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## NEWSLETTER

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### ***This month's talk:***

Thursday 17 May 2007 8.00pm  
at The Tythings, Yateley Green  
**Borderware Potteries**

by

**Jacqui Pearce of the Museum of London**



### *Why are the Borderware Potteries so important?*

For over 600 years potters working on the Hampshire/Surrey borders in the Blackwater Valley have been major suppliers to the London market.

In Tudor and Stuart times they were the dominant suppliers of all types of pottery, both white and redwares. Even from the start of the 18th century when the Blackwater Valley's whiteware was replaced by Staffordshire production using china clay, and London's own potteries were producing both 'deftware' and white salt-glazed ware, our local Borderware potteries continued to supply most of London's redwares.

Knowledge of this major local industry had been largely lost to the collective memory until a tree was blown down in the grounds of Farnborough Hill school in 1967, revealing shards of pottery.

Subsequent excavations over several years discovered a major production site dating from the middle to late 1500s. The considerable quantities of pottery from these excavations have never been fully catalogued and analysed, but this has now been rectified, and will be the subject of a new book to be published by the Museum of London in the summer of 2007.

This is Jacqui Pearce's second book on Borderware and will concentrate on the archaeology from the last quarter of the 16th century, and documentary research into the potters likely to have been working in this 25-year period.

Just as the archaeological evidence has long awaited full investigation, so there had been no comprehensive documentary research into the lives of these potters, and the commercial systems used to enable their products to reach their markets. Last autumn, at Jacqui's request, the Society carried out extensive research into the lives of the potters living in Farnborough and Cove from 1560-1660.

Much of this research was already contained in the Society's Yateley History Project Database.

Jacqui will talk about the Surrey-Hampshire Borderware industry from the late medieval period to the 17th century, paying special attention to the excavations at Farnborough Hill, but also looking at other production centres, pottery form and function, technology and the wider connections with London, the Continent and the American colonies. We are very privileged to have the world expert on Borderware to speak to us.

<http://heathhist.pbwiki.com/ArchaeologyBorderware>





## Family History Corner – Henry Broad – Conclusion

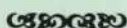
(from the family history narrative compiled by Godfrey H. Broad November 2006 about Henry Broad, schoolmaster of Yateley School 30 December 1867 to about 15 November 1872.)

Henry Broad died at Yateley on 15 December 1873 Haemoptysis 6 months Phthisis 1 year (Tuberculosis), aged 26. A promising career was cut short, putting Mrs Broad and her son, Arthur Henry Broad, in limbo. What happened to Mary Ann Broad? Where did she go? Did she go back to her family? Did she get TB, too? Did she keep the child? What was her means of support?

The census evidence indicates that she went back to her family who in 1871 and 1881 lived at Hartley Wespall, where Mary Ann was born and her father Stephen Charlton was a gardener.

In 1879 Mary Anne Broad married Thomas Turton a Gardner who was born in Halewood, Lancashire. They produced a son, also Thomas Turton, born in Earley, near Reading in Berkshire. The census records Arthur Brown as Stepson age 8, born Yateley, Hants. This is almost certainly the enumerator's error in the census and should read Arthur Broad!

By 1891 Mary and Thomas had produced two more children, Leonard and Winifred. It would appear that the Turtons moved to Dorset where Thomas was employed as a Gardner (Domestic), and in October 1890, the military records tell us that at the age of 18, Arthur Henry Broad joined the Grenadier Guards.



*Chris Howkins pictured here with Trudy Boothby and Peter Tinton*

**Local Trees, Fact or Folklore** was the title of our March talk by Chris Howkins, fast becoming one of our favourite speakers for both knowledge and entertainment factors not to mention a wicked sense of humour.

He has researched information on the use of plants in Britain for over forty years, and his database includes material on both practical and ritual usages: from the sacred plants of ancient religions through to the Ivy and Mistletoe at Christmas and for the practical uses, everything from food and medicine, furniture and dozens of everyday commodities. Not only have the preferred plants been identified but also information on how they were actually used. This all comes together to answer the basic question: How did we used to live?



## A Commons Council for Yateley Common?

For those of you who did not attend the Yateley Parish Community Plan up-date last month here is a very brief progress report. A team from DEFRA came to Yateley on 14th March to meet representatives of 5 of the 6 owners of the Common, plus the Hampshire Wild Life team now managing the MOD part. Richard Johnston attended for the Society and

Peter Tipton, as a commoner, convened and chaired the formal parts of the day at DEFRA's request. After much discussion and conducted tours of the County and MOD parts, the meeting formally resolved to form a steering group to look into the feasibility of working towards a Commons Council, or a suitable alternative, to manage the common in its entirety.



## Yateley Society Summer Social

**Saturday July 9<sup>th</sup>, 7pm – 10 pm**  
**Red Cross Centre, Monteagle Lane**

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



There will be a buffet meal - 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.

Please bring your own drinks along.

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, please feel free!  
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 Trudy Boothby, [trudyb@rya-online.net](mailto:trudyb@rya-online.net), 01252 409262 or Jo Hill, [jo.hill.45@ntlworld.com](mailto:jo.hill.45@ntlworld.com) (01252 640909) know, NOW!, (advance notice is essential to ensure that there is adequate food).**

### **St Barnabas Day Community Fair**

at

St Barnabas Church, Bell Lane, Darby Green  
Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June

"This will be a fun-packed day with games, stalls involving the whole Community. We will need lots of people to man stalls and help with refreshments. If you can help in any way please contact Joy Newey in the office or email [MikeTheVicar@TheSaunders.plus.com](mailto:MikeTheVicar@TheSaunders.plus.com)."



### **ROYAL MILITARY ACADEMY SANDHURST HERITAGE DAY**

Discover and enjoy the architecture, history  
and culture of the  
Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst.

Sunday 17 June 2007  
Free Admission 11 am to 4.45 pm



### **Allotment Site?**

Yateley Town Council is seeking land in and around the town that could be used for Allotments. Do you own, or know anyone who owns land that could possibly be leased to the Town Council for this purpose?

Please contact Maureen Dawes at Yateley Town Council (01252) 872198 or email [office@yateley-tc.gov.uk](mailto:office@yateley-tc.gov.uk)





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 17 May 2007	<b>Borderware Pottery - Jacqui Pearce of the Museum of London</b> Investigate the wiki website: <a href="http://heathhist.pbwiki.com/ArchaeologyBorderware">http://heathhist.pbwiki.com/ArchaeologyBorderware</a>
Thursday 14 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! <u>At the Red Cross headquarters, Monteagle Lane, Yateley</u> 7pm til 10pm
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>



## 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 March meeting saw us clearing pine saplings at the west end of Castle Bottom board walk. 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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