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# The Yateley Society

## NEWSLETTER

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### Parish Plans Underway!

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.

Yateley Town Council has set up a comprehensive website which can take input from anyone willing to contribute. The address is [www.yateleyparishplan.pkwiki.com](http://www.yateleyparishplan.pkwiki.com).

The following is an extract from the "How can you (and your neighbours) take part?" page:

"Parish Plans are all about everyone getting involved. In very small communities that statement might literally be true. In a Civil Parish the size of Yateley, everyone cannot sit on committees, and decide the actual words written in the Plan. However everyone can voice their opinions and everyone can be consulted. For previous plans consultation has either been accomplished by the Yateley Town Council sending out questionnaires to every household in Yateley, or, for Town Centre Plans and other policies incorporated into draft Hart District Local Plans, public consultation was carried out by means of objection letters and a Local Plan Inquiry.

The new planning process now means that we, the general public of Yateley, are in the driving seat. You can say how you want to be consulted: questionnaire, local meeting, exhibition? You tell us. That is one good reason why we set up this special website. That's fine for people with internet connections. So if you know of neighbours without computers, ask them what they think about the issues you are most concerned about, and you let us know what they think. Let's get a big discussion going. Send us letters. Write to the local newspapers! How can we make Yateley better? Email Yateley Town Council on [office@yateley-tc.gov.uk](mailto:office@yateley-tc.gov.uk)

Of course the best way to have your say is to join one of the many groups needed to produce the Parish Plan. There are Topic Groups and Area Groups based on specific locations, mainly based on Yateley's 4 Wards. You will be welcomed to join any of the following:

Steering Group

Topic Subgroups looking at the Community Priorities

Character Assessment Teams based on the 4 Yateley Wards looking at spatial planning

You do not have to be a member of the Yateley Society, nor a member of any of the community groups already involved"

*A group of Area Assessors at the Town Council offices in November attending the first in a series of briefings*





## TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ISSUES



The Local Plan Inquiry for the Local Plan to 2006 is underway as we go to Press. Under Review are the areas of Clarks Farm, Dilly Lane (Hartley Wintney) and affordable housing in the area.



### Yateley 1960's



We are looking for some memories from people who moved into any of the Yateley estates which sprang up in the 1960's. If you can remember that far back, give Peter Tipton a call on 01252 873378 or email [monteagle@ndirect.co.uk](mailto:monteagle@ndirect.co.uk)

① [Useful weblinks](#)

This lively website was submitted by Mike Mann, one of our leading conservationists.

[www.stopclimatechaos.org](http://www.stopclimatechaos.org)

### Fungal Foray Fun

We'd like to say a huge thanks to Andy Davies of the Yateley Rangers for leading the Fungal Foray in September at Castle Bottom. There were several "Fungus" books being bandied around and lots of lively discussion about the properties of each specimen. I know the Francis family were looking forward to a feast and although my pickings didn't look all that appetising, I was nonetheless inspired enough to pay Waitrose mushroom selection a visit on the way home!



### Membership Renewals Reminder:

Membership renewals were due at the end of September. Thanks to all of you that have returned your subscription form and payments. Could I please remind anyone that has forgotten to send in their form to do so as soon as possible. Forms should be sent to Graham Brown, The Yateley Society Membership Secretary, Hartford House, Vicarage Lane, Yateley GU46 7QR. If you have any problems, please call him on 01252 871934

### Lantern Walk

This Christmas we are organising a new event that we would like to invite you along to join in should you wish. The event is going to be a 'lantern walk' where children (and adults!) will take a short walk just as it is getting dark so that a chain of lights will be formed as we walk through the reserve. The local Reverend has agreed to lead the kids in a short Christmas carol at the end of the walk. The event will begin at 5.00pm on 12th December 2005. It will start at the village pond at Elvetham Heath and there will be a short walk through Elvetham Heath Local Nature Reserve and back to the pond. The walk should take approx. 30-40 minutes and any one who comes along should bring their

own torch or lantern although we hope to provide some coloured lights as well. We have never tried this walk before, but would love you to come along and help us make it a success. Please contact us back to confirm if you would be interested in attending. Parking for the event is available free of charge at the Elvetham Heath Community Centre or Park and Ride car park. Walk down the hill past Morrisons supermarket and across the road to the village pond (approx distance from parking 500 metres)

Many thanks

Laura - Elvetham Heath Ranger - On behalf of Hart Countryside Service - 01252 623443



## TWO DATES NOT TO BE MISSED!

### **Thursday February 16th THE YATELEY SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

8pm at Hedgecroft, Bracken Lane,  
Yateley

You will shortly receive a copy of the Annual Report, together with notices of resolutions to be discussed at the AGM.

These resolutions are topical and relevant to what is going on in Yateley – the outcome of the discussions and vote will be recorded as the formal position of the Yateley Society.

Please submit any Executive Committee nominations to Richard Johnston.

**This is the most important meeting of the year and we must have a quorum.**

**Come along, have a glass of wine and exercise your Member's right to vote.**

### **Friday February 3<sup>rd</sup> THE CHAIRMAN'S "FAREWELL" DINNER at the Casa de Cesari, Handford Lane at 7:30 pm for 8:00 pm**

After 10 years as Chairman, our esteemed leader Tony Hocking is stepping down as Chairperson, so this is our chance to say a big thank you!

We have managed to secure a fixed price menu for 3 courses including coffee of £20 per head.

**Booking beforehand is ESSENTIAL**  
Numbers will be limited to 30 to keep things informal and manageable

Please book by Friday January 27th at the latest

Ring Tony & Mary Hocking on (01252) 875158 at 27 Hall Farm Crescent, Yateley, GU46 6HT to book.



## **Yateley Family History Corner - Smythe**

The Yateley Society gets a steady stream of enquiries from family historians about their Yateley ancestors. They are always interesting, though obviously some are more interesting than others. From about 1910 to 1960 Yateley had many notable people.

The latest find is Wing-Commander Cyril R Smythe (1899-1984), who after his retirement from the RAF lived at Melford Cottage, Chandlers Lane from April 1947 until 1952, when he moved to Devon to take up farming. He was a WW1 "flying ace" who shot down 6 German aircraft. His "observer" was awarded a DFC for his part in shooting down two of these aircraft in the space of a few minutes whilst under heavy enemy attack. In 1921 a plane Cyril was flying crash landed in Afganistan, and

he and his colleague were only saved from being murdered by tribesmen by the intervention of a mullah. During WW2 he presided over 500 courts martial.


In Yateley he served on the council, became a magistrate and Secretary of Yateley Conservative Association. His son Colin, who contacted us having found the Yateley Society website, was a child when his parents were in Yateley. Colin is a specialist publisher, who received an Honorary Doctor of Laws from Trinity College Dublin for promoting Irish literature, but he is more famous for being Terry Pratchett's original publisher and literary agent.

***Does anyone know anything more about Cyril Smythe's time in Yateley?***



## PROGRAMME OF EVENTS – 2005/6

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

Monday 12 December 2005 5pm start	Hart Countryside Service "Lantern Walk" Meeting at the village pond at Elvetham Heath. See article on page 2
Thursday 15 December 2005	Yateley Past and Present A fun look at the Yateley of today compared with the Yateley of yesteryear. 
Thursday 19 January 2006	Heathland History Following the guided walk in the summer, Yateley Ranger, Vicky will be continuing this subject in the warmth of Hedgecroft!
Friday 3 February	Chairman's "Farewell" Dinner After 10 years as Chairman, our esteemed leader Tony Hocking is stepping down as Chairperson, but intends to remain as a valued member of the committee.
Thursday 16 February 2006	Annual General Meeting
Thursday 16 March 2006	Hidden Hampshire Velda Hudson, who gave us the popular talk on genealogy last year, invites us to investigate her hidden treasures in Hampshire.
Thursday 20 April 2006	Parish Plans update.
May	Our library exhibition will follow on from last years wartime theme with Yateley 1945 onwards. Peter Tipton is looking for memories from families who moved to the Yateley estates which sprang up during the 1960s. If you can help, please contact him on 01252 873378 or email <a href="mailto:monteagle@ndirect.co.uk">monteagle@ndirect.co.uk</a>

### 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!

Please note that the next meeting will be on 1 January instead of 25<sup>th</sup> December!



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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