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# The Yateley Society

## NEWSLETTER

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### Annual General Meeting:

The Yateley Society AGM was held at Hedgecroft on 17 February. There was one resolution, originally suggested by Mike Mann, which was discussed and carried (with 3 abstentions). If you would like more information about the discussion, please contact me, Jo Hill, on 01252 640909 [jo.hill.45@ntlworld.com](mailto:jo.hill.45@ntlworld.com)



#### **Resolution 1. The future ecological management of Yateley Common**

##### ***This Annual General Meeting of The Yateley Society***

- a) is concerned that the ecological quality of the Yateley Common, being part of the Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Area for Wild Birds (SPA), risks deteriorating below the minimum standards required by English Nature under European Union Habitats Directives;
- b) believes that although tree and scrub clearance by Hampshire County Council staff, contractors and volunteers has been helpful in recent years, it has been insufficient to improve the situation;
- c) considers that a long term sustainable strategy to secure ecological improvement is required;
- d) believes that the only long term solution is to revert so far as is practicable to the historic management pattern of daytime livestock grazing that originally generated the heath;
- e) recognises that this inevitably requires enclosure of substantial parts of Yateley Common, either temporarily or permanently, which requires Secretary of State approval;
- f) considers that the problems of public acceptance encountered at Odiham Common and Hazeley Heath show the need for a large scale public education programme, and careful implementation, in order to reconcile the needs of public access and nature conservation;

***and therefore calls upon Hampshire County Council and English Nature to start a process of public education with a view to managing Yateley Common by livestock.***



Following the resignation of Tony Hocking, who has held the position of Chairman for the past 10 years, we elected a new Chairman, Trudy Boothby (pictured left)

The Executive Committee members elected were:

Vice Chairman – Roger Coombes

Treasurer – Jo Hill

Secretary – Richard Johnston

and the rest of the Executive Committee proposed and elected were:

Tony Hocking, Peter Tipton, Graham Brown, Colin Medley, Anne Davies and Philip Todd.



## TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ISSUES



- 76 Potley Hill Road** an application for the erection of a detached garage next to this new house, built in the grounds of Stoborough House. The Society has objected, mainly on the grounds of the adverse impact on the setting of Cross Oak Cottage and Stoborough House.
- 7 Borderside** this application for an extension and enclosure of amenity land has been approved.
- Land at Moulsham House** an application for the erection of a new four-bedroomed house in the grounds of Moulsham House.
- Yateley Green** the Youth Shelter has been refused permission.
- 7 Knellers Cottages, Plough Road** a 2-storey extension, which would change the scale and character of the property of his listed building and which was originally refused on the basis of scale and proportion in relation to existing cottages, has now been approved.
- Coach House, Macrae Road** the second round planning application for development at the Coach House on Macrae Road, Yateley Green has been roundly rejected by Hart District Council. The first reason for rejection was that the development would adversely affect the character of the Conservation Area, and but not enhance it. This is very welcome. As expected Hart have also rejected the application as a result of the new guidance from English Nature regarding projection of the SPA.



### MAY FAYRE EXHIBITION – MONDAY 1ST MAY

The Yateley Parish Plan Steering Group intends to hold a big exhibition in the Tythings during the May Fayre on Bank Holiday Monday May 1st.

The idea is to let people in the town and surrounding areas know what progress has already been made and to encourage participation in the community planning process.

The Church End Environmental Improvement Scheme is scheduled to go ahead this summer, and Phase 2 of the Village Design Framework, looking at the commercial area between Plough Road and Cricket Hall has now been initiated.

At the same time eight teams are looking at the issues facing Yateley in a wide variety of topics ranging from Amenities & Facilities to Community Safety. Please come along to give us YOUR ideas about the future of Yateley.

### YATELEY SOCIETY MEETING – THURSDAY 16TH MARCH “PARISH PLANS ?”

#### *Here's the latest – Hot off the Press!*

The Parish Plan system is intended for communities with less than 3000 persons. Yateley falls in the next category, Market Town Initiatives, which is for up to 20,000 persons. Although Yateley has more than 21000, SEEDA has put Yateley into this bracket.

The funding arrangements for producing the plans are affected by the merger of English Nature with the Countryside Agency and will be affected more if Hampshire County Council is abolished. The cost of producing the plans will have to be carried by the rate-payers and it will be considerable since SEEDA are not proposing to fund the planning but they should fund the implementation stage.

The aim now is to complete the Parish Plans, as envisaged, but using the MTI method, which requires more professional input the community involvement conditions are different.

***What does it mean? Come along to the meeting and all will be made clear !***



## Yateley Family History Corner – by Richard Johnston

### Where is it?

I have received from one of her relatives a photograph of Annie Bull who was a Yateley postlady in the late C19/early C20. The photograph is outside a house which was "The Light Sussex Poultry Farm". (Light Sussex is a breed of poultry). I would like to know where this house was. Does anyone recognise it?



### Update on the Lorna Vyse photograph

Following my request for information about the Lorna Vyse photograph in the September issue, Chris Bunch told me that Mrs Vyse was the daughter of George Boorer Tyler and his wife, Ruth, who came to Yateley in the 1870s.

Mr Tyler set up shop as Grocers and Confectioners, originally at 'The Shop', now 'Little Halt', in Fry's Lane, Yateley. Chris also made some tentative identifications of one or two people in the photo.

Mr Kent, of 3 Mill Lane, where the Vyse family certainly lived, told me that I was wrong in thinking that the photograph was taken there.

I agree that he is right. He helpfully suggested that it was more likely that it was taken at Silcroft, which is the house next door. The side of that house has not been altered and comparing the brickwork is fully consistent with that possibility.

Like 3 Mill Lane, Silcroft was owned by the Tyler family, and the Lorna Vyse photo would seem to be of an event connected with the Tyler family.



*Lorna Vyse & family 1870s*



## Change to Programme of Events!

The meeting to be held on Thursday 16 March 2006 has changed.  
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We will now be focussing our attention on the latest developments to the Parish Planning project.

We will meet at Hedgecroft, Bracken Lane, Yateley at 8.00pm.



### **Badger Problem ? (submitted for your information by The Wildlife Trust)**

Unfortunately, by the time this newsletter reaches you, the deadline for the public consultation period will have expired. However, if you feel strongly about this, you can still show your support by writing to DEFRA Bovine TB & Badgers Consultation, DEFRA, 1A Page Street, London, SW1 4PQ and sending a copy to your MP.

① [Useful weblinks](#) 

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

<http://www.stopthecull.info/>



You may be aware that The Wildlife Trusts and many other conservation organisations are appalled at the government decision to publish a consultation on if and how to kill badgers to control bovine TB in cattle. The Trust are asking that we circulate the information and ask for as many people as possible to write to DEFRA. In case you are not already aware, the Government is suggesting a massive cull, using as justification their belief that the badger is largely responsible for an increase in bovine TB. The Scientists advising DEFRA have said that a cull is not the answer and that greater emphasis should be placed on pre-movement testing of cattle, and improved farming practises. The government scientists involved in trials are all against any form of badger culling.

DEFRA initiated a 12-week consultation process which ended on **10th March 2006**. Many members of the general public were unaware of this and also unaware that they could influence the outcome of the consultation. If the proposed cull goes ahead, there are areas in the UK in danger of losing all their badgers, which will be exterminated by snaring, gassing or shooting - the method of their death has still to be determined.

The first two methods are indiscriminate, barbaric and may cause the death of many animals other than badgers. The third is largely impossible. Family pets and other wildlife may be caught in snares; around 30 other mammals also use badger setts, e.g. otters, hares, foxes, weasels, etc. It is likely that many of the creatures including the badgers will suffer lingering, painful and cruel deaths.



### **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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