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The
Yateley
Society

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

Mushroom Farm - Once again, a Full Council Meeting rejected the application by Linden for the huge office development, on the grounds of overwhelming public concern about the increase of traffic, with regard to the safety issues and inadequate capacity of the road system; the effect of the bulk and volume of the proposed development on the Strategic Gap between Yateley and Darby Green; significant harm expected through overheating the labour market and the possibility of additional housing to cope with it; and the detrimental effect on the Conservation Area and settings of the Listed Buildings. The Public Inquiry will now go ahead at 10 am on 20 February 2001 at the Council offices in Fleet. The Society's written evidence has been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate, and will be available to view shortly on the website (www.hants.org.uk/yateley). If anyone is willing to speak, as individuals, at the Public Inquiry, please let me know.

Yateley Hall Park - The Society has submitted a letter of objection to the application to build 4 houses.

Barclay House, Vicarage Road - 2 or 3 houses are applied for in the garden of this Grade II listed building in Yateley Conservation Area. The Society's letter of objection has been submitted to Hart District Council.

Silver Fox Farm - a repeat application of the one made 2 years ago has been made.

Forty Winks - application for a 5 bedroom house - another repeat application in a sensitive location

The White Lion - a formal objection to the application has been submitted and revised plans have been received by the Council.

Heath Cottage, Dental Surgery in Reading Road - more revised plans have been submitted

Robins Grove Park - The Society's case has been submitted in writing to the planning appeal.

Gravel sites - The new restoration plan for the

land west of Chandlers Farm is expected to be approved in mid January, and the Society is supporting the proposals. The site on the 3 corners of the A30 in Eversley (which is outside the preferred area, may go to the same meeting. The extension of the working on land to the south of Castle Bottom has been approved, in association with an agreed plan to leave the existing site close to Castle Bottom as a restored "hole".

Yateley Town Centre - At a meeting in December, Richard Johnston stressed the need, with some support from outsiders attending, to recognise Yateley as a large Village (not a town) and plan accordingly.

Air crash at Blackbushe Business Park, 23 December 2000, which killed 5 people - A formal response from the Society will be made after due consideration.

ORAL HISTORY

A recording was made of the December meeting, which included some very interesting acting of the Mummers Plays by ALL the members attending. Thanks also, especially to Maggie Holloway, for some very interesting local ghost stories.

LOCAL HISTORY

We are already thinking about our 2001 Exhibition and Library Lecture for November. Does any member know a descendant of the Goddard family which has lived in Yateley, Hawley and surrounding parishes for at least four centuries? We are looking for any Goddard who has a family tree, and who might help us with our researches. Please ask them to telephone Peter Tipton on 873378.

You will all have received the Annual Report and Notice of the AGM on Thursday 15 February. Please try to attend this very important meeting. Now is the time to submit your nominations for Officers and Committee Members to Richard Johnston. In particular, with the increasing workload within the Planning Sub-Committee (as you can see), we are looking for some help on the Hon Secretary/Minute Secretary front to allow

Richard Johnston to cut down on administrative load.

We also need people with an *interest* in planning to **get involved** - the next big planning issue may **directly affect you**, and with the present overloading we may not be able to deal with it, if we don't have the people power. Peter Tipton and Richard Johnston aren't planning experts - they are still learning, having learnt it all from scratch, and so can you. I've been intrigued to find out how it all works and what we can do to try to influence the planning decisions. The basis for putting in objections is straightforward and easily learned. We need people who care about the village and its future. That is what we are about as a "Civic Society".

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

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EVENTS PROGRAMME

Important - Royal Military Academy visit - in the last Stop Press, in small writing at the end, I asked if you would like to put your name down for a visit to the Royal Military Academy. I have confirmed the visit will be on the evening of Thursday 15th March (normal meeting date). I have quite a few spaces left, so if you would like to reserve a place (for Members or non-members) and haven't already done so, please let me know asap.

SUNDAY JANUARY 28 - "The Feel Good Factor"

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

Did you visit us for our festive teabreak. We had a couple of new volunteers last month - which is encouraging. If you would like to join us for a little brisk exercise, 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 FEBRUARY 15 -

"Yateley Society AGM"

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

All Members are requested to attend this very important meeting - the AGM, to hear the Chairman's report, to change the membership year in the constitution, vote on resolutions and elect the Officers and Committee from nominations received. Please come along and make sure the Society is representing your views. It is important we have a QUORUM for this meeting. Don't leave it to everyone else, please!!

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 25 -

"The Feel Good Factor"

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

Much needed volunteers required at this time of year to help the regulars 'do their 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 MARCH 15 - 8pm - 10pm

"Royal Military Academy visit"

Please let me know asap if you would like to reserve places for this event!

We will receive a presentation in the Amiens room about the core activities of the Academy; a film detailing a year in the life of an officer cadet; and a tour of the Academy.

Planned for 2001: (subject to confirmation)

April 19 - Yateley Morris Men

May 17 - Visit to Yateley Fire Service

June 21 - English Heritage

Please note that the Venue for the Meetings will be the Ryder Social Area, Frogmore Community College, Frogmore Campus (unless otherwise stated).

Directions - Take the walkway to the right of the Reception under the canopy. Take the next walkway on the right and The Ryder Social Area entrance is at the end of that walkway on the left.

I have a list of potential speakers, walks and visits. If there is anything which you would particularly like me to organise, please contact me and I will see what I can do!