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THE YATELEY SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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Chairman's Editorial

The Society was formed in January and now has 140 members quite a few of which do a lot to build up the Society's knowledge of Yateley: both natural and local history. But we are also concerned to improve the quality of life and protect the environment of Yateley, Darby Green and Frognore. By our constitution we have to promote high standards of planning and architecture and to secure the preservation of features of historic interest. This may sound very laudable but it often comes down to specific issues and choices. What should happen to former gravel pits along the Blackwater Valley? How can the competing claims on Yateley Common be reconciled and what of the airfield? Should modern developments be allowed to sprawl over or in sight of areas of historic or landscape interest? Should any large scale housing development be permitted at all? It is the aim of the Society that such questions be resolved in the interests of the public and not the developers. An active membership helps us to develop our policy and put our views to the district and county in the most effective manner, or simply supports us with subscriptions:

Looking back over our first nine months we have already persuaded Hart Council to declare a new Conservation Area for Yateley Green, including Old School Lane and Firgrove Road. We have also advised Hampshire on suitable buildings for listing and we strongly opposed the development at Hill Farm. We also got our boots dirty clearing undergrowth from and improving the drainage of footpath 28.

I hope to see you at our first autumn lecture on 17 September and please bring along your friends.

Edward Dawson

1. PROJECT GROUPS Reporting

a) Planning a Conservation Group

The Society has continued to be active in expressing concern at the overlastig attempts by speculative developers, intent on taking up the charter given to them by the Secretary of State for the Environment, to further erode our country heritage.

You will probably have noted our recent objections to a proposed development at Love Lane which proposal has now been rejected by Hart D.C. Planning Committee.

Objection was also made to a proposed extension, subsequently approved by the Planning Committee, to Globe House Cottage. This is one of our very few listed buildings and is located in a newly designated Conservation Area. The decision to approve the application would seem to be contrary to the intentions of instituting a Conservation Area and would seem to set an unfortunate precedent which could cause future administrative problems. The decision is regretted.

On a happier note, temporarily at least, the most recently published list of planning applications contains not one single item to cause concern. Let's hope the trend continues!

Ted Brooks

b) Local History Group

Organisation: With many members interested in different facets and periods of Yateley's history, the present organisation attempts to embrace as many people as possible into four main interest groups. These are:

1. THE OLD HOUSES GROUP: Mainly concerned with researching the documentary records of old houses and sites from the Manorial Court Rolls.
2. THE FAMILY HISTORY GROUP: The first objective is to index all extant parish records.
3. THE LANDSCAPE HISTORY GROUP: A newly formed grouping of ecologists, archaeologists and cartographic enthusiasts working on the Ancient Lanes and Trackways of Yateley.
4. THE VICTORIAN STUDY GROUP: Currently drifting rudderless, this group is being sustained by the concentration of work by the other three groups in the Victorian period.

Activities: The Local History Group has met each Thursday at the Yateley Centre in alternate weeks, when not ousted by a lecture on the regular monthly meeting of the Conservation Group. The two hours per week have been taken up by a mixture of talks from members, indexing and planning visits and field trips. Non-classroom activities have included a working visit of 15 members to the County Archives at Winchester and Sunday afternoons surveying trackways and earthworks. The pattern will continue this term, but it is planned that more of the Thursday evening sessions will be devoted to talks from experts.

Objectives: Our objectives are on the one hand the research of history for its own sake; but on the other hand are interlinked with our constitutional aims to conserve, and to enhance the quality of life in present day Yateley. One of the original members coined the name "cardiomaniac" for me since I seem to be obsessed with card file indexes. Jean McIlwaine makes the point below about the necessity for indexing the parish records. This covers those Anglicans marrying, baptising and dying in Yateley. Much of the time Yateley's farms and houses were owned by absentee landlords. What of them? The objective of the Old House Group is a card index of all owners and occupiers for as far back as we can get. From this we can feed information to the Conservation Group concerning ages of Yateley's historic

houses. From the records of ancient fields information can be fed to the Landscape History Group concerning possible dates of trackways and hedges. The Landscape History Group is itself initially concerned with cataloging the historic routes, then surveying them from the point of view of the wildlife habitats of today and the archaeology of the past. (See also the Ecology Section).

An Appraisal:- The original idea of the Local History Group was that individuals interested in, say, researching their own house, or their family, might come together on a Thursday evening to co-ordinate research and learn from self help. To carry out the research, however, it is necessary to visit archives or libraries to obtain the raw material to work on. The only "local" material are the parish registers. In the last year the evening talks have therefore been orientated to how to approach the archive or library. But only a few individuals have been able to get to the record repositories. As a consequence the Thursday evenings have become more a matter of talks and discussions, and attendances from those actually doing their own research has fallen off. The balance I have to maintain is between those people who want to listen, those who want to participate, those who want to spend most of their time within Yateley and those who want an excuse to "escape" for a few hours.

We had our plan to publish articles, either in our own newsletter, the Journals of the Hampshire Field Club to which we are affiliated, or perhaps even our own series of pamphlets. But to get to this stage we need more people interested in individual research projects. On the other hand, perhaps you as members are more interested in spending Thursday evenings, as they are developing, as a mini-lecture series similar to our Public Lectures which are always well attended. To find out what you want as members I plan to devote the evening of 15 October 1981 to a discussion so that I can plan next term accordingly. I urge as many members as possible to come along that evening to put your point of view.

Peter Tipton

c) Ecology Group

To date the Ecology Group's work has centred around five projects:

1. GRAVEL PIT COLONIZATION:- Studying the plant and animal colonization of a newly released gravel pit. The pit has been mapped and extensive surveys made of the plants that have grown up there during the year. As the pit is bordered by four different habitat types it is hoped that interesting patterns of colonization will appear.
2. HEDGE DATING:- A number of hedges (both old boundary and field hedges) have now been dated. This project ties in very well with the Landscape History Group.
3. HEATHLAND SURVEY:- This has, so far, been a rather sporadic project, with data on birds, plants, fungi, butterflies and moths and some plant mapping. However, no overall survey for an area over a period of time, or comparisons of two or more areas, have been made. This project is, perhaps, the most important of all, since heathland is one of Britain's fastest disappearing habitat types - and this is especially

true in North-East Hampshire. If we are to conserve Yateley Common, it must be managed and to do this properly we must first understand it - particularly its vulnerable parts.

4. MOTHS AND BUTTERFLIES SURVEY:- Moth trapping has been continued on the edge of the common over the last two years, and in the Blackwater Valley this year. Sightings of butterflies within Yateley have also been noted over the same period. This data now needs to be properly correlated and incorporated into the Heathland and Gravel Pit Surveys.
5. WATERCOURSES OF YATELEY:- This survey will eventually include all ponds, ditches, streams and rivers both present and as far back into the past as we can go! This obviously links in closely with the Landscape History Group work.

Fungal Forays have really been an activity enjoyed by the whole Society. In 1979 the Foray took place over the border in Minley Woods (where nearly 100 species were discovered), and in 1980 it took place on Yateley Common. This year - 4 October - will be on the Common again, and I do hope you will all try to come along. The Ecology 'Thursday Evening' of 8 October will be mainly devoted to evaluating these three Forays, and there will be plenty of slides of many of the species found.

Into 1982 - Thursday evening of 22 October will be devoted to an evaluation of all the above projects, followed by a general discussion of how they should develop, particularly the Heathland Survey which will need a lot of concentrated effort.

Susan Dawson

2. FOR YOUR DIARY

a) Public Lectures

Thursday, September 17th in the Yateley Centre Drama Hall,
7.30 p.m.

OPERATION DRAKE - VOYAGE OF DISCOVERY

The opening lecture of the autumn season should be a real winner! The ship 'Eye of the Wind' took young explorers around the globe in commemoration of Drake's epic voyage 400 years ago. Andrew Mitchell, the scientific co-ordinator of the expedition will tell the story, illustrated with film, slides and exhibits.

A lost city in Panama, Darien, old wrecks, the Galapagos Archipelago, Indonesia, the Serengeti, wildlife in Kenya and an airship are some of the many things and places encountered. - Come and see what happens - and bring a friend.

(It is free to members - and only 60 p. for non-members - Mr. Mitchell's book, which is soon to be published is nearly £12!)

5.

Thursday, October 29th

AIRFIELD HISTORY: John Bagley,
Science Museum

Thursday, December 10th

NATIONAL TRUST: N.D. Price,
Regional Information Officer.

Make a note also of 4th March, 22nd April, 27th May and 8th July 1982. Details of Lectures on these dates will be announced later.

b) Walks & Visits

Sunday 4 October (afternoon): Fungal Foray

Susan Dawson will lead a walk on Yateley Common, mainly to look for fungi. Meet at Heathlands Cemetery at 2.30 p.m.

Sunday 1 November (afternoon): Frogmore and Darby Green

A walk with Sydney Loader to see how this area has changed in recent years. Meet at St. Barnabas's Church, Darby Green, at 2.30 p.m.

Sunday 6 December (afternoon): Beating the Bounds

Michael Holroyd will lead an exploration of part of the former Yateley parish boundary, south of the A30, and of what may be an earlier route of the road. Meet at the junction of the A327 and the A30 at 2.30 pm. (parking to the left of the A327).

Enquiries about walks and visits and suggestions or offers to lead walks should be made to Michael Holroyd (Yateley 872439) or Susan Dawson (Yateley 877458.)

3. SOCIETY DIARY

30th April 1981 - "BIRDLIFE OF YATELEY" by Dr. Christopher Tydeman

Chris. Tydeman, Staff Ecologist of the World Wildlife Fund - U.K. and based in London, had carried out extensive post-graduate research on Yateley's bird life and it was opportune for him to come back to address the Society. In the event the lecture title proved something of a misnomer since only the birds of Yateley gravel pits were covered. In addition almost all the slides were of tables and graphs rather than actual birds.

An audience of about 50 heard Chris say that his talk was not about a natural habitat but an artificial one and the birds that lived on it. He had studied the ornithology of several gravel pits in the Thames Valley over a number of years. Much of his talk centered around the population fluctuations of bird species from songbirds such as thrushes, warblers, wrens and finches to waterfowl including coot, moorhens, mallard and Canada geese. He had collected a vast range of data on these species from each site and had correlated variations in numbers and distribution to changes

in the habitat and through disturbance and other factors. Breeding common terns were an interesting feature of inland sites such as gravel pits.

On balance the lecture may have been a little technical for some but it was interesting to note the reaction of those who had not previously been exposed to a multitude of 'pie diagrams' and histograms and who said afterwards that they had enjoyed a stimulating, if unexpectedly demanding evening. Members expressed the desire for another lecture on birds to be found on the Common - the other main habitat in Yateley.

Edward Dawson

3rd May 1981 - "DAWN CHORUS"

Members of the Yateley Society are not afraid to try anything, as evidenced by the 26 or so who turned up at the assembly point (Heathlands Cemetery) to be entertained by the Dawn Chorus.

The time was around 3.30 a.m., and it was a pleasantly still, clear morning, with a slight air frost. Some members had the good practical sense to bring sleeping bags and chairs, a wise precaution against some of the distractions like creep and 'creeping cold'!

We weren't sure whether the insistent quacking of a mallard counted as part of the dawn-chorus, but it was recorded anyway, using a suitably noisy and impractical black marker pen on paper highlighted for the gathering by torch-beam.

The cast, in order of uttering any sort of sound which could be noticed by our excellent guide, Peter Edwards or Country Park Ranger, Peter Dinsdale, was :-

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| 3.55 a.m. | Mallard | |
| 4.02 | Duncock | |
| 4.08 | Tawny Owl |) |
| 4.09 | Coot |) these call intermittently |
| 4.10 | Canada Goose) | all night |
| 4.12 | Moor Hen |) |
| 4.14 | Robin | |
| 4.15 | Stonechat | |
| 4.16 | Dog chorus started | |
| 4.18 | Cockerel chorus started, | |

and then in fairly quick succession - Magpie, Wood Pigeon, Blackbird, Song Thrush, Yellow Hammer, Bullfinch, Bluetit, Willow-Warbler, Greattit (Call), Chaffinch, Pheasant, Reed Bunting, Wren, Jay, Chiff-chaff, Mistle Thrush (alarm), Goldcrest, Whitethroat, Great-tit (song) and Greenfinch at 5.01 a.m.

The recording site was not ideal, with few prominent song posts and little surrounding habitat variety, but nevertheless the birds that were present gave a fair showing of song. Some songs and calls were no doubt overlooked amongst the main volume produced by Blackbird, Song Thrush and

Robin; but where were the Tree Pipits?

Shortly afterwards we moved down to the small pond, and up to an open piece of heathland, recording on the way Cuckoo, Coal Tit and Meadow Pipit sounds, as well as views of Stonechat.

We made our way to Monteagle House for a splendid and delicious breakfast of porridge, toast and marmalade, bacon, eggs and sausages. We were further entertained by recorded birdsong and a modified version of a Young Ornithologists' Club bird word game. Our many thanks to our hosts Elizabeth & Peter Tipton.

30th May 1981 - 2nd Dawn Chorus!

Some members hadn't had enough the first time, and some 10 intrepid early birds ventured forth to the Yateley Gravel Pits at 3.40 a.m. This locality provided a good variety of audible species, including a car and a vixen and a Canada Goose Chorus. Space precludes listing all species here, but some 30 species were recorded.

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6th June 1981 - VISIT TO SELBORNE

On Saturday, June 6th, at 10.30 a.m. twelve members of Yateley Society met in The National Trust Car Park in the lovely village of Selborne. Selborne was made famous by the naturalist, Gilbert White, who, in 1788, published his classic book, "The Natural History of Selborne". The village clusters around the green, called the Plestor, which was once the market place. The church where G.W. was Curate and "The Wakes", his home for most of his life, be on opposite sides of the main road which was through the village. Edward and Susan Dawson were to take us on a guided tour of the village and some of the lovely walks in the surrounding countryside.

We set off from the car park and went a short distance along the main road before turning off into a pretty little lane which runs past a very old and picturesque cottage. On either side of the lane runs a small stream, one of which is called the Seale stream (or bourne) from which Selborne gets its name. From the lane we passed into a wet meadow called the Short Lythe where we found a patch of common spotted orchids among clumps of yellow irises and ragged robin. At the end of the meadow we turned into the Long Lythe, a wooded area of mainly poplar, beech and sycamore trees, where we found many woodland plants including beds of woodruff and yellow pimpernel and a lovely ornamental grass called wood melick. From the wood we dropped down into another VERY wet meadow, where we found the pretty lady's smock plant which Edward told us was used by the orange tip butterfly; it lays a single egg on the underside of one leaf so that the caterpillar which hatches has a sufficient supply of food while it is growing. As Edward was telling us this he turned over a leaf to show us where he meant, and there sure enough was a single egg exactly as he had described - we were most impressed! Later on in the walk we saw the butterfly on its other food plant, garlic mustard, displaying itself perfectly for us to examine. The going was rather precarious through this meadow as it was very boggy in parts, and we were all very thankful to be wearing boots. We saw several interesting insects

here, including water beetles, caddis flies, leaf hoppers and a black beetle which was busily boring into an old dead tree trunk and covering everything around it in sawdust. We climbed out of the meadow through much weed and into another woodland area called Great Dorton Woods where we found the prints of deer and more interesting plants including sanicle, wood anemones and clumps of wood sorrel. By now it was dinner time and we made our way back to the car park to clean up and have some much needed refreshment - some of us finding a very comfortable place in one of the local pub gardens.

When we were all quite refreshed again Susan and Edward took us on a tour of the village. We started by looking at the old butcher's shop which is situated opposite the Wakes. We could see the large hooks on the underside of the porch roof where the butcher used to hang his meat. We saw also two of the original four lime trees which G.W. planted outside the shop to shield him from the awful view of hanging meat and flies which he could see from The Wakes. From here we crossed the Plestor, passing in front of the large and beautiful vicarage to visit the church. In the churchyard is an enormous yew tree which is reputed to be over 1000 years old; it took seven of us holding hands to encircle its trunk! We spent some time looking round the church which has a lovely stained glass window depicting St. Francis of Assisi with 82 of the birds found by G.W. in Selborne. After finding G.W.'s grave, which is marked by a very simple rounded headstone bearing the engraving "G.W. June 26th 1793", we went to the Wakes where there is a museum which has set out an interesting display of the History of Selborne on the ground floor and another very interesting display of Oates' (the explorer) journeys through Africa on the upper floor.

By now we were all feeling quite weary and after visiting the fascinating Selborne Bookshop which was absolutely crammed with every imaginable book of the countryside, we made a very welcome stop at the local cream tea shop and had pots of tea and scones before returning home after a very successful (the weather stayed fine all day!) and enjoyable day.

Jean Carter

3rd July 1991 - VISIT TO WILLIS MUSEUM,
BASINGSTOKE

Following Tim Shadla-Hall's most entertaining lecture on Hampshire Museums on March 12th, he offered to show members of the Society around the Basingstoke Museum for which he is responsible.

At 8 p.m. on July 3rd 15 of us took up this offer and presented ourselves at the Willis Museum in New Street. Most of us, the Chairman being a notable exception, failed the initiative test of 'finding the doorbell' to gain entrance; luckily Tim Shadla-Hall has sharp ears and could detect the fumbling at the door.

Once inside we were met with coffee and an exhibition of contemporary chairs. No-one fancied sitting on the chairs, which were obviously 'works of art' rather than practical supports for the human anatomy.

When we had all assembled Tim gave us a brief description of the museum service and how it is funded, a condensed version of the March

lecture, and described the history of his particular museum.

The building was originally the Mechanics' Institute; when the Institute began to decline, in the 20's, the top floor became the Basingstoke Museum set up initially to have Mr. Willis' private collection. The enterprise cost £1000, shared between the Council and Mr. Alnutt - a civic dignitary of the time. In due course the Institute faded out and the lower floors became the Public Library. In 1974, following the building of the new town centre, the entire building was turned over to the museum.

We next had a conducted tour of the museum. The main claim to fame, and pride of the Willis collection, is a fine display of clocks, watches and watch-makers' tools; the other public galleries have town history, natural history, fossils, and some archaeology. We were shown the much enlarged archaeology area which is due to be completed and opened in November.

It transpired that the museum has a large Roman coffin, Tim had a niche built for this in the entrance hall to provide an eye catching entrance piece, to his dismay the coffin proved to be too long to fit! He had used the measurements of a mounting made for the coffin by an earlier curator, who had got it wrong - and on top of that the earlier curator had intended to mount the coffin in an upstairs room on a floor which would have promptly collapsed.

To support his statement that a museum can only display 1% of its stock Tim showed us around the store; this consists of several rooms in a separate building full of racks covered with cardboard boxes bearing labels such as 'Basingstoke - bones - cow, dog etc.' and tables piled with crumbling masonry, shattered pots half glued together, and assorted relics ranging from insurance plaques to bits of a Zeppelin. It seems that while the boxes may get labelled there is little hope of detailed cataloguing and catching up with the influx of new items.

Back in the public area we quickly spread out to look at the exhibits of our choice. Some of the natural history labelling appeared suspect, Tim said that he would rely on the standard excuse of being 'only an archaeologist' but he would ask the relevant person to look into it.

Finally we gathered in the entrance to thank our enthusiastic and entertaining host and made our departure.

The Willis Museum, while small, has interesting exhibits and is well worth a visit, go and see for yourself.

Tony Hocking

19th July 1981 - BUTTERFLY WALK

Michael Rolroyd arranged a warm and sunny afternoon for his Butterfly Walk on Yateley Common - good for both butterflies and walkers - and nine of us set out southwards from the cemetery with cameras, binoculars and enthusiasm. Our first find was a pair of charming little Silver Studded Blues which we stalked cautiously until it became apparent that a few yards

further there were scores of them flitting about a great stretch of young heather. Michael was then hoping to show us a Green Hairstreak near Brandy Bottom which he had spotted while reconnoitering the previous afternoon, but alas, a few hours later that particular piece of copse had been burnt down. However, there were plenty of other butterflies, amongst them a pair of marvellously tattered Commas, some Gatekeepers, Skippers and Ringlets, and after crossing to the west side of Cricket Hill Lane still more Meadow Browns, Five-Spotted Burnets, dazzling in black and cerise, and a Grayling that did not quite succeed in casting no shadow.

We admired Michael's speedy identifications and his nimble prowess with his net, and some of the less-educated amongst us were glad to learn that the legs sadly jammed in the mouth of an old Burnet cocoon were only those of the discarded chrysalis. There was some speculation on the ruts and holes that mysteriously scar the common, and a good deal of information was exchanged as we came across dragonflies and colourful caterpillars, fungi reputed to cure the cramp, and spiders sprawled menacingly across the nests of their hatching infants. Most of us will both look and see more effectively when next walking on the common.

Valery Kerslake

13th August 1981 - TOWN WALK

At 7.30 on a warm sunny evening twelve members gathered at the church to follow the route from Harpden House (now the site of Monteagle Motors) to the old hospital, which in the early years of this century was the village school on Cricket Hill.

This was the route followed by Paul Nash, the 1914-18 official war artist, when he stayed in Yateley as a boy and later referred to in his biography.

After making a quick check on the progress of the church rebuilding and noting that the newly erected weather vane had developed a sharp list to starboard, we set off down Hall Lane for about a hundred yards and then, where the Red House used to stand, plunged into a range of footpaths that many of us car bound warriors never knew existed.

Sydney told us something of the past inhabitants of The Red House, one of whom sat down one afternoon and composed the song 'I'll Walk Beside You' in the summer house there.

The paths we followed doubtless lack much of the aesthetic character and have been rerouted in places since Paul Nash's day, since diversions are readily apparent around latter day housing developments. Nonetheless, even though a copse of chestnut trees, which was offered to the Town Council in trust - and refused, has given way to a group of bungalows, the route between Yateley Manor and St. Peter's School fields still has a definite charm.

Crossing Manor Park Drive and passing through Old Welmore, we observed where the path of an older trackway crossed the pottle stream and wandered through this pleasant area to some well received sustenance in The Cricketas.

Having thus refreshed ourselves we then just had sufficient time before dusk for Sydney to lead us around the fish pond through the grounds of Mr. Stilwells' house on Stevens Hill.

This for me was something of a high spot in the evening having often wished for the opportunity to wander through these quiet woods, which are such a mass of rhododendrons in the early summer, and to steal a closer look at that ancient and picturesque pool.

Our sincere thanks must go to Mr. Stilwell for giving us access, through Sydney, to his grounds and I for one would like to request that a further visit may be possible when the shrubs are in bloom.

By now it was rapidly becoming dark and various members departed on their separate routes home to be closely followed by the rest of us after we had retraced the route to our transport waiting at the church.

Thanks to Sydney Loader, a mine of information as ever, and to Peter Tipton for an entertaining and informative evening.

Ted Brooks

4. ORDNANCE SURVEY MAPS OF YATELEY

One of our members, Liz Preedy, has prepared a map of Yateley which is available for sale to members of the Society. It is a composite map based on parts of three Ordnance Survey Maps at the scale of 1:10,000 (about 6 inches to a mile), and covers the whole of the Parish of Yateley. The price is £1.00 for a print on thin paper or £1.20 on thicker paper (these are liable to fade to some extent if exposed to the light for long periods), or £2.20 for a permanent print on glossy paper. These maps represent excellent value and Liz has generously offered to give any profits to the Society to buy more maps. They will be available at our Thursday evening meetings or direct from Liz Preedy (Yateley 873871).

5. CHURCH ARCHIVES

The card indexing of the Church Registers is well underway, thanks to the small team that helps me on the occasional Thursday evenings. They even admit to becoming very interested as they get to know local family names and observe their "comings" and "goings".

Why are we bothering, and what are its uses? Firstly, as all the Registers and other documents are now deposited in The Hampshire Record Office (a lot of them statutory), Winchester is a long way to make regular visits. We also get a large number of enquiries for particular entries in the Registers from people searching for their family history. This is the second most popular past-time in the U.S.A. and certainly active interest worldwide if the mail I receive is anything to go by. Students of history use Church Archives for various projects, as usually they are the only source material for Village History.

The survey of Monumental Inscriptions is useful to give the Incumbent the position of each interment, should there be a question of additional

use of the grave. Gravestones are also a source of historical evidence and many, sadly, are being lifted and destroyed to make way for urban development.

Our own grave records were lost in The Fire, so the survey became the only source of information. So I appeal to you, if you feel you can help with :

card indexing
typing (mainly grave survey), or
transcription of the Overseer's accounts
from micro-film,

we would like you to join us on Thursday evening designated for this event.

Jean McIlwaine

6. NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members to the Society since the last Newsletter :

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| Mary Robins | 'Little Acre', Brandy Bottom | 873374 |
| Susan Pett | 'Syringa', Brandy Bottom | 878533 |
| Irene Draper | 22 Lawford Cresc. | 870470 |
| Patricia Moore and Peter and Derek | 'Brackenwood', Little Vigo | 870060 |
| Anne-Marie Doherty | 110 Pinewood Park, Cove Farnborough | 513491 |
| Ann Powell | 57 Bartons Drive | 875706 |
| Susan Hailes | 'Follys End', Cricket Hill | 871178 |

7. INTRODUCTORY COURSE AT FROGMORE CENTRE

The Society will be giving a series of five weekly lectures starting on September 24th at the Frogmore Centre at 7.30 p.m. The fee will be £5.

The lectures will be concerned with topics relevant to the activities of the Society, e.g. Natural History and Ecology, Family History, Local History, Conservation etc.

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8. SOCIETY CALENDAR

- SEPT. 17 * LECTURE - 'Operation Drake'
 24 LOCAL HISTORY - Parish Register Indexing
- OCT. 1 PLANNING
 8 ECOLOGY - Fungal Foray debrief
 15 LOCAL HISTORY - General Discussion/Landscape History
 29 * LECTURE - 'Airfield History'
- NOV. 5 = GUY FAWKES PARTY
 12 LANDSCAPE HISTORY - Ancient Lanes & Trackways
 19 LOCAL HISTORY - Old Houses/Indexing
 26 ECOLOGY - to be announced
- DEC. 3 PLANNING
 10 * LECTURE - 'National Trust'
 17 CHRISTMAS PARTY

* Public Lectures are held in the Drama Hall, Yateley Centre starting at 7.30 p.m.

* Any members wishing to attend should contact Peter Tipton for details, Tel: 873378

Other Thursday evening activities will be held in The Yateley Centre Youth Suite

THE YATELEY SOCIETY

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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| HON SECRETARY | Rita Colclough | 15 Tolpuddle Way, Yateley (Y.873836) |
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| | +Susan Dawson | 21 Gibbs Way, Yateley (Y.877458) |
| | Richard Earnshaw | 1 Bridge Walk, Yateley (Y.875270) |
| | Ron Hayett | 14 Beschbrook Avenue, Yateley (Y.875923) |
| | Michael Holroyd | Firgrove Farm Cottage Firgrove Road, Eversley (Y.872439) |
| | Jean McIlwaine | 2 Firglen Drive, Yateley (Y.872768) |
| | Gordon Peake | 26 Barbara Close, Church Crookham (Fleet 4492) |
| | EPeter Tipton | Monteagle House, Monteagle Lane, Yateley (Y.873378) |

PROJECT LEADERS

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| *Edward Brooks | Conservation |
| +Susan Dawson | Natural History/Ecology |
| EPeter Tipton | Local History |