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The
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Society

The Executive Committee meets every 6 weeks and this newsletter is published as a result of the reports produced for those meetings. The items mentioned here are not exhaustive, just indicative of latest developments.

If you have any comments or suggestions you would like discussed by the Exec, please let me know on (01252) 640909 or email jo.hill@bigfoot.com

Mushroom Farm - Hampshire County Council have insisted that, if planning permission is granted, another £800,00 must be spent on a roundabout at Handford Lane/Cricket Hill, traffic lights at the A30/Reading Road junction and footpaths on Sandhurst Road and Darby Green Lane to link the site with Sandhurst station. The Planning Inspectorate requested comments on these demands and the impact of the new PPG13 from various sources, including the Yateley Society and there have been further exchanges of evidence as a result.

Land adjacent to Pond Farm - after yet another set of revised plans, this time for 8 houses, being refused planning permission, yet another appeal is being made by the Developers! In the meantime, the whole area remains derelict.

The White Lion - It became apparent that the Developers were overstepping the Listed Building planning parameters when, among other things, significant internal doors and architraves were removed and this became front page news in the Yateley News. The Society brought this

to the attention of Hart DC and work was suspended. However it appears likely that Hart DC will allow alterations which go beyond what was permitted by the Listed Building Consent. Will this be yet another example of Hart DC's unsatisfactory attitude to the law concerning Conservation Areas and Listed Buildings? (See Events Programme for June 21st)

Blackbushe Metals - Permission is being sought to base 11 HGVs at this site with a further 16 at Hawkers Lodge. The Society continues to urge Hampshire County Council to resolve the issues concerning the usage of the site.

Land between Sandhurst Road/Reading Road and the Blackwater River -

Permission is being sought for an extension to a planning permission granted in 1993. The Society will continue to object to unacceptable proposals/modifications put forward for this Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC) and the recent adoption of the new PPG13 also backs up the unsuitability of the site for the development in transport terms.

Castle Bottom - a proposal is in place for rare breed cattle to graze the land at Castle Bottom - which would help with keeping this area under control. However, if MAFF are successful in banning special permission footpath closures (claiming foot and moth is no longer a problem), the owner of the cattle may rethink. Let's hope for the best!

WANTED

Gazebos (or should that be gazeboes?) on loan. Just in case the English summer performs true to form, I am looking for the above in order to keep our sandwiches dry at the Summer Social on Saturday 14 July.

EVENTS PROGRAMME

(The tour of Yateley Fire Station was a great success last month "very humorous" and "most interesting" if "a little poorly attended".)

THURSDAY JUNE 21 -

"Listed Buildings? - well not as we knew them"

8pm Ryder Social Area, Frogmore Community College.

Hart District Council now has no Conservation Officer.

It appears English Heritage has had no referrals about Listed Buildings planning consent in the Yateley area for at least 10 years.

With the majority of our Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas currently under threat by planning applications, how can this be?

Your chance to hear, and question, the experts from Hart and English Heritage...

SUNDAY JUNE 24 -

"The Feel Good Factor"

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

Now the weather is warmer and, hopefully, a bit drier, how about joining the regulars as they '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.

SATURDAY JULY 14 -

"Summer Social"

This year to be hosted by Peter and Elizabeth Tipton at Monteagle House. More info attached.

SUNDAY JULY 29 -

"The Feel Good Factor"

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

Bask in the warmth of the summer sun and get a little light exercise to boot. Join the regulars as they '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.

Planned for 2001: (subject to confirmation)

July - Hoping to persuade Elizabeth Tipton to lead a Local Heritage walk

September 20 - Hampshire Wildlife Trust

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.

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.

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SUMMER SOCIAL



Saturday July 14th 2001 at 7 pm,
Monteagle House, Monteagle Lane, Yateley

Peter and Elizabeth Tipton have very kindly offered their garden as the venue, for which we are most grateful.

A splendid opportunity to meet up with other 'locals', you will be welcomed with a glass of wine or soft drink 'on the house' (donations are encouraged for further glasses), and there will be a buffet meal provided 'by the staff', but the sweet course will be left to you, the visitors to bring! - past experience shows that an amazing array of delicious offerings (many dreadfully bad for the figure) will appear.

If you want to come, but providing a sweet is not convenient - please do not be put off, if you could donate a raffle prize it would be equally valuable for keeping things interesting; of course if you are exceptionally generous and can bring both we would be even more delighted!

Entertainment will be jolly chat; there is always the chance that someone will produce a devilish puzzle to keep the brain cells busy; and for the more energetic of you, croquet on the lawn!

All members, their families and visiting friends are welcome

If you would like to come, please let Tony and Mary Hocking know by July 1st at 30 Connaught Close (01252) 875158 or email Jo Hill on jo.hill@bigfoot.com - advance notice is essential for ensuring that there is adequate food (and drink!)

Admission £3-50

If you would like to pay in advance, we will gladly take your money as it makes life easier on the night.