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## Yateley Library Lecture – The Haven

**“...the best lecture yet...”** this was just one of the glowing responses received following to the



*People with links to The Haven travelled from all over the country to be present*

lecture last month about The Haven, Yateley which was a "mother and baby" home run by the Baptist Union for unmarried mothers to come and have their babies. Opened in 1945, and closed in 1969, its site is now occupied by a housing estate called Greenhaven, off Old Monteagle Lane, south of the eastern end of Monteagle Lane Yateley. The Yateley Society gets more Local History enquiries about this institution than any other single aspect of Yateley's History. 2005 will see the 60th anniversary of the opening of the home, so The Society made The Haven the subject of the annual Yateley Library Lecture, which was delivered as part of National Local History Month, May 2005.

Dr Richard Johnston, with the assistance of Elizabeth Tipton, told the story of The Haven, a home for unmarried mothers run by the Baptists from 1945 till 1969. Almost

1,800 babies were born there, many of whom have contacted the Society's website for information about their birthplace. The story was illustrated with photographs taken from a fundraising slideshow. But the story did not start in 1945. Dr Johnston recalled the building of Yateley's last mansion house, then named Kerala, in the years before WW2 using photographs taken by an estate agent in 1935, and sent to us from Australia. He also showed how the houses in Greenhaven, the estate which replaced the house, relate to the siting of the original country house and its grounds.

If you would like to find out more, on our website, you can find:

A short account of The Haven, by Valerie Kerslake  
Baptist Union booklet about the home by Ruby Burt, Matron, published about 1966

Pictures of Kerala, Yateley (the house's previous name) when in private ownership, taken in 1935.



*Staff members, mothers and Haven babes had an enjoyable, if emotional evening.*

[www.hants.org.uk/yateley/](http://www.hants.org.uk/yateley/)



## TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ISSUES



### Casa dei Cesari

a proposal for a substantial extension to provide a conference centre and additional bedrooms.

### Brookfield House

#### Cottage Farm, Cobbetts Lane

#### 7 Knellers Cottages, Plough Road

extension on east and west sides intensifying the site and change its character. conversion of 60% of the livery stable for residential use.

a 2-storey extension, which would change the scale and character of the property of his listed building.

### Land behind Forge Court

a proposal to develop the house behind Forge Court as flats – this site is perhaps the only possible site for solving the parking problems at Church End.

### Monteagle Motors

an application to legalise the site for display of cars. This is a key site in terms of its visibility from the Yateley Green Conservation Area.

### Robins Hill:

has already been demolished in anticipation of permission for a new building being granted.

The Planning system ever since 1947 has had one major defect - you need planning permission to build or alter a building, but not to demolish it, unless it is a Listed Building or in a Conservation Area!

### The Hivings Planning Appeal:

has been granted – expect more flats in Handford Lane

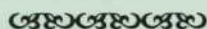
### Clarks Farm Planning Appeal:

Linden Developments Ltd have written to everyone that raised objections to its proposals to say that they have now reduced the floorspace of their application from 13,000 sq m to 11,000 sq m. In brief, what they failed to mention was that they have actually also withdrawn the illustrative drawings from the appeal documentation which means the inspector should decide on the application with no idea of whereabouts on the site the building would be, or what height, etc,etc. They have also *solved* the highways issues by removing the access from Darby Green Lane and adding another roundabout to the Reading Road!

Bearing in mind the Local Plan amendments (see below) are now up for comment until 22 July, having the appeal on 12 July would now also seem .....premature? Hart District Council (and the Yateley Society) has called for the appeal to be withdrawn.

## LOCAL PLAN

The First Alteration to the Hart District Plan (Replacement) 1996 – 2006 is available for inspection at the Hart District Council office in Fleet. Representations should be sent by 4.30pm Friday 22 July 2005. The proposals alter policies applicable to affordable houseing, Lane at Dilly Lane, Hartley Wintney and Land at Clarks Farm, Reading Road, Yateley.



## POSTCARDS, MAPS, PUBLICATIONS



Roger Coombes and Trudy Boothby are seen here enjoying a glass of wine at Yateley Library in May. Roger was displaying the various postcards, maps and

publications available from the Yateley Society and sales were booming. Roger is intending to bring along some of his wares to the monthly meetings in future so if you are interested in any of the following, you can catch up with him then

**A Walk on Cricket Hill** by Valerie Kerslake. An historically based walk round part of the Yateley Green Conservation Area, 1996. 36 pages, 14 line illustrations, 1 map, A5 size.(price £4.00)

**Yateley Hall - A Brief History** by R H Johnston 1991 (A4, 5 pages, £1)

**Yateley Hall 42 minute video walk round of** Yateley Hall, with commentary by R H Johnston 1991, (VHS format £5, p&p £1.50) - made to order

**The Yateley Tithe Map 1844**, with the names of the owners, occupiers and field names &c. (price £2.50)

**Yateley's Trees - A Walk in the Conservation Area** (Yateley Green) Pocket leaflet - one third of A4, 12

pages and map. Revised Edn, April 1995. (£2.00)

**Yateley in the 1991 Census** by R H Johnston

What sort of place was Yateley as recorded in the 1991 census? (A5, 9 pages 50p)

### Postcards:

- 1) Yateley Hall with moat, Yateley Hall, Firgrove Road (published 1991)
- 2) The pond at Yateley Green with houses on Firgrove Road behind (undated)
- 3) The Chandlers Lane pond, Chandlers Lane (undated)
- 4) The pond at Yateley Green with the nine elm trees planted in 1894 by the first parish council (summer view)(undated)
- 6) St Peter's Church and the Dog and Partridge (published 1996)
- 7) Yateley Green with St Peter's church (with Ramons this view predates the restoration of Chaddisbrooke House) published 1990
- 8) The pond at Yateley Green with lime trees and with weeds (published 2000)
- 9) The pond at Yateley Green with boys fishing (published 2000)
- 10) Gadds Stores Yateley (near Church), ca 1905
- 11) Yateley church with Gadds stores and old Dog and Partridge, ca 1900
- 12) The White Lion Inn ca 1900, featuring people in contemporary dress



## **YATELEY SOCIETY SUMMER SOCIAL**

**Saturday July 9th at 7 pm  
Red Cross Centre, Monteagle Lane**

**!! GET TO KNOW OTHER MEMBERS !!**



You will be welcomed with a free glass of wine or soft drink (donations are encouraged for further glasses), there will be a buffet meal of which the main course will be provided, but the sweet course will be left to you, the visitors to bring! - past experience shows that an amazing array of delicacies will appear.

If you cannot provide a sweet - please do not be put off, perhaps you could donate a raffle prize instead, or just come along without!

If you are exceptionally generous and can bring both a sweet and a prize, our joy will be unbounded!

There will be friendly chat, and there is always the chance that someone will produce a devilish puzzle to keep the brain cells busy!

**All members, their families and prospective members are welcome.**

**If you would like to come, please let Jo Hill, [jo.hill.45@ntlworld.com](mailto:jo.hill.45@ntlworld.com) (01252 640909) or Mary & Tony Hocking (01252 875158) know, NOW!**

**(advance notice is essential to ensure that there is adequate food).**



### **"THE BIG PULL"**

Place: Royal Oak Valley, Yateley

Meeting place: Behind the Royal Oak Public House on the B3272

Meeting Time: 11:00

Expected Finish Time: 13:30

Date: 23rd July 2005

Task: Help to eradicate Himalayan Balsam from the nature reserve.

Bring: Sturdy footwear, food and drink if required, suitable outdoor clothing

Notes: All under 16's need to be accompanied by a responsible adult. No dogs permitted.

Any further details can be obtained from the Royal Oak Valley Ranger on 01252 623443 or via email on [countryside@hart.gov.uk](mailto:countryside@hart.gov.uk)



We have been sent details of the following courses to pass onto our Members:

#### **How to use the resources of the National Monuments Record:**

Course A – Archaeology

Thurs 30 June 10am – 4.30pm

Thurs 13 October 10am – 4.30pm

Course B – Local History

Thurs 14 July 10am – 4.30pm

Thurs 29 September 10am – 4.30pm

Fee is £25 including learning support materials, refreshments and lunch.

If you would like to know more, please call Jo Hill, on 01252 640909 or email [jo.hill.45@ntlworld.com](mailto:jo.hill.45@ntlworld.com)



## PROGRAMME OF EVENTS - 2005

Our meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month at Hedgecroft, Bracken Lane, Yateley, 8.00 pm start unless otherwise stated.

Thursday 16 June 2005	Carol White - gives us another update on the archaeological exploits on Yateley Common
Sunday 26 June 2005	2pm meeting at Wyndham's Pool - Footpaths Back to Acient Times, Carol White will guide you through time revealing how ancient peoples have used Yateley Common, Looking at the landcape and her discoveries along the way. Ideal follow up to Carol White's talk.
Saturday 9 July 2005	Summer Social - Red Cross Centre, Monteagle Lane 7pm til 10pm
Thursday 21 July 2005	Visit to St Mary's, Hartley Wintney 7pm start. If you require at lift call Trudy Boothby on 01252 409262
Sunday 11 September 2005	Yateley Fire Station Open Day - Not a Yateley Society event, but one that you may well like to support
Thursday 15 September 2005	Delving into the history of the postal service A talk by well known local authority, Arthur Wing.
Thursday 20 October 2005	"The Parish Plan" - Yateley Parish Plan will provide the policy framework for the future of Yateley, and how it develops. The Yateley Society has been given responsibility for the land-use planning. A key part of the plan, this will identify "character areas" for each part of Yateley, to provide a framework for deciding what development is appropriate, in what locations. We need everyone's input towards this process.
Saturday 15 October 2005	Fungal Foray The long awaited jaunt onto the Common to unravel the mystery of the mushrooms.

Programme as 1 June 2005

### The Conservation Working Party:

**We normally meet at Wyndhams Pool, Cricket Hill at 10.00 am on the last Sunday of every month.** Everyone is welcome to join in the fun!

The aim is to help the Yateley Rangers in all sorts of tasks in the upkeep of Yateley Common. To find out more, please call Mike Mann on 01252 877741.



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