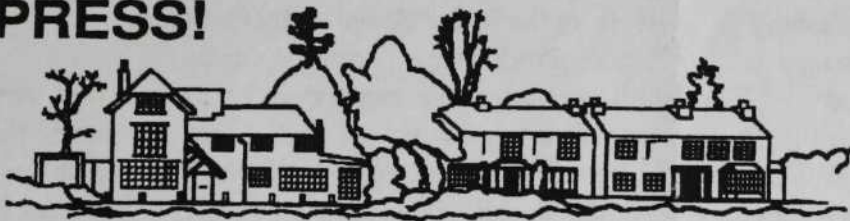


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Latest News on the Local Interest Issues currently being worked on by members:

Mushroom Farm - Once again, a Full Council Meeting rejected the application by Linden for the huge office development, on the grounds of overwhelming public concern about the increase of traffic, with regard to the safety issues and inadequate capacity of the road system; the effect of the bulk and volume of the proposed development on the Strategic Gap between Yateley and Darby Green; significant harm expected through overheating the labour market and the possibility of additional housing to cope with it; and the detrimental effect on the Conservation Area and settings of the Listed Buildings. The Public Inquiry will now go ahead at 10 am on 20 February 2001 at the Council offices in Fleet. The Society's written evidence has been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate, and will be available to view shortly on the website (www.hants.org.uk/yateley). If anyone is willing to speak, as individuals, at the Public Inquiry, please let me know.

Yateley Hall Park - The Society has submitted a letter of objection to the application to build 4 houses.

Barclay House, Vicarage Road - 2 or 3 houses are applied for in the garden of this Grade II listed building in Yateley Conservation Area. The Society's letter of objection has been submitted to Hart District Council.

Silver Fox Farm - a repeat application of the one made 2 years ago has been made.

Forty Winks - application for a 5 bedroom house - another repeat application in a sensitive location

The White Lion - a formal objection to the application has been submitted and revised plans have been received by the Council.

Heath Cottage, Dental Surgery in Reading Road - more revised plans have been submitted

Robins Grove Park - The Society's case has been submitted in writing to the planning appeal.

Gravel sites - The new restoration plan for the

land west of Chandlers Farm is expected to be approved in mid January, and the Society is supporting the proposals. The site on the 3 corners of the A30 in Eversley (which is outside the preferred area, may go to the same meeting. The extension of the working on land to the south of Castle Bottom has been approved, in association with an agreed plan to leave the existing site close to Castle Bottom as a restored "hole".

Yateley Town Centre - At a meeting in December, Richard Johnston stressed the need, with some support from outsiders attending, to recognise Yateley as a large Village (not a town) and plan accordingly.

Air crash at Blackbushe Business Park, 23 December 2000, which killed 5 people - A formal response from the Society will be made after due consideration.

ORAL HISTORY

A recording was made of the December meeting, which included some very interesting acting of the Mummings Plays by ALL the members attending. Thanks also, especially to Maggie Holloway, for some very interesting local ghost stories.

LOCAL HISTORY

We are already thinking about our 2001 Exhibition and Library Lecture for November. Does any member know a descendant of the Goddard family which has lived in Yateley, Hawley and surrounding parishes for at least four centuries? We are looking for any Goddard who has a family tree, and who might help us with our researches. Please ask them to telephone Peter Tipton on 873378.

You will all have received the Annual Report and Notice of the AGM on Thursday 15 February. Please try to attend this very important meeting. Now is the time to submit your nominations for Officers and Committee Members to Richard Johnston. In particular, with the increasing workload within the Planning Sub-Committee (as you can see), we are looking for some help on the Hon Secretary/Minute Secretary front to allow

