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The
Yateley
Society

STOP PRESS !

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New Venue for our
Monthly Meetings !
See page 3 map.

Our new venue will be Yateley Infants School hall. Situated slap bang in the middle of Yateley, it is an ideal location for everyone to get to and there is plenty of onsite parking. As we will be the only people using the premises, we can rest assured we won't be disturbed and, in turn, won't disturb anyone else. Map on the back - see you there!



WHO HAS PLANS FOR YATELEY – WHO WILL PLAN YATELEY?

Why was the new Yateley Police Station built where it was, hidden away up a lane, rather than on the site of the old Police Station where it could have made a visual statement as an important civic building in our town and where everyone could see it?

Why was housing built on the site of the old Police Station, rather than up the lane where life would have been so much quieter for the residents?

Why was Waitrose built where it was, rather than being used as an opportunity to redevelop part of Yateley Town Centre?

Some may feel that these were all built in the right places, but many of us feel that these were bad decisions - examples of what happens when Yateley doesn't have a well thought through set of planning policies in place.

The Yateley Town Centre Management Group has been in existence for several years now. It has two objectives:

- ☞ The first objective has been to pull together proposals to improve the physical environment in our town centre. Hampshire County Council, Hart District Council and Yateley Town Council have all pledged money towards such projects. The first project, which will tackle various issues around Church End, should happen sometime next year. Others will follow later on.
- ☞ The other objective, however, is to draw up a set of planning policies for Yateley which can then be adopted by Hart Council as part of their planning policies for the future.

Bottom up thinking at long last? We hope so. Please read on.....

These policies will be used to try to persuade businesses, land-owners and developers to come up with proposals that will improve our town. They are more likely to do this if they know what we want. After all, they are more likely to get planning permission if their proposals fit the policies! This will be supplemented by what can be done by the public authorities on the land in

public ownership, like the highways and grassed areas.

There is a debate going on at the moment as to the best way of getting residents of Yateley parish involved in this process. Certainly The Yateley Society will have a heavy involvement and have done so right from the start.

- **Adrian Collett, County Councillor and Yateley Society Member**

We will be debating the Yateley Village Design Framework at our November meeting. Come along and join in the discussions, bring friends and neighbours and make our voice even louder!

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ISSUES



New applications: please send your comments to Hart District Council at Fleet.

Royal Oak, Reading Road – this application is for the area between the Royal Oak pub and the Police Station for 7 new two-storey dwellings with associated landscaping, access and parking, including redesign of car park layout serving pub.

Monteagle Lane – currently under the threat of 2 applications, one for 13 x 3-bedroom terraced houses and another for 10 x 2 bedroom flats.

Public Inquiry:

Clarks Farm - Application 02/01040/FUL office development. The Public Inquiry will be held at Fleet in July 2005. Yateley Town Council has asked for the Inspector to hold at least one session in Yateley to allow local people to attend more easily.



Useful weblinks



Don't forget you can access all Hart's planning applications, together with their documentation and even residents comments on the website.
You can also make your comments online.

<http://www.hart.gov.uk/planning/>

WANTED – STOP PRESS DELIVERERS

Would anyone like to help delivering the newsletters? We could do with perhaps three or four new distributors to replace members who have moved, or are planning to move away from Yateley.

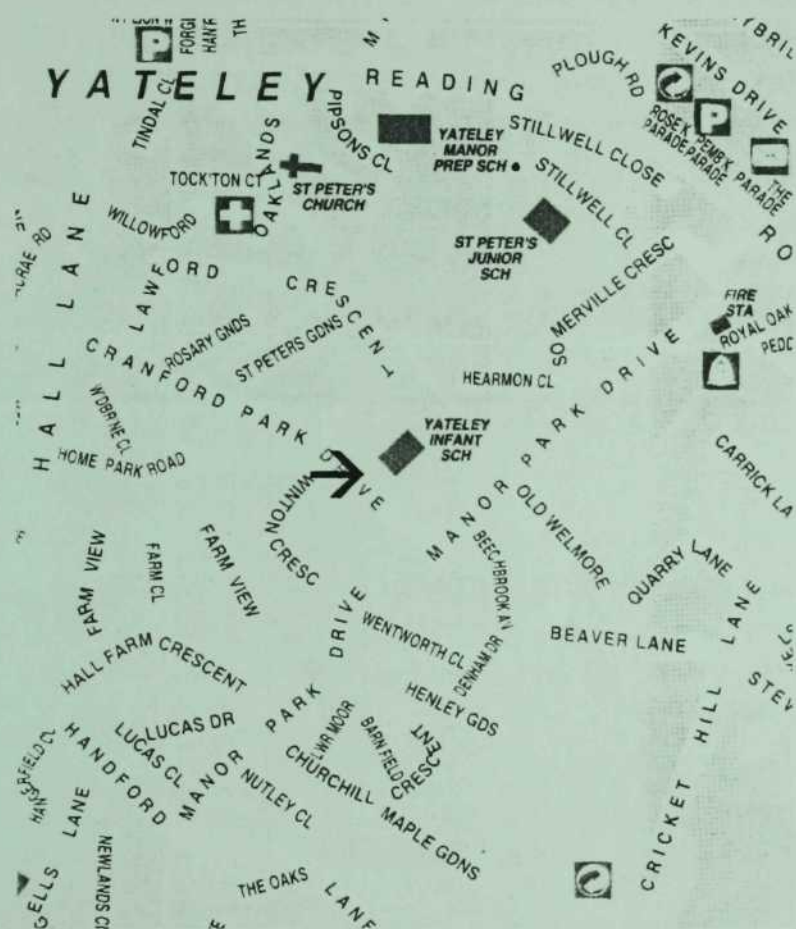
About one third of the current stalwarts have been do the job since the Society was formed nearly 24 years ago.

The idea is that distributors deliver the Stop Press to about half a dozen members within easy walking distance -- perhaps a 10

minute job. Even the longest routes should not take more than half an hour. It's a good excuse for a bit of exercise too!

Over the years some rounds have become longer with several additional members, and some have almost faded away. Elizabeth Tipton, who has been sorting and delivering newsletters to the 15 distributors since the Society began thinks it might be time to reorganise the rounds.

If you would like to help please contact Elizabeth on 873378



Our new venue for monthly meetings, which generally take place on the 3rd Thursday of each month, 8pm start:

Yateley Infant School hall
Cranford Park Drive
Reading



Reminder

If you have not already renewed your membership, please use the form from the last Stop Press, or you can print one off the website.

**Please send your subscription slip and payment (cheques payable to Yateley Society) to:-
Yateley Society Membership Secretary
Hartford House, Vicarage Lane, Yateley GU46 7QR**

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS - 2004

OUR MEETINGS ARE NOW HELD AT YATELEY INFANT SCHOOL HALL

Generally on the 3rd Thursday of the month, 8.00 pm Start.

(Entrance to Car Park and Reception from Cranford Park Drive)

Thursday 18 November 2004	WHO HAS PLANS FOR YATELEY - WHO WILL PLAN YATELEY? Make our Voice Louder! A debate about the concept and consequences of the Yateley Village Design Framework .
Thursday 16 December 2004	🎅 CHRISTMAS SOCIAL 🎅 "Mytchett Playmaking" present their Mummers play. Come along and see, have a mince pie and the odd glass of Christmas cheer.

Programme as 01 November 2004

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! The aim is to help the Yateley Rangers in all sorts of tasks in the upkeep of Yateley Common. To find out more, please call Mike Mann on 01252 877741.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS – 2005

Next year's programme of events is being organised by Trudy Boothby.

So far we are promised:

- ☞ a guided tour of the Archaeological Centre at Bagshot
- ☞ a talk about the history, wildlife and conservation of the Basingstoke Canal
- ☞ a guided tour of Farnborough Abbey
- ☞ a guide for the amateur genealogist
- ☞ an update from our old friend, local archaeologist and lecturer, Carol White

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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