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SOCIETY PROGRAMME

Thursday 24 Feb	Ecology	Monthly meeting 7.30 pm 25 Wistaria Lane Butterflies and current topics of local interest.
Saturday 26 Feb	Ecology	Walk - Love Lane, Eversley Meet at 2.30 pm outside Michael Holroyd's house.
Thursday 3 March	Planning	Monthly meeting 7.30 pm Youth Suite, Yateley Centre
Sunday 6 March	Walk	<u>By Footpath to Eversley Church</u> 2.30 pm Meet at Grid ref SU 800608
<u>Thursday 10 March</u>	<u>History</u>	Monthly meeting "A Future for the Past" the Civic Trust Film on the enhancement of conserv- ation areas will be shown. Of interest to all members. 7.30 pm Room C.1.1 Yateley Centre
Sunday 13 March	Conservation	Yateley Common 2.00 pm Heatherside Cemetery
Tuesday 15 March	Hart District Plan	Local Inquiry opens 9.30 am Fleet
Thursday 17 March	LECTURE	<u>"ST PETER'S YATELEY - The Excavation of a Saxon Church"</u> 7.30 pm Room C.1.1 Yateley Centre
<u>Sunday 20 March</u>	<u>Best Kept Village scheme</u>	<u>Pond clearance</u> 10.00 am Chandlers Lane Contact Pat Tattersall (Yat 878027) for arrangements
Thursday 24 March	Ecology	Monthly meeting 7.30 pm Youth Suite, Yateley Cen.
<u>Saturday 26 March</u>	<u>Ecology</u>	<u>Walk - Royal Oak Valley</u> 2.30 pm Royal Oak carpark Continuing the study of this interesting area.
Wednesday 30 March	Executive Committee	meeting
<u>Sunday 3 April</u>	<u>Walk</u>	<u>Yateley Heath Wood</u> 2.30 pm Meet at Grid ref SU 819586
Thursday 7 April	Planning	Monthly meeting 8.00pm Youth Suite Yateley Cen.
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<u>Thursday 14 April</u>	<u>LECTURE</u>	<u>"THE COUNTRYSIDE AT NIGHT"</u> 7.30 pm Room C.1.1
Thursday 21 April	History	Monthly meeting Discussion of Oral history of Yateley project 8.00 pm Youth Suite, Yat Cen
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Thursday 28 April	Ecology	Monthly meeting 7.30 pm Youth Suite, Yateley Cen.
Sunday 1 May	Dawn Chorus	Details of this to be announced at the ROYAL OAK 3.45 Arthur Jollands lecture on 14 April.
<u>Monday 2 May</u>	<u>MAY FAYRE</u>	10.00 am til 4.30 pm The Green
Thursday 5 May	Planning/Conservation	Monthly meeting 8.00pm Youth Suite
Thursday 12 May	History	Monthly meeting To be announced 8.00 pm Youth Sw.
<u>Thursday 19 May</u>	<u>LECTURE</u>	<u>"ORCHIDS OF SOUTHERN ENGLAND"</u> 7.30 pm Room C.1.1

THE YATELEY SOCIETY

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Editor: Elizabeth Tipton 873376

Dear Member:

The Society's AGM was again an enjoyable and interesting evening. Unlike many AGM's one hears about, our Executive do their best to encourage a likely and informed meeting, believing that this occasion is their most immediate opportunity for sounding out members' views on a variety of topics related to The Society's aims. While accepting the responsibility for decision-making in The Society's name throughout the year, the Executive is at all times anxious that members's views be reflected in policy decisions.

Maj-Gen R. Llewellyn Brown and Mr Sydney Loader consented to continue as Vice Presidents of The Society. The Society's officers also remain unchanged for a further year:

Chairman Edward Dawson	Vice Chairman Gordon Peake
Treasurer Richard Earnshaw	Secretary John Barker.

The 8 elected members of the Executive are:

Ted Brooks	Valerie Kerslake
Geoff Hoare	Caroline Powell
Tony Hocking	John Preedy
Michael Holroyd	Mary Robins.

Full Details of Executive, sub-committee and co-opted members are appended to this Newsletter.

All seven Motions presented to the AGM were agreed, motion No 7 on Blackbushe Airport provoking some lively discussion, as a result of which Clause number iv) was amended to read: "Allow the area to be managed as heathland."

Since the Treasurer was unable to present fully audited accounts to the meeting the AGM was not concluded and was reconvened following the "Mary Rose" lecture on Thursday 3 February. The Accounts were then adopted and a copy of them is attached to this Newsletter.

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 1983

Since the majority of members take out membership following the AGM in January almost two-thirds of memberships are due for renewal at the beginning of each calendar year, too many for the Membership Secretary to remind individually. If you have forgotten to pay your membership dues, please do so promptly to the Treasurer, Richard Earnshaw (1 Bridge Walk, Yateley 875270) or to the Membership Secretary, Geoff Hoare (1 Blakes Ride, Yateley 872946.) Memberships falling due during the year will be notified at the appropriate time.

Although perhaps some may not wish to, or are unable to, take part directly in The Society's varied activities, we hope all members will declare their continuing support for The Society's aims by renewing their membership. In one sense The Society's influence relates directly to its membership numbers. We have every confidence that, as The Society gains experience and initiates an increasing range of projects to benefit the community of Yateley, more and more people will wish to associate themselves with us.

Membership fees are:	Adult	£3.50	Joint Adult	£5.00
	Junior	£1.50		
	Life	£50.00	Joint Life	£65.00
	Corporate	£10.00		

PUBLIC LECTURE PROGRAMME

- Thursday 17 March "ST PETER'S YATELEY - The Excavation of a Saxon Church"
Yateley Centre
Room C.1.1
7.30 pm
David Hinton, the archaeologist in charge of the excavation of St Peter's following the Fire, will describe some of his work and relate it to features found in other Saxon churches.
- Thursday 14 April "THE COUNTRYSIDE AT NIGHT" by Arthur Jollands
Yateley Centre
Room C.1.1
7.30 pm
This lecture, by a naturalist well known through his talks to schools and societies in Hampshire and his interest in the Selborne area, will be illustrated by slides and tape recordings of the birds and animals which are active as dusk becomes night. The talk is very suitable for children and all are welcome.
- Thursday 19 May "ORCHIDS OF SOUTHERN ENGLAND" by Andrew Cleave
Yateley Centre
Room C.1.1
7.30 pm
Over many years of lecturing to local WEA classes on a wide range of Natural History topics Andrew Cleave has established a considerable reputation for his superb photographs and relaxed but informative presentation. Even if your interests do not include Natural History you are sure to find this lecture on England's most beautiful wild flowers utterly fascinating.

HART DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN INQUIRY

The Inquiry opens at 9.30 am on Tuesday 15 March in the Civic Hall, Fleet. This Inquiry into the District Plan is not to be confused with the three inquiries held last year. Those were investigations by the DoE resulting from planning appeals made by developers. No decision has come from the DoE for any of these three triple-stie inquiries, although in the normal course of events decisions are generally made public within 6 months of the Appeal hearing.

The District Plan Inquiry is held by Hart, in the presence of an Inspector allocated by the DoE but paid for by Hart, to hear objections to the published Local Plan. This Inquiry is entirely divorced from any previous comments made about the Draft local plan. This distinction, as the chairman of Yateley Residents pointed out in the local paper, was not sufficiently understood by local bodies. Since the hundreds of letters of objection written last year for the Hill Farm and Monteagle Farm sites are "forgotten" in this last phase of the planning process, only The Society and 3 local residents now have the right to make representations for Yateley at this Inquiry.

This time written statements of objection have to be submitted to the Inspector before the Inquiry opens, and are taken as read by all present. The developers will be represented by their various QC's for at least the first week, but thereafter the affair will become much more cheek-by-jowl, around the table in the committee room of the Council Offices. Here specific points of evidence will be scrutinised by the Inspector. The DoE's silence on the outcome

of the developers' appeals last year is related to the complexity of these select exchanges. Despite the apparently smaller arena, The Society will be fighting the last-ditch stand to halt the spread of housing over all the remaining green field sites in Yateley - and on over the fields to Eversley.

For in addition to Hill Farm and Monteagle Farm, the other 2 sites identified by The Society in its land use map last year are being touted for development, one at Moulsham Lane (the "Urn Field"), the other at the present site of the mushroom farm at Darby Green. As was predicted, the scramble for the last few acres is on. And because the people of Yateley did not send further protest letters by 20 December 1982, they will not be able to give evidence at the Inquiry. The only remaining line of action open is to write immediately to The Society. Those letters can then be used to back-up The Society's case.

Members are urged to convince neighbours to write one last letter. Letters must clearly state support for the Society's case for no further housing in Yateley. Site objections can only be made to the Monteagle Farm site (the Yateley site in the District Plan), and comments should concentrate briefly on the lack of facilities, the lack of land, and the growing stresses for the existing population. Letters should be sent to the Hon Secretary, John Barker, 21 Wyndham Close, Yateley by Wednesday 10 March.

Anyone in doubt still about the issues should go to the Yateley Library where Part I of The Society's Planning exhibition will be again for the month of March.

CIVIC AWARD

Has it been forgotten that The Yateley Society is a civic amenity society? Over the past year it may have seemed to some that we have been preoccupied with planning issues. This apparent bias is one of the short-term consequences of being an amenity group. What is built today makes the heritage of tomorrow, so in thinking for the future we have to attend to details in the here-and-now.

One of The Society's aims as a civic society is to promote good standards of planning and architecture. It is therefore of considerable moment to Yateley that in 1982 Newlands Primary School, Dungeles Lane was awarded one of the Civic Trust Awards.

Only 21 Awards were made out of a total of 1055 entries. In Hampshire 25 projects were submitted, so that in both local and national terms Newlands School is acknowledged as a remarkable contribution to the "built environment."

The citation in the Awards booklet reads:

"Approached through delicate and leafy birch woodland the school on first sight immediately appeals. Its low form which seems to be cut into the surrounding contours is protected by a shallow pitched roof with broad overhanging eaves. Flank walls in white brickwork extend outwards to engage the landscape, forming enclosures which appear to be extensions of the transparent walls. The two main teaching blocks pivot about an elegant conservatory which acts as a further transitional link between the external and internal spaces. Detailing is very professional and consistent throughout, achieving a remarkably high standard of finish with basic materials - stained softwood, glass, white brick and brown concrete roof tiles which together produce a very subtle colour scheme."

Go and look at the school again. Ranked alongside such structures as the River Hull Tidal Surge Barrier, the Flotta Oil Handling Terminal, Orkney and a road-widening scheme in St Brelade, Jersey, Newlands School is an example of architectural standards which now rate harmony with the environment as being of equal importance to excellence in design.

Hampshire County Council are to be congratulated on the Award, especially since the designer is C. Stansfield Smith, the County Architect. For its part Yateley, in view of its lamentable architectural standards so far, is fortunate to be graced with a building which emphasizes the rural character still inherent in the town.

CIVIC PRIDE ? BEST KEPT LARGE VILLAGE - HAMPSHIRE

by Pat Tattersall

Society Representative

Last year we won our section, but then failed to get placed in the all village final. This year, with much more community involvement, it is felt we shall stand a good chance of being the overall winner. Our Society was asked to join in a committee made up of other groups in Yateley and Frogmore such as Yateley Residents, Guides and Scouts, the Centres, Yateley Lions, the Gardening Club and Thursday Club to put forward ideas of how we can all work together to make Yateley and Frogmore a more attractive area.

Our Ecology section passed on some good ideas: one is to tidy up the wood bordering Chandlers Lane. This has been taken up and The Society are asked, together with the Scouts and the Town Council's tractor and trailer, to turn out on Sunday 20 March at 10.00 am to tidy this site up and give nature a chance to take over this spring. Another idea was that of planting shrubs and heather in certain areas. These will be supplied by the Town Council and planted by the Gardening Club. It was also thought we as a society would like to donate a tree and this offer was gratefully received. Now all we have to do is decide on the species and where to put it.

This is an on-going project as we shall be looked at by the judges at various times during the year, so if members can keep an eye out for any situation that looks like needing attention then please let me, Pat Tattersall, know (Yat 878027) so that something can be done about it.

[Let's only hope the judges don't arrive on a day when some bright sparks have immersed another car in the Pond on The Green. The young owner of the blue Cortina so incongruously ditched a week or so ago knew nothing of the unhappy fate of his vehicle. Ed.]

COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION

by Mary Robins

Peter Dinsdale, the Ranger for the Yateley Common Country Park, was invited for an informal talk with the Ecology group on 27 January. We were interested to know something of what his job entails, and to offer practical help. He told us of the less pleasant aspects of his duties, like cleaning up after the continual visits by gypsies, and of the struggle to stop encroachments by the scrapyard in Vigo Lane. We learnt that there are annually about one million visitors to the park and that monetary resources are spread very thinly. A visitor centre would be a welcome asset as an educational place for school parties and somewhere to display information about local wildlife. We discussed the problems of horses and motor cycles, both of which do some damage but are difficult to control. Would a permit system be a good idea for the horse riders?

As regards the help that the group could give, Mr Dinsdale said that he is "fighting to stand still" with the vegetation. The birch trees very rapidly

overshadow the heather and bog areas; lowland acid heath is nationally a vanishing habitat, so should be protected. The group's help would be much appreciated in thinning out birch trees and pulling out Scots pine seedlings where these are undesirable. In fact a party of about a dozen of us spent an enjoyable afternoon doing just that on Sunday 13 February. The Town Council plans to clear out the pond behind the Old Hospital on Cricket Hill; this is filling in naturally and will cease to exist if nothing is done to it.

Valerie Kerslake (Yat 872240) coordinates the working parties and all helping hands are most welcome. The next working party is on Sunday 13 March, meeting at the cemetery at 2.00 pm to weed out and cut down seedling trees and gorse from a stretch of heather further up the path. It's hard work but the results are most gratifying. Do come and help - bow saws and thick gloves useful!

"RURAL ENGLAND"

This year's May Fayre organised on The Green by Sandhurst & Yateley Round Table will have the theme of "Rural England." Of course the weather may do its 'best' to destroy notions of springtime revelry, but undeterred by last year's appalling conditions, and encouraged by the response we got despite wind, water and cold, the Public Relations committee is planning an even larger display for The Society.

In addition to a display area, we plan to have a sales area. Members of the Ecology group in particular are already working on saleable items and make the following urgent plea for:

WOOL WANTED

Any unwanted WHITE, BLACK, BLUE or YELLOW double knitting wool will be gratefully received. If you have any wool to spare or would like to help with the knitting or sewing-up of our very special Yateley Dolls please contact either Irene Draper (870470) or Norma Dowling (870226.)

MONTHLY WALKS

Sunday 6 March By Footpath to Eversley Church

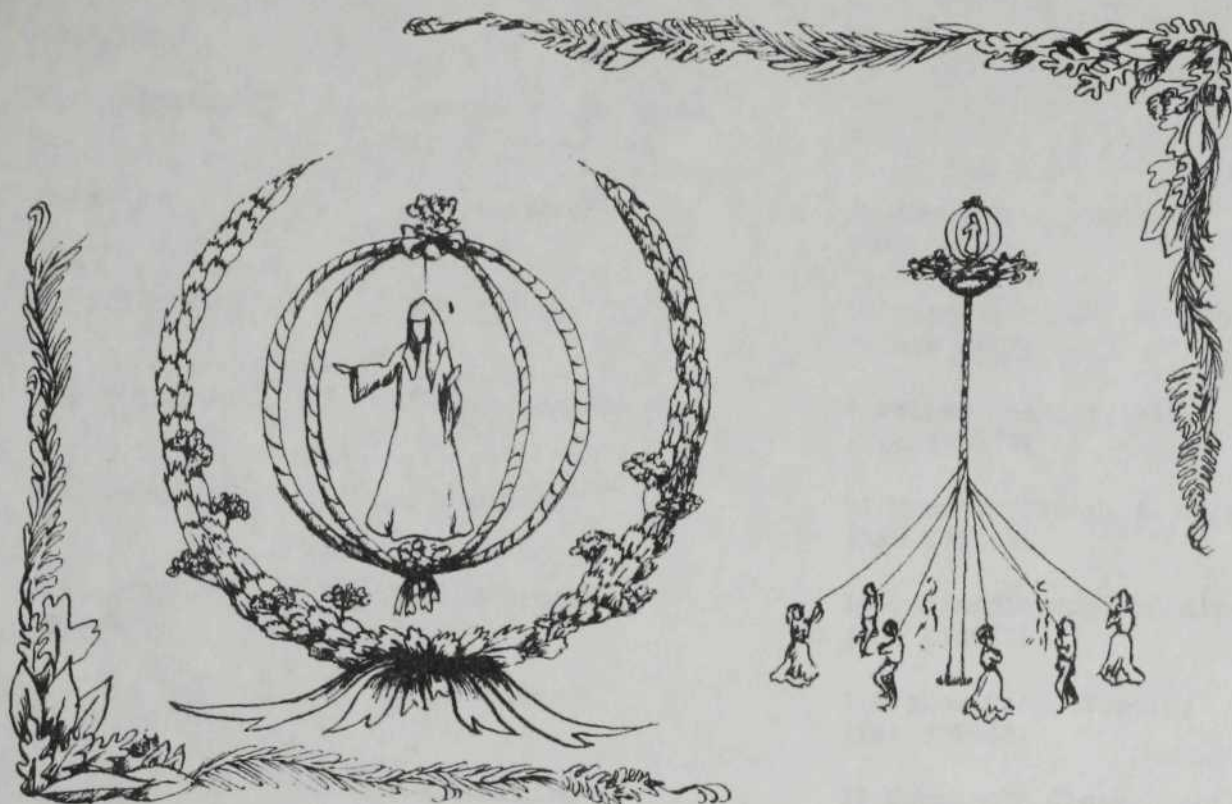
2.30 pm Charles Kingsley, who was later to be the rector of Eversley first came to the parish as a curate in 1842-44. He lived in a cottage on Eversley Cross and a friend later recalled walking with him to Eversley church "passing through the corn in sheaf." Presumably they used a footpath and on this walk, led by Irene Draper, we shall use part of the same path and also look at Eversley church. Meet on Firgrove Road opposite the road to Firgrove Farm (Grid ref SU 800008.)

Sunday 3 April Yateley Heath Wood

2.30 pm Geoff and Maisie Hoare will lead us on a walk through this Forestry Commission woodland, including part of the boundary of Minley which may also have been part of the boundary of Crondall recorder in 973 AD. Meet at the junction of the road to Fleet (B3013) and the road to Cove, 300 yards south of the Minley roundabout on the A30 (Grid ref SU 819566.)

The current issue of habitat (CoEnCo's magazine) carries an advertisement for a job on the staff of the Monkey Sanctuary in Looe, Cornwall: 'Socialist preferred, interested in nature and music. Animal experience unnecessary.'

An Olde Datelegh Custom



At Datelegh the garlands were very elaborate, and had a doll seated in the centre of crossed hoops, representing the Virgin Mary.

Many customs of the past have died out but at the May Fair, on Yateley Green this year, The Yateley Society hope to reinstate a traditional May Day custom. From the publication "It Happened in Hampshire" by The Hampshire Federation of Women's Institutes we learn that, "nearly every village had its May Day which many called Garland Day." Children made garlands from flowers and greenery and were awarded pennies for their efforts.

We would like to ask the children of Yateley to design and make their own garlands and bring them to our tent during the morning of the fair. They will be on display all day and will be judged at 4 o'clock. Small prizes will be awarded for the best designs. Garlands should have a label attached indicating your name, age and address.



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YATELEY SOCIETY - OFFICERS and MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 1983

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Executive Committee Meetings

Members wishing to have items discussed by the Executive should contact the Hon Secretary, John Barker at least one week before Executive meetings. The dates of Executive meetings are given in the Programme.