



The  
Yateley  
Society

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**NEWSLETTER**

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**Don't miss this month's fascinating talk:**

Thursday 15 March 2007  
8.00pm at The Tythings  
**Local Trees Fact and Folklore**  
by the famous UK Ethnobotanist  
**Chris Howkins**

Introducing the fun and surprises and practical  
issues of using trees in everyday life - from food  
and medicines, timber and mortgages,  
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*milestones*

Basingstoke museum

Milestones Museum at Basingstoke  
would like to offer our members a '2 for  
1' voucher to attend the museum this  
year.

Vouchers are paper-based and permit  
one adult or concession to enter the  
museum for free when accompanied by  
another full paying adult.

They are valid until 31 December 2007.  
If any members would be interested in  
taking up this offer, please do let me  
know and I will arrange for vouchers to  
be distributed to you.

Tel: Jo Hill (01252) 640909  
email [jo.hill.45@ntlworld.com](mailto:jo.hill.45@ntlworld.com)

Further details on Milestones can be  
found at [www.milestones-museum.com](http://www.milestones-museum.com)

Exhibition

**Change on the Heath -  
Rediscovering Surrey's  
forgotten Wilderness**



Surrey Heathland Project  
Surrey's Forgotten Wilderness

**Surrey Heath Museum  
from 10 March - 21 April**

The exhibition explores how Surrey's heathland  
landscape has changed, along with the lives of the  
people who lived and worked on it. It includes  
photographs, paintings, maps and tools.

Full details are on the webpages at:  
[www.countryside-management.org.uk/heathland](http://www.countryside-management.org.uk/heathland)



We were pleased to see so many members attending the meeting. The new Committee was elected:  
Chair - Trudy Boothby  
Deputy Chair – Roger Coombes  
Hon Sec – Richard Johnston  
Treasurer – Jo Hill  
Secretary – Graham Brown  
Committee members: Tony Hocking, Peter Tipton, Philip Todd and a warm welcome to Jean McIlwaine and Mary Roaf.

*The Yateley Society*  
**26<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**  
held on  
**Thursday 15 February 2007**

Prior to the meeting, members will have received a copy of the Resolution to be tabled regarding the Commons Act 2006 and Commons Councils. Below is an extract of the draft Minutes of the meeting which covers the relevant discussion:



Peter Tipton explained that the Act of Parliament has been passed but implementation of the part concerned with Statutory Commons Councils will require regulations from the ministry, which are not now expected to be published until late in 2008. There were several problems with the 1965 Registration Act which are now addressed in the new Act.

The Commons Councils are intended to solve problems of overgrazing in large areas like the Pennines and the Lake District, and the Act addresses agricultural issues. In the South the issues are recreation, nature conservation and biodiversity, and under-grazing.

Those parts of the Common that are owned by the HCC and are managed currently have 'unfavourable declining' status. The MOD part is 'unfavourable recovering'. Other parts of the common are not managed; the proposed Commons Council would include them all within its scope, irrespective of ownership.

SQ asked how many commoners there are. There were only 23 properties registered for the Yateley Common because many people were put off registering in 1965-69 by the threat of legal costs. Yateley Green and surrounding area is also common land. It is possible that there are commoners who do not know their status. The new act allows for creation of commoners.

MM noted that if we don't have a Commons Council the current management will continue on the County part, except that the HCC no longer has a committee structure and the status of the Commons Management committee will change.

RS stated that grazing would only be possible if roads were fenced. Peter Tipton replied that the new Act allows for light works to be authorised by Commons Councils without the consent of the Secretary of State. The Commons Council would be able to approve fencing for grazing. Adjacent landowners are required to fence against the common at their expense so the cost of new fencing required by roads would probably fall on the public purse.

TH speculated that the former Eversley Common could be restored to common land.

MM asked about enforcement powers for the Commons Council. These are not yet defined. Peter Tipton promised to take this up with DEFRA.

Peter Tipton has been asked by DEFRA to write an 'issues' paper concerning the whole of Yateley Common from his 30 years experience..

FH was concerned that the costs would fall on local people. Peter Tipton explained that there may be European money possibly from the CAP that only Commons Councils can apply for.

PT asked whether the burdens on landowners would be too high so they would seek to dispose of land rather than maintain it. Peter Tipton thought the Commons Councils may not be allowed to become landowners, but promised to take this up with DEFRA.

GB asked why we needed the resolution to ask for a public meeting, could we not just call a meeting. It was thought that it would not be appropriate to call the meeting until the regulations are much clearer. The resolution would inform recipients of our interest and the resolution laid out the process that would have to be undertaken to obtain a Commons Council.

Peter Tipton stated his legal interest as a commoner, and asked permission from the Chairman to be able to vote for the resolution, which was granted.

**The resolution was passed unanimously!**

Since the meeting we have heard that Defra are to visit Yateley later this month – watch this space!



## Family History Corner – Henry Broad – Part Three

(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 1871 census (2 April) records Henry Broad at Yateley with his brother Lloyd, together with Elizabeth Piper an 'Aunt', Martha Caute a 'cousin', and Ishmael Gardner, 'boarder, Schoolmaster, employed during Mr. Broad's illness'. Henry was still unwell.

On the 24 August 1871 Henry Broad (24) married Mary Ann Charlton (20) at St Paul's Covent Garden, Middlesex. Ernest Broad, Henry's brother, was a witness. Stephen Charlton, her father, was a Gardener. It's not certain where she hailed from, but one fairly local girl of that name found in the 1861 census, whose father was Stephen Charlton, was born at Hartley Wespall, 7.6 miles from Yateley.

School Log Book again - 12 January 1872, '...on Tuesday the Committee unanimously agreed that Mrs Broad should be Infant and Needlework mistress. Mrs Bunch left on Friday.'



Mrs Bunch was probably one of a number of visitors who muscled in and worked in the school. But Mrs Broad soon had her feet under the table! Was she living in the school house?

16 February 1872, 'Several children sent home having the whooping cough'

On the 31 August 1872, Mrs Broad gave birth to a son, Arthur Henry Broad, at Yateley in the County of Southampton. She was poorly after that as an entry in the Yateley School Log Book shows on the 9 September 1872, 'During Mrs Broad's illness, the girls will do lessons instead of needlework'. On the 9 October 1872 Mary Ann Broad registered the birth of her son.

The last entry in the Log Book by Henry Broad was on the 15 November 1872. *No signing off*, Henry's entries just stopped. On 30 December Henry Maidment took over as master of the school. Henry was seriously ill.

....concluding in the next issue



### Family History Group

Have you been inspired at all by reading about the Broad family of Yateley?

We would like to start a group for members who would be interested in researching the history of other Yateley families.

Our incredibly enthusiastic Jean McIlwaine has volunteered to oversee this group and offer support and advice through experience gained from many years researching her own far-reaching family.

If you are interested, or would like more information, please call Jean on (01252) 872768.

### Dry, clean space needed !

As you will have seen in our last newsletter, the Society has quite a range of books and postcards for sale.

Our current storage facility agreement is coming to an end and we are desperately seeking some dry, clean space in which to store a few square feet of boxes.

If you have such a facility or know of some available space, please let us know by calling Jean McIlwaine on (01252) 872768.

Thanks!



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.

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

Thursday 15 March 2007	<b>Local Trees Fact and Folklore - Chris Howkins</b> 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 <del>19</del> April 2007	<b>Yateley Parish Plans - update</b> <a href="http://yateleyparishplan.pbwiki.com">http://yateleyparishplan.pbwiki.com</a>
Thursday <del>18</del> May 2007	<b>Border Ware - see September newsletter</b> Investigate the wiki website: <a href="http://heathhist.pbwiki.com/ArchaeologyBorderware">http://heathhist.pbwiki.com/ArchaeologyBorderware</a>
Thursday <del>14</del> June 2007	<b>Yateley Common SSI Archaeological Investigations - Carol White</b> More interesting finds on Yateley Common in the 2006 summer dig.
Saturday 7 July 2007	<b>Yateley Society Summer Social</b> Relax and enjoy the company, the food and, of course, the quiz!
Thursday 19 July 2007	<b>Yateley's Fire Stations - Colin Ive</b> 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.
Thursday 20 September 2007	<b>Loddon and Eversley Heritage Group - Alison Cross</b> This joint initiative was established to meet the challenge of protecting and enhancing all that is special about the area whilst promoting a healthy and sustainable rural economy. <a href="http://www.loddon-eversley.org.uk/">http://www.loddon-eversley.org.uk/</a>

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## 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 January meeting saw tree and scrub clearance near Stroods Pool and the pipeline pool was the target for February's foray. 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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