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The
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Society



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May I first wish all our members a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

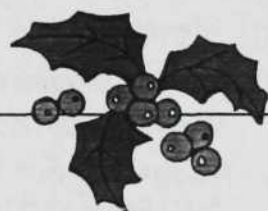
I'll apologise for the lateness of this Stop Press. For those of you that don't know, my husband and I have just increased the population of Yateley by 1. This has meant that I have been unable to attend a couple of meetings at the College and a couple of Executive Committee Meetings as well. I'm hoping to firing on all cylinders in the very near future, so in the meantime, this issue is to let you know about our forthcoming events and a brief update of Exec Committee dealings.

DIARY DATES:

Mulled wine and mince pies on Yateley Common Sunday December 30th 2001

There's nothing to make you feel as good as a breath of fresh air and a stroll on the Common, especially after the excesses of Christmas. Even if you aren't a patron of the regular conservation working party, all members are welcome to join the crew for a festive toast to nature.

10 am Wyndhams Pool, off Cricket Hill



The History of Yateley Thursday January 17th 2002

By popular demand, a guaranteed interesting update talk by Dr Richard Johnston on the History of Yateley. Richard and his cohorts have been beaver away tirelessly to investigate the gems of information which make Yateley's history so fascinating.

8 pm The Ryder Social Area, Frogmore Community College, Potley Hill Road, Yateley

Good Company, Good Food, Good Idea! Friday January 25th 2002

"A relaxed dinner with friends" is the format for this years Chairman's Dinner. Everyone is welcome to come along, just let Tony Hocking (tel: 01252 875158) know before January 11th, so that we make sure we have a big enough table to accommodate us! I've always found the food and service at the Ely to be very good and I'm sure this year will be the same.

8 pm The Ely, on the A30 at the top of Cricket Hill

Annual General Meeting Thursday February 21st 2002

Although this is the formal Annual General Meeting, we hope to make it as pleasant an experience as possible. So, take a glass of wine while the Chairman goes through the Annual Report covering the activities of the Society, and take the opportunity to put forward and discuss resolutions for adoption by the Society.

Please bring to the attention of Tony Hocking asap (01252 875158) either:

Resolutions - issues you consider to be important to the Society and Yateley and/or

Nominations for new Committee members - we have 4 vacancies !

so they can be dealt with at the AGM. (Remember we need Nominators and Seconders)

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..and these issues are currently in discussion by the Executive Committee:

- The Committee is arranging a meeting with the newly appointed officer in charge of Development Control, the department which deals with planning issues, to discuss our concerns regarding the recent, apparent lack of consideration towards Conservation Areas and Listed Buildings.

Local Planning -

- Barclay House development was refused comprehensively by Councillors
- The new Nemaste development for Chandlers Lane was also refused
- Mushroom Farm - Although the High Court judicial review hearing is scheduled for January 2002, the Developers have asked the Council to arrange an all day Public Consultation meeting on January 12th 2002 for a "hands-on planning exercise".
- A robust letter in response to the official public consultation document, Darby Green Conservation Area Statement, has been sent. The document included no character assessment or policies (which was unacceptable since the Local Plan had not included any, on the basis that they should be in the Conservation Area Statement!
- Blackbushe Metals Operator Licence is held up awaiting an Environmental Impact Assessment on the Site of Specific Scientific Interest.
- The inquest following the Air Crash at Blackbushe Business Park in December 2000 has been reported in the Press, but there seem to be no recommendations apparent to avoid a repetition of this tragedy.

History -

- St Peters Churchyard Memorials - Richard Johnston and Tony Hocking joined the church workparty of November 17th and gravestones were removed from the rubbish tip and laid out nearby. These stones have now been recorded. There are still some missing memorials, which may have been used as hardcore.

If you have any specific questions, input or desire to pursue any of these issues, please contact the me or any other member of the Executive Committee.

This is also an appeal if you would like meeting reminders to be sent to you by email, please drop me an email with your address (updated if you've change it!) and I'll add you to my list.

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