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THE YATELEY SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

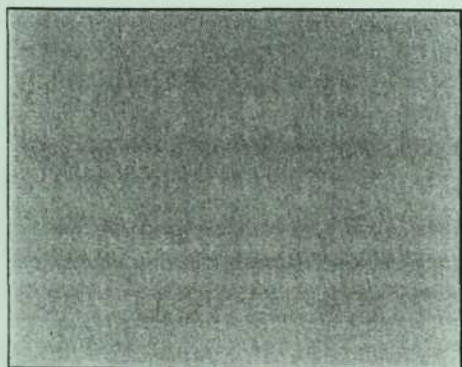
Thursday February 15th 2007
8pm at The Tythings, Reading Road, Yateley

With this newsletter you will 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 nomination suggestions to
Richard Johnston 01252 872832 johnstonrh@amen.org.uk
– we need at least 2 new members!

This is the most important meeting of the year. We must have a quorum and hopefully some new nominations for the Exec Committee!

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



This is a photograph of our January Meeting!

No, really, apologies to all but we were not in control of matters when the powercut in Yateley struck the Tythings during storms on 18 January. Although power was restored just before the meeting was due to start, the council did not want the Yateley Society stranded inside should be power fail again while we were inside! We will be rescheduling Alison Cross of the Loddon and Eversley Heritage Group later this year.

<http://www.loddon-eversley.org.uk/>

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ISSUES



Land East of Sandhurst Road - An appeal has been lodged for a planning application for the development of former gravel pit land east of Sandhurst Road and south of the River Blackwater, within the Gap between Yateley and Darby Green. The reason for the appeal is that Hart District Council have not determined the application, which was submitted in 2002.

The application is for 7000 sq m of office space and 5000 sq m of commercial leisure development, with over 400 parking spaces, which makes the proposal almost as big as the Clarks Farm development which was refused on appeal in 2001.

The Society considers that the proposals are completely unacceptable relative to current Government policies, and has been granted "Rule 6" status by the Secretary of State, which means that we are accepted as full participants in the Inquiry process. This is in itself a first for the Society since the present Inquiry procedures were introduced.

If any one has any information about the historical uses on the site please could they let Richard Johnston know immediately, as he is currently preparing the Society's case, 01252 872832 johnstonrh@amen.org.uk.



New! We are now selling historic photographs of Yateley through the website
<http://www.photoboxgallery.com/yateleyimages/>.

This allows you to look at historic photos on screen, and order prints that are delivered directly to you by post. At the moment we have just a small part of our large collection available, but we will be adding to the collection as time passes. We are also looking for old photographs and pictures of Yateley that we can scan or photograph to add to the collection. Please contact us if you can help.

Paper publications available for purchase:

A Walk on Cricket Hill by Valerie Kerslake: A 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 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)

Out of Print:

Today and Yesterday by Valerie Kerslake: A historically based walk round part of the Yateley Green Conservation Area. 39 pages, 30 illustrations, 1 map A5 size. - (some imperfect copies available)

Postcards - Modern (20p each)

- 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)
- 5) St Peter's Church and the Dog and Partridge (published 1996)
- 6) The pond at Yateley Green with lime trees and with weeds (published 2000)
- 7) The pond at Yateley Green with boys fishing (published 2000)

Postcards - Historic (sepia) (20p each)

- 8) Gadds Stores Yateley (near Church), ca 1905
- 9) Yateley church with Gadds stores and old Dog and Partridge, ca 1900
- 10) The White Lion Inn ca 1900, featuring people in contemporary dress

Please contact Jo Hill, tel: (01252) 640909, email jo.hill.45@ntlworld.com if you would like to order any of the above paper publications.

Family History Corner – Henry Broad – Part Two

(from the family history narrative compiled by Godfrey H. Broad November 2006 about Henry Broad, schoolmaster of Yateley School 30 December 1867 to about 15 November 1872.)

The Diocesan Training College, West Hill, Winchester, where Henry had trained, was designed and built to avoid some of the problems of ill-health and unsanitary conditions that had beset earlier cohorts at Wolvesey Palace (1847-1862) originally given by the Bishop of Winchester for teacher training. Here the frailty of students' health was noted and deaths occurred. A cholera outbreak in Winchester in 1849, lasted 66 days and claimed 36 lives in the City. Even in 1858, out of 38 students, 10 had been obliged to leave for health reasons. A house in St Peters Street had been brought into use for domiciling the students, although Wolvesey Palace was still in use at daytime for lectures and meals. (Martial Rose 1981). Plans had been made to build a new college designed by John Colson at West Hill, on land offered by the Dean & Chapter and opened on Monday 13 October 1862 by the Bishop of Winchester. Henry Broad benefited from the new facilities and probably qualified in 1867.

Henry is next found on 30 December 1867 at Yateley School, Hampshire where he wrote proudly in his best copperplate script in the School Log Book:

I Henry Broad lately a Student of the Training College Winchester engage with this school as master

The School Year commenced on 1st April when the children were given a mixture of learning letters, dictation, reading, arithmetic, weights and measures, religious education, singing, gardening, together with some Home Lessons, for up to 108 pupils. Lessons were conducted in a large oblong vaulted classroom where regimented rows of children learnt by repetition and copying. Original thought was thereby suppressed. They weren't meant to better themselves. Boys were sometimes punished for bad conduct in church. Attendance went down in wet or cold weather, during sickness, or to gather acorns! On the 23 September 1868, *'I did not teach much this week, not being very well'*.



Henry was doing well: the Annual Report of the Inspector on 26 June 1869 says, *"There is considerable interest shown in the management of the School; and the Teaching and Discipline are very satisfactory. The younger children are unusually intelligent."* On the 5 July 1870, the Summary of the Inspector's Report: *"This school is still carefully and successfully taught although the Children are rather shy and quiet. The progress of the school seems to have been interrupted by an unusual amount of sickness in the Locality."* 11-14 October 1870, *'The Attendance being thin through the children picking up acorns'*

Henry's health was not always good. The Log Book records for 16 January 1871, *'I, Ishmael Gardner commenced duties in this school having been engaged for 3 months, during Mr. Broad's illness'*.

to be continued in the next issue.....

URGENT!

The Society needs a new Newsletter Distribution Organiser urgently since Elizabeth Tipton, who has been doing a splendid job for the last 26 years, is unable to continue. The job involves delivering around 150 newsletters in batches to the Round Distributors who, in turn, distribute to members, and posting around 20 newsletters, about 4 times a year.

We would also be grateful for any more volunteers for Round Distributors (delivering about 10 newsletters each) as the more we have, the less work there will be for individuals.

Please let me know - Jo Hill, tel: (01252) 640909, email jo.hill.45@ntlworld.com

*New Venue for our
Monthly Meetings!
The newly refurbished
"Tythings"*

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS – 2007

Our meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month at The Tythings, Reading Road, Yateley, 8.00 pm start unless otherwise stated.

If you would like to receive email reminders about meetings, please email me jo.hill.45@ntlworld.com

All events are open to non-members and there is no admission charge.

Thursday 15 February 2007	AGM 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.
Thursday 15 March 2007	Local Trees Fact and Folklore - Chris Howkins Introducing the fun and surprises and practical issues of using trees in everyday life - from food and medicines, timber and mortgages, ritual and religion. Hopefully you will never see a tree in quite the same way again!
Thursday 19 April 2007	Yateley Parish Plans - update http://yateleyparishplan.pbwiki.com
Thursday 17 May 2007	Border Ware - see September newsletter Investigate the wiki website: http://heathhist.pbwiki.com/ArchaeologyBorderware
Thursday 21 June 2007	Yateley Common SSI Archaeological Investigations - Carol White More interesting finds on Yateley Common in the 2006 summer dig.
Thursday 19 July 2007	Yateley's Fire Stations - Colin Ive Regaling us with excerpts from his recently completed book, about many of the people and situations he met during his 25 years as Officer in Charge of Yateley Firestation.



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 December meeting saw an impressive gorse clearing operation south of Brandy Bottom, but 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.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

With the September issue of the Newsletter, you received a Membership Renewal Notice because all memberships are due for renewal in September. If you have not already done so, please remember to complete and return the form in order to keep receiving your Newsletter and maintaining your membership. Thanks!

If you have lost the form, let me know and I'll supply another
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