



YATELEY, FROGMORE & DARBY GREEN NEWS

SPRING 2022

Mayor's Message

By Councillor Gerry Crisp

Dear Community,

It has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve as your Yateley Town Mayor for seven years. Previously seen as a purely ceremonial role for just one year, I feel that through my time it has changed, developing a vision to build the socially inclusive and caring community we see in Yateley.



Since I have decided to 'hang up my chains', I have been reflecting on my time as Mayor. There are many wonderful memories and I have been lucky to meet lots of you through my role and the fantastic invitations I receive! There have also been difficult times recently, with the pandemic having a real impact on what was possible, such as the Feelgood festival, organised for 2020. However plans are afoot for this to finally take place in September 2022. Even through this difficult period the community spirit and pride I have always sought to promote and encourage has shone through.

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Platinum Jubilee in Yateley

Here in Yateley, Frogmore and Darby Green, and in other towns and parishes across Hart District, special events are being put in place to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee, marking the Queen's 70 years of service to the people of the United Kingdom, the Realms and the Commonwealth. We have been planning our own community events and we would also like to assist local residents to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee within their community, with street parties and gatherings.



We will be hosting two events for the Platinum Jubilee on **Thursday 2nd June**, starting with **The Platinum Jubilee Community Picnic** on Yateley Green from 11am - 2pm and culminating in **The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacon Lighting Ceremony** in the evening from 8:30pm on Church End Green outside the Dog and Partridge pub. The beacon will be lit at 9:45pm, the same time as hundreds of others across the world.

In the lead-up to the Platinum Jubilee weekend, Yateley, Frogmore and Darby Green will play host to the **Jubilee Beacon trail**, a specially created, augmented reality trail, guiding users through the seven decades of the Queen's reign with a selection of characters and stories. We will also be hosting community competitions to win prizes for your celebration and the chance to light our Jubilee Beacon. Two trees have also been planted as part of the Queen's Green Canopy, in Yateley and Frogmore.

Many residents have approached us with plans for their own street parties and celebrations and we are happy to assist with advice on such events. Please see the Platinum Jubilee section of our website for full details of our events, events in the local area and advice, or contact the Town Council office.

Mayor's Message Continued...

Shortly after joining the council, I was inspired by a presentation on 'Sandhurst Pride' as a way of recognising how a community pulled together behind their vision and the pride they all showed in their village. I felt strongly there would be a need for a community group to be formed out of the council to bring this into reality in Yateley, using all our skills to serve our community and involving local groups and organisations in what we do. In May 2021 this idea became a reality and I hope this group will continue to make sure our residents feel proud to live in Yateley, as I am.

There are too many past, present and future initiatives to list here, both from Yateley Town Council and the other local organisations that make such a positive contribution for the benefit and wellbeing of our community. As Mayor, I am particularly proud of working to set up a dedicated Youth Centre with Vision 4 Youth, and my work with the Mayor's Charity, which has run some wonderful events over the years and raised money for various charities. I also would like to mention my 'Daily Mayorals', which Facebook advises me have been read by over 20,000 people through the years. I have had some very moving feedback from residents on how these have helped and inspired them.

Communitarianism is my personal and mayoral philosophy, with community being the centre of all things positive and the driving voice to serve us. I am so thankful for the opportunity I have been given and the confidence shown in me by the local community throughout my terms as Mayor. Have no fear, I will still be around and involved where I can as a Councillor. I hand the chains over to the new mayor safe in the knowledge that we will continue the excellent work.

Local Councillors share a few words about Councillor Crisp...

"I can't help thinking of Gerry as anything other than Mr Yateley Mayor, he has been Town Mayor for so long and has always carried it off so well. I would like to thank him for giving Barbara and I the opportunity of a lifetime as his guests at a Buckingham Palace garden party in 2018; what an experience, with Gerry's ability to make friends everywhere, I was able to meet the lady Mayor of my birth town! Thank you, Gerry, enjoy your 'retirement'." **Cllr Tony Spencer**

"Gerry has built up a great reputation on what it takes to be an effective Mayor. He has worked tirelessly by engaging with local institutions, charities, schools, churches and local businesses. He has always been extremely generous in giving of his time. Finally, I would like to thank Gerry for all his work in developing a real sense of community both within our Town and our Villages." **Cllr Bob McSorley**

"Gerry has been a hugely enthusiastic and energetic Mayor while he has held the role, providing great leadership to the Town and its residents, and support to his fellow Councillors. Thanks to him for all his hard work." **Hart Cllr Richard Quarterman**

"Gerry has been a successful and popular mayor for his seven years in office. As a new councillor, I have appreciated Gerry's direction, guidance and encouragement. He will be much missed as Mayor." **Cllr Dr Mark Griffin**

"Gerry is an inspirational Mayor; he uses his social skills to inform and unite the community in a unique way. His ability to engage with the community is second to none." **Cllr Pamela Phelps-Jones**

"Gerry has taken the role of Mayor to a whole new level, bringing the community closer together over recent years and giving us much food for thought with his Daily Mayorals." **Cllr Adrian Collett**

HAVE YOU SEEN OUR NEW WEBSITE?

In November 2021 we launched a brand new website for Yateley Town Council. With an updated design, functionality and accessibility, it contains all the key information you may need about your Town Council and council meetings, facilities, news, events and the local area. Find it at: **www.yateley-tc.gov.uk**



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Yateley, Darby Green & Frogmore Neighbourhood Plan – Road to Referendum!

Following the public consultation in January, the draft Neighbourhood Plan was submitted to the independent examiner for inspection. After this stage, the Plan will be formally ratified by Hart District Council and the public referendum will be set up – provisional date being 30th June.

So, what does our Neighbourhood Plan cover?

Since the start of the neighbourhood planning process in 2018, the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has consulted with residents each step of the way, collecting and consolidating your views to help shape the neighbourhood planning process.

Our Neighbourhood Plan will work in conjunction with the National Planning Policy Framework and Hart District Council's Local Plan. The policies in the Neighbourhood Plan cover several key areas, identified as vital to enhancing and protecting the key characteristics of the parish - summarised in the box to the right.

What happens next?

At time of writing, we expect the Referendum vote to be on Thursday 30th June but this is subject to change – please look out on our social media and website for more details closer to the time.

The Town Council would like to extend their sincere thanks to the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group for their immense efforts developing a Neighbourhood Plan fit for the needs of our community.

VISION & OBJECTIVES

Following various public consultations in 2012, 2020 and 2021, the main themes of happy, attractive, sustainable and inclusive emerged and were subsequently used to map out the objectives and draft policies in the Plan.

DRAFT POLICY SUMMARY*

Policy YDFNP1 – Delivering Sustainable Development
Development will generally be supported subject to proposals being well designed, and as appropriate to the nature, scale, and location of the proposed development, meeting all relevant requirements set out in other Development Plan policies taken as a whole.
Policy YDFNP2 – Limiting Climate Change
Development will be supported where it contributes to adapting and mitigating against impacts of climate change.
Policy YDFNP3 – Promoting Biodiversity
Development proposals should integrate biodiversity from an early stage and demonstrate a net gain in biodiversity appropriate to the nature and scale of the development.
Policy YDFNP4 – Design Principles in New Development
As appropriate to their nature, scale and location, development proposals should respond positively to local identity and positively contribute to the local character, especially in areas of high sensitivity.
Policy YDFNP5 – Yateley Village Centre
Development in Yateley Village Centre will be supported which strengthens local character and creates a sense of place and identity.
Policy YDFNP6 – Development affecting Conservation Areas
Development within the Cricket Hill, Darby Green and Yateley Green conservation areas will be supported where it preserves or enhances the conservation areas.
Policy YDFNP7 – Important Views
Development proposals will not be supported which have an adverse impact on the characteristics of important views identified in the parish.
Policy YDFNP8 – Green Infrastructure
Development proposals should protect and where possible enhance green infrastructure, retaining and enhancing wildlife areas, green and blue corridors and green spaces and the connections between them.
Policy YDFNP9 – Flood Risk
Development will be supported where it avoids increasing the risk of flooding from any source and will be safe from flooding for the lifetime of the development, including from sources outside the development site.
Policy YDFNP10 – Community Facilities
Development proposals to improve, or provide for new community facilities that accord with policies in this Plan, will be supported provided that the facility does not have an unacceptable impact on the amenities of adjoining residents and the highway network.
Policy YDFNP11 – Telecommunications
As appropriate to their nature, scale, and location new residential, commercial and community development proposals within the Neighbourhood Plan area should be served by superfast broadband (fibre-optic) connection unless it can be demonstrated that this would be not possible, practical, or commercially viable.
Policy YDFNP12 – Housing Mix & Affordable Housing
New housing developments will be supported which provide a mix dwelling types with priority for smaller house types as part of a wider mix, which provides policy compliant provisions of affordable housing or as demonstrated by the most up to date evidence on housing need.
Policy YDFNP13 – Blackbushe Airport
The continued use of Blackbushe Airport for aviation uses is supported. Changes of use and new development for aviation uses will be supported where they can demonstrate no unacceptable adverse impact by way of noise, visual amenity, traffic generation, odours or air pollution and ecological value.
Policy YDFNP14 – Home Working
Proposals will be supported which assist home working in the Parish including alterations to buildings and the development of live-work units, subject to conformity with other policies in the Development Plan.
Policy YDFNP15 – Promoting Active Travel
Development will be supported where it maximises the use of sustainable modes of transport and in particular where it can be demonstrated that as appropriate to the nature, scale, and location of the development, it provides new and improved pedestrian and cycle links and takes opportunities to connect to public and community transport provision.

To view the full Submission Neighbourhood Plan, and associated documents, visit www.hart.gov.uk/yateley

* Please note that the policy wording may be subject to further change following the conclusion of the independent examination process.

Yateley Climate Action Network

By Councillor Pamela Phelps-Jones

Yateley Climate Action Network (YCAN) is a working party of Yateley Town Council. We are made up of Town Councillors; informed and experienced Council Officers and enthusiastic and knowledgeable residents. We have close links with The Yateley Society, Hart District Council and Hampshire County Council.



We woke up to the fact that climate change is happening and that we have a moral, environmental and logical necessity to act now. Therefore, YCAN is actively adopting and encouraging climate-friendly activities in our local area of Yateley, Frogmore and Darby Green to mitigate the effects of climate change, including tree and wildflower planting, lobbying and litter picking. We are all volunteers and welcome new members.

If you want more information, or can help us tackle climate change locally, then please contact Yateley Town Council on 01252 872198. Our website can be found at yateleycan.org.uk.

Yateley Town Council Budget 22/23

By the Chair of the Finance & Policy Committee

This is the time of the year when the annual council tax bill arrives in the post. The Council's budget is set in January for the following financial year, with the precept being the amount on residents' council tax bills that goes to Yateley Town Council. Combined with the income we generate ourselves, mainly from hall hirings and outdoors spaces, the precept you pay through your council tax supports a variety of facilities and services.

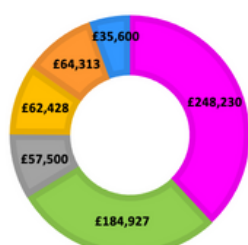
For someone living in a Band D property the amount paid to us works out at £1.30 per week. As a summary, this £1.30 provides:

Access to five community halls, eight children's playgrounds and 49 hectares of public open space; a dedicated youth facility; improving road safety via speed monitor signs; local cemetery; community transport via funding to yelabus; a local voice on planning decisions; support for community events e.g. May Fayre; Christmas trees and lights; environmental enhancement schemes; developing measures in response to the climate emergency; flowers and hanging baskets; support for local community groups and charities; sport playing courts/grounds and wildflower planting.

The council also provides a number of grants throughout the year to local organisations for a variety of projects. A full list of grants awarded can be found on our website at: yateley-tc.gov.uk/the-council/archives/type/council-grants-awarded/.

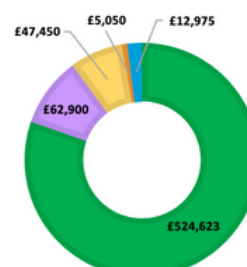
YTC 2022/23 BUDGET EXPENDITURE

■ Staffing ■ Environment & Grounds ■ Capital Projects
■ Halls ■ Admin & Other ■ Community & Youth Support



YTC 2022/23 BUDGET INCOME

■ Precept ■ Halls ■ Outdoor Spaces ■ Other ■ Use of Reserves



Climate Emergency Declared

By Councillor Dr Mark Griffin

Following the lead set by Hampshire and Hart, Yateley Town Council declared a Climate Emergency at the Full Council meeting on 17th January 2022. This means that goals will be set for rendering council assets (such as buildings and vehicles) carbon neutral by a date to be decided by Full Council. The details of the council's approach in tackling the climate emergency will be set out in an action plan, which will state how and when the carbon neutrality goals will be achieved.

The council has been calculating its own carbon footprint, as a first step towards carbon neutrality. Yateley Town Council has, in the meantime, approached Hampshire County Council for a grant proposal to put solar panels on some of the council's buildings. The council also coordinates the Yateley Climate Action Network (YCAN), which is a community-based group concerned with tackling climate change (read more about this on page 4 of this newsletter). Details of all this ongoing work, as well as YCAN, can be obtained from the Town Council offices, or from Councillor Dr Mark Griffin.

Ukraine Refugee Donation Hub

In early March, following the Russian invasion of Ukraine and the resulting humanitarian crisis, councillors approached office staff to see how we could help with donations for the refugees coming from Ukraine. Working with the donation point that had quickly been established by Frimley Cricket Club, we set up a donation point in the council offices. Many people donated and we were also contacted by other local people keen to volunteer and collect further donations. One of these was local resident Nicky Jones and her daughter Ava, who had already set up a scheme collecting blankets as 'Ava's Warm Hugs' after Ava was keen to find a way to help those forced to leave their homes. Nicky has been instrumental in the setting up and coordinating of this donation hub.



Using our existing social media channels, a large team of volunteers were quickly assembled and the former Red Cross Hut off Monteagle Lane was set up as a donation hub. Thatcham based logistics company 500 Logistics also offered their services and on Thursday 10th March an artic lorry departed for Poland filled with pushchairs, food, medical supplies, blankets and other essential items. At the time of writing, a second lorry is planned and donations are still being collected. The response from the local community has been overwhelming and it has been truly inspiring to see people pull together so quickly. A huge thank you to all involved in this effort.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW COMMUNICATIONS & EVENTS OFFICER

By Rochelle Halliday (Town Clerk)

Yateley Town Council is pleased to welcome Lucy Ivie, who joined us in early January as our new Communications & Events Officer. Lucy brings with her a range of experience in communications in a local council setting and is looking forward to further developing our communication strategies using our new website and social media channels. Lucy will also be working on our community events programme following a difficult two years due to the Covid-19 pandemic, to enable residents, families and friends to enjoy a range of activities on your doorstep. This includes a programme of activities to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee in early June. Welcome Lucy!



Vision 4 Youth's Youth Cafe Reopens

Vision 4 Youth's Youth Café reopened on Monday 7th February 7:30-9pm in a room at St Barnabas Church, Darby Green, GU17 0BT. The café is open to anyone aged 11-25, with free refreshments and a relaxed vibe to act as a chill-out space for those who feel they need it. There are some board games to play, either with friends or the youth workers, and if someone is having a tough time and needs a listening ear the staff are there to provide it. Visit www.vision4youth.org.uk or email office@vision4youth.org.uk to find out more.



yelabus Seeking New Operations Manager

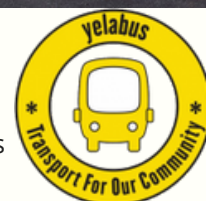
Are you dynamic, organised, self-motivated and care about the community?

We need you to drive the future success of the yelabus community transport charity as the yelabus Operations Manager.

Home based (ideally local to Yateley): laptop and mobile phone provided

Hours: 30 hours per week (including a daily core of 4 hrs Monday to Friday)

Salary: circa £21,000 per year plus pension



yelabus is based in Yateley and have a strong track record of delivering services across North East Hampshire, Berkshire and Surrey. We operate two specially adapted minibuses with tail lifts supported by volunteer and paid drivers. The Operations Manager role is to be yelabus's enthusiastic first point of contact for users, hirers and potential clients. To manage the day-to-day operations of yelabus under the direction of the yelabus management committee. The Operations Manager will be an advocate for yelabus in the local community ensuring the charity's continued success and growth in revenue.

Please see our website www.yelabus.org.uk for the Job Description and Person specification. If interested please email Chair@yelabus.org.uk with your C.V. Preferred Start date 2nd May 2022 or earlier.

Do You Have Glasses That You No Longer Need?

Lions Clubs collect used reading glasses and arrange for them to be repaired and shipped to various Eye Clinics around the world, delivering eye care services to remote and isolated communities. Over 300,000 spectacles are processed every year. Yateley Town Council is supporting this effort by putting a Lions spectacles collecting bin in the lobby at the entrance to the Council offices. Please feel free to put your unwanted glasses in this container.

In just about any home, you can find a pair of reading glasses that are no longer used. That pair of discarded spectacles can change another person's life. We've all experienced the feeling of utter helplessness when we find that we've left our reading glasses at home. Imagine if every day was like that! An estimated 280 million people world-wide are visually impaired because of uncorrected vision defects (far and near sightedness). Almost all cases can be corrected and normal vision restored with glasses or contact lenses.



The lack of eyeglasses denies children and adults opportunities for education, employment and a better quality of life. Your unused and unwanted spectacles can transform a life. Please give them to the Lions so they can be used to help communities in need. Contact Yateley & District Lions for more information about this programme on welfare@yateleylions.co.uk or 0345 8339915 or donate in the lobby of Yateley Town Council Offices.

The History of Chaddisbrook House

By Roger Coombes of The Yateley Society



One of Yateley's meeting venues which is welcoming customers again following the ending of Covid restrictions will undoubtedly be Cafe 46, at Church End Green close to St Peter's Church. Do many patrons of the cafe know anything of the history of the building?

It is Chaddisbrook House, which although we do not have a precise date for its construction certainly pre-dates the 1840s. Archaeological evidence indicates that there had been buildings on the site before this which were involved with bakery (a grain store) and as far back as Tudor times a connection with the wool trade. There is also evidence of Saxon remains, which fits well with the Saxon origins of St Peter's Church. Chaddisbrook itself has an interesting history. With Cafe 46 currently occupying the ground floor and the upper floor being used by the Church as the parish office, it has also been used during the last 170 years for various commercial activities. Most notably, the front rooms were Yateley's Post Office and telegraph office when William Gadd acquired these around 1886 and transferred them from premises adjacent to the White Lion. In his later years Gadd moved to Littlehampton, leaving his businesses in Yateley in the hands of his manager William Bettesworth. It was he who around 1901 employed Flora Timms as post office clerk and telegraph operator. She lodged in Chaddisbrook. Some years later, when she had married and moved on to post offices in Surrey, she attained fame as Flora Thompson, the author of the "Larkrise to Candleford" trilogy.

It was Gadd who in the 1880s built the single-storey annexe which is now the home of Discoveries, the charity shop run by St Peter's. If you have one of the Yateley Society's postcards or greetings cards of an earlier photograph you will know that at the turn of the 19th century it was known as Gadd's Stores ("Gadd & Co."), a grocery and bakery. In the 1920s it became "Tice & Son" and although Harold Tice ceased to trade in 1934 it was bought by Leonard Collison, who retained the Tice trading name until 1974, running it as a grocery, bakery, greengrocery and off-licence. It then had a complete change of business to "Ramons" hardware store.

The site is situated within the Yateley Green Conservation Area and is recognised as an important area within the Yateley Village Plan. St. Peter's Church and the nearby property, The Old Vicarage, are Grade II Listed Buildings. Chaddisbrook House and Discoveries are not listed buildings, but Chaddisbrook is locally listed because of its contribution to the Church End Green street-scene, along with the Old Vicarage. This group of buildings continues to enhance Church End Green and retain the local heritage, although it can be argued that improvements should still be made. The postcard reproduced here, with its single vehicle, shows Church End circa 1950/1960s. Those able to identify the make and model of the car will undoubtedly be able to pin the date more precisely.



CAN YOU HELP THE YATELEY SOCIETY WITH INFORMATION?

Do you, your parents, grandparents or someone else you know have memories of the **Queen's Coronation in 1953**? The Yateley Society would love you to share them, especially photographs of events. Memories of any size of celebrations, in the area or nearby would be ideal but if they took place elsewhere and that person later moved to this area we would still like to hear them. We are also conducting historical research into the houses and families of **Vicarage Road**, Yateley, described as "Yateley's Mayfair" of the 18th and 19th century. This is quite a task and we need to expand the team, so if you love history and have a computer and some time to get involved with the team please let us know. Please contact Roger Coombes - chairman@yateleysociety.org.uk.

Dates for the Diary

YATELEY & DISTRICT LIONS MAY FAYRE

Monday 2nd May • 11am - 4pm • Yateley Green, GU46 7RP

Yateley & District Lions Club are pleased to announce that they will be hosting the May Fayre as usual this year. Arena acts will include local groups as well the ever-popular Fun Dog Show, Classic Cars and Car Boot Sale. See www.yateleylions.co.uk for details.

YATELEY TOWN COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday 25th May • 7pm - 9pm • Venue TBC

Please see our website and social media for further information on the venue and event. This is a public event and a chance to meet your local councillors.

PLATINUM JUBILEE COMMUNITY PICNIC

Thursday 2nd June • 11am - 2pm • Yateley Green, GU46 7RP

Bring a picnic and come on down to Yateley Green for the Platinum Jubilee Community picnic. With food also available to purchase from various vendors, cream teas, games, community stalls and children's activities this is a family-friendly event suitable for all.

QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE BEACON LIGHTING CEREMONY

Thursday 2nd June • 8:30pm - 10pm • Church End Green, Reading Road GU46 7LS

Join us for the lighting of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacon at 9:45pm outside the Dog and Partridge pub on Church End Green. Accompanied by local community groups, choir, bugle player and piper this beacon will join hundreds of others being lit around the world to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

GIG ON THE GREEN

Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th June • Yateley Green, GU46 7RP

Gig on the Green returns to Yateley with another great line-up of acts over the weekend of live music. Tickets are now on sale - for more information on the event and tickets visit gigonthegreenyateley.co.uk.

Yateley Market

Yateley's Tuesday Market is still running on a Tuesday morning, 9am - 2pm in The Tythings car park. Fresh fruit and veg, artisan bread & pastries, hot food options and beauty products are available and we hope to be introducing new stallholders very shortly. Please come along and support our existing traders! Interested in a stall? Visit our website for more information and to fill in an application form or contact the town council offices.



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