



YATELEY, FROGMORE & DARBY GREEN NEWS

FEBRUARY 2020

Mayor's Message

By Councillor Gerry Crisp

Dear Neighbours, 2020 is now well underway with much to look forward to! Our exciting new programme of events begins with a Cocktail and Cabaret Event in support of my Mayor's Charity, Vision4Youth, with entertainment by Frank Sinatra tribute act, Fred Gardner, plus dance and drama at the Village Hall on Saturday 14th March. At the end of last year, our Charity Carolling Pub Crawl raised a fantastic £310! Further events will be happening throughout the year, including in September, when we will host our biggest event yet, where the overall theme for the day will be to promote sports and the positive impact that exercise has on our health and wellbeing. As we in Hart district currently have one of the highest life expectancy ages in the country, let's look to be one of the first communities over the next decade to reach 90 as our life expectancy age for Yateley!



Neighbourhood Plan

By Richard Quarterman (Chair of the Yateley, Darby Green and Frogmore Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group)

The small group of volunteers who have been working to put together a Neighbourhood Plan for Yateley, Darby Green and Frogmore have made significant progress in the past few months. We now have a detailed set of draft policies which we are in the process of refining, and we need and would value some input from the wider community. So, we are launching a

survey as part of our consultation, and to give residents a chance to influence the direction of travel. The questions in the survey reflect many of the subjects we have been considering as part of our plan for the community. Of particular interest is our desire to deliver a strong local response to the climate change challenge we all now face, and you will see this reflected in many of the questions. In addition to the survey, we have been working with local schools to promote the Neighbourhood Plan and its opportunity to shape our future community. The schools have run poster competitions and the results will be on display in the two secondary schools in Yateley and Frogmore on the 29th February and the 14th March respectively. Further details are available in this newsletter, on the Town Council website or on the Neighbourhood Plan website at ydf-np.org.uk – please come along and find out more!



Photograph by Dave Williams

Meet the Councillors



Maria Pierce

'My partner and I moved to Yateley nearly 5 years ago, and we love it here! The community spirit is fantastic and we're blessed with a great town, amazing surroundings, and there is a strong sense of belonging in this tight-knit community. In my other life, I'm an Account Manager in the travel and hotel industry which involves a lot of travelling around the country which can be great fun. I decided to be a Councillor because I wanted to support the community, listen to what people need and what they want to see changing or improving. I want to support our environment which is under threat and needs protecting for everyone and all of nature. Being a Councillor is very fulfilling and a great privilege, and I hope that I can make a difference, however small to our great little town.'

'I have been a local Councillor for many years, representing Darby Green, Frogmore and Yateley on Hampshire County Council, as well as the Town Council and, in the past, on Hart District Council and Hampshire Police Authority too. This is a lovely area to live, with lots of accessible countryside all around us, as well as some good local services and access to all the facilities that London has to offer. My priority as a Councillor has always been to protect our countryside and our local services, looking for ways to improve them wherever possible. The role of the Town Council is particularly important in this as our role is to look out for the whole needs of our local community, pressuring others when they are not doing the right things for our parish and stepping in where there are gaps. That's why I enjoy the privilege of serving you on Yateley Town Council.'



Adrian Collett

Waste Recycling at Monteagle Community Centre (Waitrose car park)

Thank you for continuing to bring your various items for recycling to the Monteagle Community Hall / Waitrose site. It's great to see so many people using the facility.

Just a polite reminder – if any of the recycling bins are full or you are unable to fit the item you have brought into the designated bin, please take it back home with you or take it to the Household Waste Recycling Centre in Hartley Wintney.

If you need an additional or larger kerbside glass recycling container, contact Yateley Town Council as we hold a small supply of containers at the Town Council Offices.

Please also take home any bags, boxes or containers that you brought your recycling in, as leaving these items at the site (with or without your recycling in!) causes unnecessary waste and makes this fabulous facility look very untidy.

NEW! TOWN COUNCILLOR SURGERY

Residents will now have an opportunity to discuss, in person, any local matters relating to public services with your Town Councillors at our new Town Councillor Surgery sessions.

We are here to help, so no matter whether your concern is big or small, make an appointment to come and talk to us. The Town Councillor Surgery will take place just before Full Council meetings, in the evening, from 6.15pm until 7.00pm. We are taking bookings now for **9th March** and **20th April**.

To book your 15 minute appointment, please contact office@yateley-tc.gov.uk or call 01252 872198. The deadline for booking appointments is 3.00pm on the Friday prior to the Full Council meeting date. You can find a list of all meeting dates on our website www.yateley-tc.gov.uk/Committees_and_Meetings.aspx. Venue details and your appointment time will be detailed in your booking confirmation message.

Yateley Market



Photograph by Kara Gibson

Yateley Market has moved to Church End Green (outside The Dog & Partridge). Come along to see what our traders have on offer!

Our exciting market runs from 9.00am until 2.00pm every Tuesday, and hopes to offer local residents the opportunity to buy from local suppliers, including locally grown produce or home-made goods, amongst other products. If you're a trader who would like a stall at Yateley Market, visit www.yateley-tc.gov.uk to read and sign the terms and conditions document, and fill out the application form. For any queries, please contact office@yateley-tc.gov.uk.

Town Council Meetings

Did you know that anyone can come along to Town Council meetings? Feel free to turn up and ask any questions you might have. All meetings take place at **7.30pm** at **The Tythings, Reading Road, Yateley, GU46 7RP** (except for the Planning Committee which takes place at 11.00am). For the agenda and more details, visit www.yateley-tc.gov.uk.

	Full Council	Finance & Policy	Planning	Community & Environment
February		24th	21st	
March	9th		6th, 20th	23rd
April	20th	6th	3rd, 17th	27th
May	18th		1st, 15th, 29th	

YELABUS

yelabus is a Yateley based charity that operate two mini buses for the benefit of our community. In the next few months they will be replacing their oldest bus with a new purpose-built bus capable of carrying up to 4 wheelchairs plus other users. They are looking for groups to hire their buses, particularly at weekends. They also need Volunteer Drivers. If you hold a driving licence for a car, they can give you the necessary training, and if you have time to get involved in

the running of a local charity, they are looking for Trustees to join their Board. They meet at 1.00pm on the second Tuesday of the month at The Tythings, Reading Road. If you are interested in any of these opportunities please phone Tracey their Operations Manager on 07719799263 or email them on yelabus@gmail.com. Please contact them through their website www.yelabus.org.uk or pop into Yateley Town Council Offices and leave a message for them.

Dates for the Diary

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Wednesday 11th March • 7.00pm • Yateley School Hall

You are invited to Yateley Town Council's Annual Town Meeting, where you will have the opportunity to ask any questions that you might have to the Councillors. Join us for some nibbles, wine and an opportunity to meet your neighbours and Councillors, and to have your say on matters concerning Yateley, Frogmore and Darby Green. No ticket required.

MAYOR'S CHARITY COCKTAIL AND CABARET NIGHT

Saturday 14th March • 7.30 - 11.30pm • Yateley Village Hall

Come along to enjoy an evening of music, cocktails and cabaret in aid of the Mayor's Charity - Vision4Youth. Singer Fred Gardner will delight us with a Frank Sinatra tribute act (as he did when he appeared on 'Stars In Their Eyes!'). There will be delicious Italian-American style food served, including pizza with a variety of toppings and salads, followed by helpings of cheesecake and apple pie with clotted cream. (Different options for those with special dietary requirements are available on request).

Buy a cocktail from the bar, enjoy the cabaret dancing and take part in the raffle and silent auction - all of the proceeds from the night will be donated to Vision4Youth. **Tickets are £20 each and are available from Yateley Town Council offices, GU46 7RP.**

KEEP BRITAIN TIDY'S 'GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN'

20th March - 13th April

During Keep Britain Tidy's 'Great British Spring Clean', we will be organising what we hope will be Yateley's biggest ever litter pick! Together, we can make a massive difference and demonstrate that we love where we live, as all of our individual actions can help to create cleaner place for us to live and protect our wildlife. Will you pledge to pick with us? Keep your eyes out for more information on our website soon.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW EVENTS & COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

By Rochelle Halliday (Town Clerk)

Yateley Town Council is pleased to welcome **Lydia Castellano**, who joined us late last year as our part-time Events & Communications Officer. Lydia brings with her a range of experience including a flair for design and is bursting full of ideas to share information and engage with the community! Lydia will also be working on developing a brand new community events programme to enable residents, families and friends to enjoy a range of activities on your doorstep. The showcase event next year, with the working title 'Vision 2020', is on 20th September and we hope to bring you a unique blend of fun and fitness for all the family to enjoy. Watch out for our event communications this year for more details on our events programme and if you have any suggestions for future events, please let the Town Council Office know.



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