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THE YATELEY SOCIETY

Dear Mr & Mrs Harland.

May I take this opportunity of reminding you that your annual subscription is now due.

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Yours sincerely

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NEWSLETTER No 18

April/May 1984

Editor. E J Tipton 73378

Dear Member

So grey and dismal have been the last two months that even the enthusiasm of the Public Relations committee was initially subdued by the prospect of yet another wet cold May Fayre day. But now, with at least two days of brilliant spring sunshine, when every daffodil in Yateley's gardens is dancing for joy and the gorse on the common is literally exploding into bloom, the challenge of creating the Society's showcase-for-a-day on Yateley Green on Monday 7 May is again a stimulating preoccupation for the next three weeks.

Least anyone should think that our tent of poles and plastic is the result of luck and is held together with hope, it must be quickly pointed out that that is far from the case. Ted Dowling is our master builder and designer and we have a practice run on his front lawn beforehand so that we can erect the thirty-foot long enclosure in the minimum possible time early on Monday morning. We could do it even faster if we had a few more men to help..... The practice is at 9.30 am on Sunday 6 May this year and if you are male, and able to help that morning and from 7.00 the following morning, we should be most grateful for extra strong arms.

The interior arrangements will be as last year. a stall selling homemade biscuits, sweets, jams and cheese, a brand new selection of the Shire booklets, picture size reproductions of scenes from Old Yateley (courtesy of Jean McIlwaine and Michael Lea), all in one half of the tent. The other part of the enclosure will house a new exhibition on the work of The Society with special reference this year to Yateley Common. some of its wildlife and a little of its history.

The May Garland competition organised by Norma Dowling and Irene Draper will again, we hope, deck the interior of the tent with flowers and greenery. The intention is to have this little competition every year and so revive in a small way the Hampshire tradition of May garlands. Children wishing to take part should design and make their garlands with garden flowers and greenery - not paper or wild flowers, please - and bring them to the tent by 11.00am on 7 May. Small prizes will be awarded for the best designs, so please label the garlands with name, age and address.

We hope all Society members, if they are in Yateley that day, will call at the stand during the day, to admire, buy, and chat. You can even pay your 1984 subscription dues to the membership secretary directly and so save postage. We shall hope for fine weather of course, but in the event of winds and downpour we can offer a dry, relatively warm haven for a few minutes. We do look forward to seeing you.

MAY FAYRE BAKERY

Caroline Powell is organising the stocking of the baked goods stall for the May Fayre and would like all goods for the stall to be brought to her house on Saturday 5 May, or preferably Sunday 6 May so that they can be packaged and priced.

Caroline's address is 57 Bartons Drive, Yateley (075706)

The list of goods being offered is very simple and she will be able to sell all she receives in no time at all. Please help if you can. even daughters and sons can make shortbread and flapjacks or try their hands at fudge. Do please note the above request, however, and get your offerings to Caroline at the weekend and not on Monday morning.

The April edition of "Yateley Parish Magazine" carried an article by Irene Draper on the Royal Oak Valley. As Irene hinted, the Society has become increasingly concerned about the fate of the valley. The background to our concern is as follows.

THE ROYAL OAK VALLEY

by Irene Draper

In the spring of 1983 Hampshire County Council started an environmental improvement scheme in the Royal Oak Valley. People living near the valley, including some Yateley Society members, were alarmed at the amount, and method, of bramble and scrub clearance. The wet meadow area had developed over the years into a small nature reserve especially good for birds, which were then beginning to nest. After several phone calls HCC agreed to stop work on the clearing until the autumn. A meeting was arranged with Colin Hindmarch, the Hampshire planning officer in charge of the work, and Society members John Preedy and Jack Edwards, to discuss the County's plans for the valley. John Preedy became the Society's representative and after some discussion and suggestions from John, Hampshire agreed to revise their plans.

However last autumn when work started the turmoil seemed to be much more extensive than we had imagined. Unfortunately John had moved away and correspondence to him from Colin Hindmarch had gone astray. Contact was made again after HCC sent the Society a copy of their planting plans asking for our comments. Since then site meetings have been held and I have agreed to take John's place as Society contact.

At these meetings suggestions have been made for drawing attention to the valley as an area with natural history interest. One of the major problems is that numbers of nearby residents seem only to regard the area as a convenient place to dump their rubbish (large amounts of which have already been cleared.).

At present the Society's Executive are discussing our possible future involvement in this project. We shall be making an immediate clear-up effort (see below) and it is possible we may help with additional rubbish clearance, with designing an information notice board for the valley, with helping to draw up a maintenance plan, and with subsequent monitoring of such work.

Should the Society 'adopt' the valley, our intention would be to involve and co-ordinate other community members in active work in the valley. Perhaps the senior schools could make and put up bird and bat boxes and other youth groups could undertake regular litter clearance. Only with the help of other local groups can the valley become a valued and pleasant place to visit.

GRAND CLEAN-UP IN HART DISTRICT

by Valerie Kerslake

Come and join in on Sunday 13 May. The Society has offered to remove the rubbish from the Royal Oak Valley (which certainly needs it) as their share of the district-wide undertaking. We should meet at 10.15am on Old Welmore, where it crosses the valley. This unmade-up road is best entered from Manor Park Drive, opposite the school playing fields.

It could be that photographers will find us at work, or even a local radio patrol car, so be sure to dress for the occasion - however you think that should be. Gardening gloves are useful and possibly the odd small shovel for broken glass. This is an excellent occasion to discover where the valley is and see too why we are especially concerned with it at present.

"ONLY A PLACE FULL OF INNS"

by Michael Holroyd

The History group meeting on Thursday 14 June will be a special occasion. We shall have the pleasure of hearing a talk by Mr David Gorsky on the history of Hartley Wintney, with special reference to the many old inns. Mr. Gorsky has been studying the history of Hartley Wintney for many years, and has published two books about it. He will be showing slides and some examples of original documents, and we look forward to a very informative and interesting evening.

Mr. Gorsky's title is taken from a description of Hartley Wintney by the 17th century traveller Celia Fiennes. If time permits he will include an account of some local ghosts, some of whom he has personally encountered. Altogether this is not an occasion to be missed and all members and friends will be very welcome. Please note that the meeting will be held that evening in Room A.1.6, Yateley Centre at 7.30pm.

WELLINGTON COLLEGE VISIT

The Society's lecture organiser Fergus Russell, for many years a master at Wellington College, has arranged a visit for Society members to the College on Saturday June. After some introductory remarks on the College's history Fergus will conduct a tour of the buildings: the visit should take about 1½ hours in all.

Numbers are limited to 30, so please telephone in advance to Ed (73373) to book your place in the party. As an internationally renowned public school, Wellington is a local landmark which it will be a privilege to visit under Fergus's guidance.

At the roundabout just west of Crowthorne station, where the A321 to Wokingham crosses the B3348 from Finchampstead; turn R over the railway line by

the station and enter the college grounds by the West Gate, the next turning on the R. There is ample parking to the right of the semi-circular driveway in front of the buildings. Meet there at 2.30pm.

MORE EVIDENCE OF THE PAST

by Geoff Hoare

Yateley's parish church, St Peter's, is of Anglo-Saxon foundation with alterations and additions in the Norman period, through the medieval and post medieval periods, to the present time.

When rebuilding was commenced after its near destruction by arson, the floor levels of the South aisle, Nave and Chancel were scooped out wall to wall and the aisle and arcade demolished. There had been a report of footings from an apsidal chancel, presumed to be Norman, being noted during the 1967/6 renovation of the 13th century Chancel floor, but unfortunately any evidence remaining was eradicated in the initial stages of the 1980/81 rebuilding.

However one piece of architectural moulding, spotted by Jean McIlwaine as it was being loaded onto a skip for dumping, was rescued by her and taken home. I saw it, and recognising it as Norman, cleaned it up, photographed it, and sent copy photographs to David Hinton at Southampton University, since he had directed the archaeological dig at St Peter's prior to the rebuilding.

The fragment is provisionally dated to the early 12th century and is of malmestone, but its original position or purpose in the church must be conjectural. It is clearly the capital from a column and would probably have been from the chancel arch of the Norman apse referred to above. The arch would have been dismantled when the apse was demolished and the Chancel (now the Chapel) was built in the 13th century. The small pieces of mortar adhering to the decorated face of the capital indicate its re-use as infill for a wall. However it certainly was not in any of the Chancel walls, as these remained intact after the fire. As I have mentioned above, the South aisle and its arcading were demolished during the recent rebuilding and it was almost certainly from these walls that the fragment was recovered. But, the South aisle was built in the 14th century, which leaves a gap of some 100 years between the capital's demolition and its apparent re-use as infill. This is highly unlikely.

One possible explanation is as follows. There is a 13th century wall extending south from the Chancel which was incorporated into the South aisle as its eastern end. This wall has been considered to have been part of a room for a visiting priest built against the south side of the church, or even part of an unfinished South tower. Whatever the original structure, it must have been demolished when the South aisle was built, with the exception of its East wall. Possibly therefore it was here that the capital was originally re-used a second time as infill in the aisle/arcading walls.

LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

by Michael Holroyd

The second publication of the WEA's Yateley History Project will be called "Yateley. A Parish through Six Centuries." It is hoped to have it on sale

at the Society's stall at the May Fayre and it will also be available from Yateley Library, the price will be £2. Several members of the Project have also been transcribing 16th century wills and inventories and a collection of these has been produced in book form. The Society has a copy and so has Yateley Library and a few copies are available for sale at £3.10. The Project will not be continuing in 1984-85 because of shortage of numbers but the tutor, Dr John Porter, will be giving a course of lectures in Yateley on "Discovering Old Houses."

During the past two years the WEA Yateley History Project has to some extent taken over the role of the Society's local history group in providing a focus for research. As the Project comes to an end, at least for the time being, the group may need to expand this side of its activities again. We have two active projects at present: the history of Yateley Common, and the ownership records of Yateley old houses and farms. Both these involve transcribing 17th century manorial court rolls in the Hampshire Record Office and some members may find the documents rather technical.

There are two further possible projects which could appeal to others

Project 1 In 1833 Mr W Tice published "Reminiscences of Old Yateley, by a Septuagenarian." This is a most interesting booklet in which the author described how various parts of Yateley had changed since his boyhood in the 1760's and 1770's. The last 50 years have seen even greater changes and many of Mr Tice's descriptions are difficult to recognise today. It would be fascinating to go through the booklet relating his descriptions to what can be seen in the same places today, and this could well lead to a Society publication.

Project 2 We have an interesting set of farm accounts relating to Geale's Farm in the Moulsham/Chandlers Lane area around 1800, together with the accounts of John Geale's executor, James Callaway, in dealing with Geale's will. The accounts impinge on many aspects of life in Yateley and to transcribe and elucidate them would be most worthwhile. The Geales were an important family in Yateley for several centuries (See article below) and a study of the accounts could expand into a history of the Geale family. Members wishing to research their own family history could find this a good introductory project into the techniques and sources for family history research.

The History group meeting on Thursday 10 May is entitled "Possible Future Projects" and we intend discussing these projects and any others which members can suggest. This meeting is of course open to all interested members and requires no previous knowledge and will not commit you to anything. Do come.

YATELEY FAMILIES. 1 THE GEALES

by Peter Tipton

Until recently all that was known about the Geale family was recorded in Stilwell's "History of Yateley." That the Geales were an important family in the village was indicated by the memorial brass to Richard Geale, dated 1513. One of the earliest entries in the parish registers records that "William Geal the King's Cupmaker was buried 4th September 1632." Stilwell supposed that William could have made the famous St Peter's crystal cup, now safely housed in Winchester Cathedral. In 1703 a John Geal is recorded as paying £1 for repairs to the rails around the churchyard and in

1713 a William Geale was paid $\frac{3}{4}$ d for killing a badger. Stilwell stated that the Geale's property was on the north side of Yateley Green and that the family only died out in the middle of the 19th century. (History of Yateley pp 36, 54, 68, 69).

However the name Geale and Geal still appears in the local telephone directory and there is an even larger number of Gales. Recent research into the earliest records began with the will of Nicholas who died in 1561. He and his wife Agnes seem to have produced 15 children including six boys. Henry, Thomas, Richard, William, John and Lawrence. Henry Geale, who died less than one month after his father, had been left Nicholas' shop. Nicholas had been copyholder of one of the largest farms in Yateley, with 320 sheep, 40 head of cattle, 14 acres of rye and 7 acres of wheat recorded in the inventory of his possessions at the time of his death. His house and main property, now the Hilfield housing estate on Potley Hill, was inherited by his son Richard. Thomas inherited from his brother Henry a freehold property in Sandhurst called Morlands. By 1567 Richard had taken a lease from William Ruges (Ridgers) of "a parcel of land upon which is built a messuage with a mill for malting." (Crandal Customary p 289). That Richard was one of the three most affluent Yateley residents is shown in the Lay Subsidy for 1586. Richard Allen of Hall Place (now Yateley Manor School) is assessed at £10 whilst Richard Geale and Thomas Asturt are shown as having goods valued at £7 each. However by 1600 Richard was disposing of his inheritance and Hilfield, then known as Lany's, was sold to Ambrose Dicke. Another property, Trythes, which Richard had acquired after 1567, was sold to John Barnard. We now know that Trythes was Forge Court. By 1608 there was a brass to the memory of Richard and his wife Elizabeth in Sandhurst church.

If only we knew from which of Nicholas' children William Geale the king's cupmaker was descended. Perhaps that would throw some light on the great mystery of the St Peter's crystal cup. Mrs Sarah Cocks presented the cup to the parish church in 1675 and there has long been a controversy over its maker. Was it William Geale or could it have been Richard White, Queen Elizabeth's cupmaker, who died in Pirbright in 1581 but who held lands in Yateley in 1567. That Yateley should have produced two royal cupmakers seems extraordinary in itself.

Taking up the story again, in 1800 we find a farmer, John Geale, and can trace his fortunes through the Land Tax Returns until his death in 1822 aged 67. (This is the John to whom Michael has referred above). John's wife Lydia continued to feature in the Land Tax Returns, having changed the spelling of her name to GALE. Perhaps by so doing she was harking back to the glories of her husband's family and was recalling the first recorded GEALE on the long last brass which asked passersby to "pray for the soule of Richard Gale which dyed the yer of o'r Lord God 1513 on which soule J^Ohu have mercy."

Footnote Whilst writing this article, Geoff Hoare on a dig in Alton happened to mention the Geales to a parishioner there who subsequently sent Geoff an article on Lawrence Geale and his son Thomas Geale JP, founder of the almshouses in Alton in 1653. Lawrence, as we know, was a son of Nicholas Geale and brother to Richard and William. Quite apart from the fascination of the following the threads backwards through history in pursuit of families such as the Geales, the chance yet rewarding encounters with interested persons in unexpected places makes local history a most enjoyable pursuit.

NATURAL HISTORY GROUP

by Irene Draper

The subject of "Butterflies" attracted several new faces to our February meeting when Robert Guest showed his excellent colour slides of butterflies which can be seen in Yateley. After some discussion it was decided to continue with our butterfly survey on the same lines as last year. (Survey forms available from me.) Results of this survey correlated by Robert Guest can be seen on the Society's board in the Library along with pictures of the butterflies.

At our March meeting Mary Hocking very kindly stepped in and showed Tony's miscellaneous natural history slides as he was away on business. Many thanks to them both.

We now have habitat photographs of the common but require pictures of typical heathland birds such as stonechat, Dartford warbler, meadow pipit, tree pipit and yellowhammer, also magpies and crows. Any photos or pictures will be gratefully received.

We have planned two outdoor meetings. Thursday 17 May the Royal Oak Valley and Thursday 13 July Yateley Common, Haywards Pool area. (See Programme for details.) On Thursday 21 June there will be a short lecture and slide show by David Jones, chairman of the Fleet Pond Society. We hope this will lead to a visit to the pond. All Society members are most welcome.

Records from our Natural History Diary show that frogs were on the move to their breeding pools and ponds at the beginning of March. On 5 March the first spawn was seen in a small pool in the Royal Oak Valley. By 15 March there were masses of spawn in Blakes Pond and the frogs were heard croaking. First of the hedge row shrubs to blossom was the cherry plum and at the end of February this was followed by blackthorn at the end of March. Both have white blossom. Bumble bees were seen emerging from hibernation early in the same month we wonder how they have fared in this very cold spell.

An almost complete long-tailed tit nest was discovered by Anne Kinston on 20 March and by 30 March it was finished, beautifully lined with feathers and decorated on the outside with lichen.

While taking photographs on the common a woodpecker's dining table was discovered and photographed. Look out for this in the May Fayre display. Finally on 30 March two brimstone butterflies were seen on Yateley Common. Has anyone an earlier sighting in Yateley?

GETTING RID OF THE RUBBISH

by Valerie Kerslake

Like last year, we contributed to the Best Kept Village scheme with a Sunday morning in March spent clearing and tidying the pond and wood in Chandlers Lane. And like last year too there was a huge amount of rubbish, including builders' rubble, which mainly defeated us, and so much garden refuse, pruned branches and top halves of garden trees that it would take decades to rot down even though most of it was not enclosed in plastic sacks. We dragged many large objects out of the pond, and removed a semi-submerged branch to let in more light, leaving the pond looking much more attractive and with a better chance of life for pond plants and animals. Friends of frogs will be interested to know that though we looked out for them we saw none, but there was a mass of frog spawn in one end which we kept well away from.

Almost incredibly, when one of us returned just five minutes after finishing, an old motor car wheel had been hurled into the middle of the pond.

It is difficult to think how to reduce the appalling litter problem in Yateley, though litter is scarcely the word for much of the large-scale dumping - by the lorry load - that takes place on every piece of open land: ditch, verge, common, wood and pond all get their share. There are people who will always throw their garbage wherever they please and can only be prevented by genuine and convincing threats of prosecution. Preparing to photograph the act is sometimes a wonderful deterrent but could result in violence. Others see no harm in dumping their stuff on commonland and are surprised and apologetic when asked not to. One man I spoke to as he lifted his pruned branches from his car boot honestly believed that Chandlers Lane was the correct place to deposit his garden rubbish. One has a certain amount of sympathy for the owners of tiny gardens: they have no space for compost heaps or bonfires: probably some do not know of the household amenity point near Hartley Wintney and a few would have no transport to get there. It would help if the address were more widely publicized, particularly on notices requesting no tipping or litter if there are any such notices in Yateley. Perhaps it could be enclosed with rate demands: rubbish and rates are not unconnected. Better still would be a more local site for Yateley's amenity tip.

In the long term a solution to the problem of garden rubbish at least might be the provision of a small plot on each estate as a communal garden rubbish heap where, as long as everything was not confined in plastic sacks, and sticks and branches were excluded, it would rot down into valuable humus to be applied to the local gardens again as compost.

The hard-core barbarians who dump whole truckloads of junk may be few in number but like the gypsies make their presence exceedingly conspicuous. Any uncultivated, unmown, untidied land they clearly regard as wasteland and despoil it without hesitation. Since the many TV, radio and press items on wildlife and conservation must pass them by, it is up to their neighbours who are all of us - to try to enlighten them and point out that the places they make horrible are actually the one enormous and marvellous asset that Yateley still possesses (the jewel in her crown): the hundreds of acres of Yateley Common on the southern edge, and in addition the many pieces of commonland in the shape of woodland and open grass, with streams, ponds and splendid trees in the very centre of the town.

YATELEY S HEATH

Following the highly successful lecture on Gilbert White and Selborne by Dr. June Chatfield, the Society's next lecture will be given in June by Jonathan Webster of the British Herpetological Society, his topic will be "THE CONSERVATION OF HEATHLAND" and a quick glance at the dictionary will show that Mr. Webster is knowledgeable about reptiles and amphibia, since Greek herpeton = reptile and Latin herpo = creep.

Heathland is an artificial environment, the result of historic felling of ancient woodland. Since the topsoil is characteristically poor and gravelly (podzol), the continuous leaching action of subsequent centuries of rain washes the mineral deposits, especially iron, down through the topsoil to form a hard pan. (This pan can be four or five feet below the surface, too deep for even modern plough shares to reach. It is this pan which initially causes the torrential run off of thunderstorm surface

water from the high ground of Yateley Common to the lower ground around Mill Lane.) The top-soil is consequently radically and permanently altered and gradually acquires its own specialized flora and fauna.

The heathland of Yateley is a tiny remnant of a vast heath which once stretched from Chobham in Surrey to western Dorset. The Dartford warbler, natterjack toad and sand lizard are examples of our Common's special protected fauna and Mr Webster promises to bring live specimens of other typical "herpeto fauna" in addition to his slides. Heathland has to be managed if it and its dependant organisms are to survive and we look forward to learning more about ways of conserving our Common and its creatures. Children will also find the evening fascinating so do bring them too.

RARE CATERPILLAR

A bright green caterpillar, twelve inches long, has been found on the Common by one of the Natural History group. Its head is conspicuously marked by a red hat and spectacles, and it seems likely that it has escaped from captivity. Anyone missing it should ring Yateley 872240.

DON'T JUST THROW AWAY PAPER!

The Scouts collect it for recycling. A skip appears outside their hut in Macrae Road (opposite St Swithun's Church) on the fourth Friday of the month and remains there for the weekend. If you leave your (clean) waste paper there you will be contributing to their funds as well as helping to save a tree or two.

THE GREEN BELT - WHAT FUTURE??

This is the title of CPRE's survey leaflet included with this Newsletter.. Following the withdrawal and re-issue of the two X83 government circulars on Land for Housing and Green Belts, the Council for the Protection of Rural England held a one-day conference in London on Saturday 24 March to analyse the implications of the rewritten documents.

Edward Dawson was among the 360 people, many not CPRE members but leaders of amenity societies and local authorities from around south-eastern England, who gathered for the occasion. Councillor Peter Duckworth, chairman of Hart District Council, was particularly requested to address the conference in the absence of Sir Hugh Rossi MP, since Hart have led local government protest against the circulars.

The Secretary of State for the Environment's own speech maintained the importance of green belts as essential cordons against urban sprawl, and as intrinsically beneficial in themselves. However Patrick Jenkin declared that more land is needed for housing and that the planning system must be jolted. His policy angle seems consequently unaltered, despite the now astute wording of his circulars. Clearly the battle is not won,

Since CPRE so successfully led the campaign which forced the withdrawal of the original circulars, they are now seen to be the body articulating most directly the general public concern over land use in Britain. To help them further, the Yateley Society asks its members to complete the opinion sur-form and return it promptly to one of these collecting addresses:

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| 1. | Ted Brooks | 14 Tolpuddle Way, Yateley |
| 2. | Edward Dawson | 21 Gibbs Way, Yateley |
| 3. | Richard Earnshaw | 1 Bridge Walk, Yateley |
| 4. | Margaret Taylor | 5 Tudor Drive, Yateley. |

There will also be a collecting box for forms in the May Fayre tent on 7 May.

Ed's Natural History Bit: Did anyone else notice that Thursday 12 April was the great ladybird awakening day? Suddenly, trapped between the double glazing on the sunny side of the house, there were scores of agitated ladybirds glinting in the sunshine. With only a few casualties they were released but I fear they were unprepared for the night temperature drop..

THE YATELEY SOCIETY

PROGRAMME

MAY - JULY 1984

Thursday	3 May	Planning/ Conservn	Monthly meeting	8.00pm	Room C.1.3 Yateley Centre
Monday	7 May	MAY FAYRE	Yateley Green	10.00am onwards	See N'letter
Thursday	10 May	History	Possible Future Projects	See Newsletter	
			7.30pm	Room C.1.3	Yateley Centre
Sunday	13 May	Walk	Finchampstead and Ambarrow A spring walk across the Blackwater at bluebell time, led by Irene Draper. Meet at 2.30pm at Moulsham Green (junction of Moulsham Lane and Moulsham Copse Ln)		
Thursday	17 May	Natural History	Outdoor meeting in Royal Oak Valley. Meet at 7.30pm in Royal Oak carpark. Bring notebooks, pencil, identifying books for plants/flowers, binnoculars, hand lens and cameras.		
Sunday	20 May	Dawn Chorus	Meet at bottom of Moulsham Lane at 3.45am We must be in position and quiet by 4.00s, Bring hot drinks and food, after which we have permission to walk around the trout lakes. Led by Anne Kingston.		
Thursday	24 May	Open Meeting	Basic Bird Song Recognition Come and learn to distinguish the songs of many familiar birds sometimes the only way to tell one from another even when you spot them! Susan and/or Edward Dawson will play and comment on bird song recordings. Everyone welcome		
Thursday	31 May	Half Term	No meeting		
Sunday	3 June	Walk	Butterfly Walk Robert Guest will lead a walk a walk to look at butterflies (weather permitting), including perhaps Green Hairstreaks and Dingy Skippers. Meet at 2.30 in large carpark at S end of Vigo Lane.		
Thursday	7 June	Planning/ Conservn	Monthly meeting	8.00pm	Room C.1.3 Yateley Centre
Saturday	9 June	Visit	Wellington College	Meet at 2.30pm	See N' letter
Thursday	14 June	History	"Only a Place Full of Inns" A talk about the history of Hartley Wintney by David Gorsky See Newsletter. 7.30pm but NB Room A.1.6		
Thursday	21 June	Natural History	Fleet Pond David Jones, chairman of the Fleet Pond Society will give a talk and slide show. After coffee Mr Jones will answer questions. 7.30pm NB Room A.1.6		

PROGRAMME contd

Thursday	28 June	LECTURE	"THE CONSERVATION OF HEATHLAND" by Jobathan Webster of the British Herpetological Society Illustrated by slides and live exhibits! 8.00pm Room C.1.1 Yateley Centre
Thursday	15 July	Planning/ Conservn	Monthly meeting 8.00pm Room C.1.3 Yateley Centre
Sunday	15 July	Walk	Butterflies at Alice Holt led by Robert Guest. Meet at 11.00am at arpark (Grid ref 811411). If weather unsuitable for butterflies we will take a longer walk in the forest. There are plenty of picnic places so why not bring a packed lunch?
Thursday	19 July	Natural History	Outdoor meeting on Yateley Common. Meet at 7.30pm at Haywards Pool carpark (Grid ref 839594). Come equipped as for Royal Oak eve.

Future Dates

August		No meetings	
Thursday	20 Sept	LECTURE	"TEN MONTHS UNDER THE SNOW" by Robert Moss
Thursday	27 Sept	Natural History	Examination of species lists and articles written by group members with view to producing publications for the Society. 7.30pm Room C.1.3 Yateley Centre
Sunday	30 Sept	Fungal Foray	At Edgebarrow, off the A3095 between Sandhurst and Crowthorne (Grid ref 837631). Led by Mike Waterman.

Guildford Museum and Surrey Archaeological Society

Saturday	2 June	Medieval Pottery Workshop At Dorking Christian Centre (near St Martin's Church) Admission £1.50 Full details and tickets from Julia Arthur, Guildford Museum, Quarry Street (G°frod 503497)	
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Hants Field Club - Historic Buildings Section

Saturday	7 July	Lutyens and Jekyll - Marsh Court One-day seminar at Marsh Court, Stockbridge, a Lutyens house with a Jekyll garden. Admission £5.00. Anyone wishing to attend please contact Elizabeth Tipton. Bookings must be made by 29 Jun.	
Saturday	4 Aug	Practical session on <u>Recording Cruck Frame Building</u> Numbers limited to 12. Please contact John Crook, 52 Canon Street, Winchester (Winch 62850 evenings during school term.)	