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The Yateley Society

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Please Note: Our meeting on March 20th 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 20th 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.

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.

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

"Flagship" No 1 Local Bus Service:

It has been reported that, with effect from April 13th, 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.

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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