darby" the Society has been asked by Yateley Library to make this an annual event to coincide with our exhibition in the Library. Peter Tipton & Richard Johnston have been busy researching

in the new British Library. Yateley was not the "rural backwater" of the published history books. The exhibition starts at the beginning of November. Note: This event is organised by Yateley Library. To ensure a seat, book tickets in advance price £1 (inc. refreshments) from Yateley Library, at Society events or from Tony Hocking (875158). Tickets will also be available at the door of the Drama Hall.

### SUNDAY NOVEMBER 26 -

#### "The Feel Good Factor"

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

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.

### THURSDAY DECEMBER 14 -

#### "Members Evening"

8pm at the Ryder Social Area, Frogmore Community College, Frogmore Campus

An opportunity for Members to chat informally, an invitation for new Members to find out exactly what the Society is all about and everyone to share the local "gossip".

Please note that the Venue for the October Meeting will be the Ryder Social Area, Frogmore Community College, Frogmore Campus. Directions - Take the walkway to the right of the Reception. The Ryder Social Area entrance is diagonally to the right. We used the Darby Green and Frogmore Social Hall for our last meeting and, although well attended, it did clash with the Dog Club's weekly meeting and was a little too noisy to hear our speakers properly.

I will be interested to know what you think about this location for future events.

#### Planned for 2001:

January 18 - Farnborough Air Sciences Trust Association (FASTA).

February 17 - Yateley Fire Service