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**Please Note: Our meeting on March 20<sup>th</sup> will be held at St Peter's Church, meeting at the bell tower at 7.15pm.**

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**Yateley Society AGM:**

The turnout for the AGM on 20<sup>th</sup> February was much higher than last year's and we had lively discussions about all the resolutions put forward. Thanks to all the Members who attended and contributed to a very interesting evening.

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**Town and Country Planning:**

**Clarks Farm** - The developer has submitted a revision to last summer's application which he wants treated as outline. So effectively it is just pretty pictures of access alternatives and planting schemes. The Yateley Society has sent another strongly worded letter of objection stating this application is contrary to the previous appeal decision, upheld in the Court of Appeal, is premature to the revision of the Local Plan and adds a further valid reason for refusal.

**Blackwater Valley Watersports, Moulsham** - The informal hearing on 28 January was aborted when the inspector decided that a formal hearing would be required. The date of the formal hearing has not yet been set.

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**North East Hampshire Transport Strategy:**

Apparently, the proposal to make the A30 between the B3272 Reading Road and the A327 Eversley Road into a single carriageway has been dropped from the strategy. The Yateley Society response to the complete set of proposals can be viewed on [www.hants.org.uk/yateley/nehts1102.htm](http://www.hants.org.uk/yateley/nehts1102.htm)

**"Flagship" No 1 Local Bus Service:**

It has been reported that, with effect from April 13<sup>th</sup>, the No 1 bus service from Aldershot to Yateley, via Farnborough and Camberley will be terminating at Camberley. Passengers wishing to travel on to Yateley (or indeed from Yateley through to Farnborough/Aldershot) will have to use two buses.

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**Deterioration of Castle Bottom:**

We are pleased to report that Gerald Howarth MP has now taken up the ongoing matter of the alkalinity of discharge water into the acid bog at Castle Bottom. Lafarge have constructed a bund to hold back water, but this has been breached several times, covering a sensitive, diverse marsh area with sand and gravel, which then has to be cleared.

On the plus side, the Commons Rangers are planning birch and rhododendron clearance and a Red Data Book species, Beaver Moss, is to be encouraged by constructing a south-facing bank.

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**Yateley Footways:**

The plans of Yateley Footways are now available online at <http://www.hants.gov.uk/yateley/> (under Current Projects). This list of footways in Yateley (surveyed in 2002) is not necessarily complete. If you know of others which should be included, or if there are errors, please inform the Yateley Society

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**OUR MEETINGS ARE HELD AT  
YATELEY INDUSTRIES** - on the  
corner of Mill Lane and the B3272  
Reading Road, Yateley. 8.00 pm Start.

(Entrance to Car Park and Reception from Mill  
Lane - to the left of the picture.)



The Conservation Working Party meets at Wyndhams Pool, Cricket Hill at 10.00 am on the last Sunday of every month. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun! One of our recent projects was to help clear the notorious pond in Moulsham Lane!

Thursday 20 March 2003 <b>Meeting at the Bell Tower of St Peters Church at 7.15pm.</b>	Jean McIlwaine archivist at St Peters Church and long standing Society member will give us a talk about one of the most historic landmarks of Yateley with which she is so closely and fondly linked.
Thursday 17 April 2003	Carol White is Archaeology Lecturer at Farnborough College - and there is not much she doesn't know about Yateley Common - this evening Carol will give us an update on what has been discovered during recent excavations and what she will be doing in 2003.
Tuesday 20 May 2003	Annual Yateley Library Lecture - for National History Month. For this year's exhibition the Society has joined with the WEA to celebrate their centenary. The theme will be a century of adult education in Yateley. Dr John Porter, tutor of the The Yateley History Project, has consented to give the main lecture "Yateley: a parish through six centuries". Letitia Mason will introduce John Porter with a short talk "Expanding Horizons: the WEA Centenary and Beyond". Watch for posters in the Library.
Thursday 15 May 2003	Once again, Ken Clarke of the Surrey Heath Local History Club will entertain us with a local history talk about Camberley.
Thursday 19 June 2003	The Owners and Occupiers of Monteagle House - Peter Tipton will expand his short talk about the Cave family during the 2002 Local History Week.
Saturday 5 July 2003	Summer Social - Many thanks to the Jordan's for their hospitality at Abberley House for the 2002 Summer Social, especially as they have offered their gardens for the 2003 Summer Social!
Thursday 17 July 2003	Visit to Bramshill
August	No meeting this month.
Thursday 18 September 2003	Following a superb introduction to the history of this infamous institution, John Heritage archivist at Broadmoor, will present the second part of his series.

Programme as 10 March 2003

**The Executive Committee (as elected at the AGM each February) 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 projects and developments.**

If you have any specific questions, input or desire to pursue any of these issues, please contact 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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