



The
Yateley
Society

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Public Exhibition and Meeting re Clarks Farm

This is being organised by Hart District Council so that it may *"fully consider the issues and options for the redevelopment of the site before placing the First Alterations (to the Local Plan) on formal first deposit in spring 2004"*

The Society's policy is that there should be no development on this site which does not accord with the appeal inspector's three tests: the objectives of the strategic gap, the possible impact on the Conservation Area and nearby listed buildings and the traffic generation implications. These were the reasons he dismissed the last appeal. We do not believe that any commercial or housing development can pass these tests, and therefore the only planning option is for the site to remain as open countryside in agricultural use.

Although Saturday 13 December is a busy shopping Saturday before Christmas, please try to get along to the Public Meeting and make your views known.

Please also email me on jo.hill@bigfoot.com with your views so that we can collate them into the Society's own evidence.

Public Exhibition

Tues 9 December	4 pm to 8 pm)	Frogmore Community College, Treloar Social Area
Wed 10 December	4 pm to 8 pm)	(near school reception)
Sat 13 December	10 am to noon	Potley Hill Primary School Hall

Public Meeting

Sat 13 December	12 noon to 2 pm	Potley Hill Primary School Hall
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New Town and Country Planning issues about which the Society has made representation:

Yateley Green - The erection of a Youth Shelter on the Green

Hill View, Cobbetts Lane - is an application to change the restrictions on a house designated to be occupied in connection with the stables.

Candle Cottage, Chandlers Lane - a large extension with dormer windows to a bungalow in the Conservation Area.

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Manor Corner (1 Mill Lane) - The Society has objected to the demolition of this house as premature to the outcome of the Village Design Framework process, as well as on Conservation Area and traffic grounds. As we write this we hear that the decision by Hart's Development Control Committee has been deferred for further 'negotiations'.

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VILLAGE DESIGN FRAMEWORK

CHURCH END BOOKLET: with this Stop Press, Members will receive a free copy of our new booklet "Church End" the original name for the area around St Peters Church. The Society was asked to provide a local history exhibition at the 'Ideas Day' held at Yateley Manor by the Town Centre Management Group. Five display boards were crammed with images from five previous annual exhibitions, with no room for much text. It was therefore felt that it was best to provide the relevant text from these previous exhibitions in the form of a cheaply produced booklet. We hope you like it!

Subscription renewals

Graham Brown, Membership Secretary, has asked me to thank all the Members who have been so quick off the mark in returning their subscription renewals - and, of course, can I also remind those of you that want to renew and haven't yet to return your forms as soon as possible please.

Have you booked your place at the Christmas Wine Tasting ?

For details see below. If you have not, please email me on jo.hill@bigfoot.com or call me on 01252 640909 to make sure we have enough wine!

**OUR MEETINGS ARE HELD AT
YATELEY INDUSTRIES** - on the
corner of Mill Lane and the B3272
Reading Road, Yateley, generally on the
3rd Thursday of the month,
8.00 pm Start.



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

The Conservation Working Party has been helping our the Country Park Rangers with the task of birch scrub clearing at Brandy Bottom, Stroods Pool and the Gravel Pit pond. We normally meet at Wyndhams Pool, Cricket Hill at 10.00 am on the last Sunday of every month. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun!

Thursday 11 December 2003 (Pls note this meeting will be held on the 2 nd Thursday of the month)	CHRISTMAS SOCIAL We will taste some reasonably priced wines suitable for the festive season under the expert guidance of Jenny (and Graham) Brown." All members are invited to come along to meet other members, and please bring along guests and any prospective members. The more attendees, the more wines we can taste In the spirit of the season, mince pies and music will, of course, be provided too!
Thursday 22 January 2004	"The South East England Development Agency (SEEDA) was established by the Government through the Regional Development Agency Act 1998, and came into operation on 1st April 1999 to take the strategic lead in promoting the sustainable economic development of the region." Edward Dawson will be updating us on the emerging regional Agenda.
Thursday 19 February 2004	Yateley Society AGM
Thursday 18 March 2004	Dendro update. Our project "The survey of Ancient Oak Trees around Yateley" has picked up a lot of interest from members, attracted new members and prompted outside agencies to request collaborative ventures.
Thursday 15 April 2004	The Great Debate. A lively and exciting evening will ensue as we debate the burning issue of the moment!
Offsite activities for 2004	Depending on availability (and the seasons of course) I am planning: A visit to Minley Manor A trip to the Weald and Downland open air Museum A guided tour of St Peter's churchyard !

Programme as 01 December 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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