

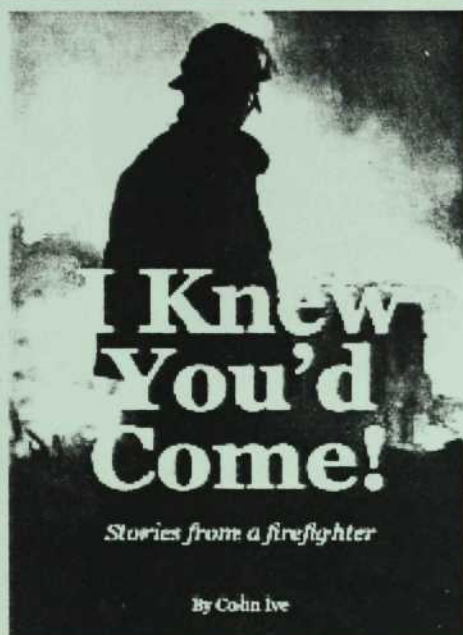


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"I was invited to meet the Prince of Wales at a reception he gave for firefighters from across the British Isles.

When I was introduced to him he was informed that I had attended the Windsor Castle fire and I began to sympathise with him about it.

But he smiled and said "Come off it, you lot like nothing better than a bloody good blaze!"

I could only agree with him."

Colin Ive

Copies of Colin's book can be obtained from Yateley Industries, Yateley newsagents, Amazon or direct from the man himself for a signed copy on 01252 878276.

Many of you will know Colin Ive - hopefully he hasn't visited you during his 25 years as a firefighter - but he is well known in the community for promoting fire safety, including supplying many local children with smoke detectors. Now enjoying a well earned retirement, Colin entertained us at our July meeting with tales of the many people he encountered during his services. He is now promoting his book "I Knew You'd Come" which is helping to raise funds for a local charity.

"Sleeping peacefully in the early hours of a hot summer's morning in 1976 my slumber was shattered by piercing terrified screams. Stumbling out of bed I threw back the curtains. Through the window I could see flames and smoke pouring from the windows of a neighbour's house. Falling down the stairs in my rush and almost without thinking I ran out the front door and across the road before clearing, though I don't remember doing so, a five foot high wire fence.

Suddenly there I was below the hysterical mother with smoke billowing around her at the upstairs window. She threw out her first baby to my waiting arms as another neighbour joined me in time to catch a second child.

The mother then swung herself down from the window ledge and fell onto us. Finally the father, a large round man, appeared and without hesitation jumped over our heads onto the ground behind us breaking both ankles on impact!

Looking up the flames now roared out from the window where the family had stood. The fire had become so intense that the father had burns on his feet as they made their escape.

4 years later I became a firefighter !"

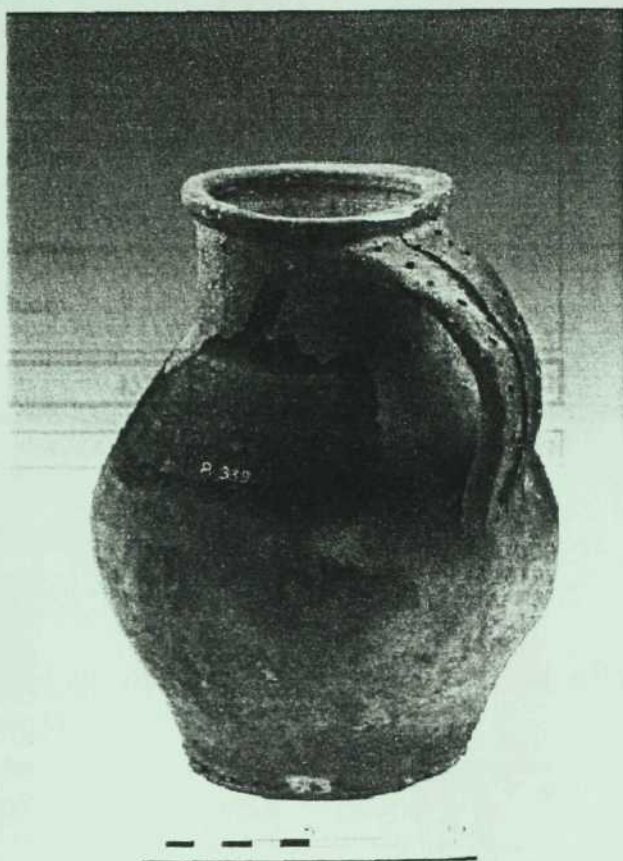
Border ware Pottery –

serialisation of Jacqui Pearce's (University of London)
lecture for the Yateley Society - *part two*

Narrow mouthed drinking jugs appeared mid C14, replacing the wooden vessels previously used. The use of pottery for such purposes was inspired by continental imports. (Potteries also started at Cheam about 1350). The continental stoneware originals were from the Rhineland, (pottery fired at high temperatures to vitrify it). The English copies in whiteware weren't the same shape, but the principle of the use of pottery jugs for drinking is what was important. This new use changed the social perception of pottery, as people came to prefer it rather than wood. Another form was the costrel, a portable drinking flask, which manuscript drawings show was taken into the fields by workers.

This phase of the development of whiteware covers the start of Border ware during the medieval/ early modern period transition. Late medieval kilns were found at Farnborough by Holling and by NEHHAS in Ship Lane. A kiln found at Park Row, Farnham from the later C13 or early C14 is the earliest known from the Surrey Hampshire Borders. The early Border ware is called "Coarse Border ware", on account of its coarse quartz inclusions. The clay was mixed with quartz (sand) as a tempering agent, which made the material strong, but which resulted in a coarse abrasive surface - ideal for kitchen and storage ware. As such, this was very different from the fine quality Kingston ware. There was little use of glaze, and little decoration – occasional red slip stripes being about the limit. This was a large scale, production line industry with plain, practical, utilitarian vessels.

The earliest London site evidence of such wares is about 1270. There is very little of it then, although the ware was the most common pottery jugs, and cooking pots, and adaptations of these basic shapes used in London between 1350 and 1500. The pots changed very little over 150 years, making it impossible to date material within the 1350-1500 time frame. That is, there is no typological development. The vessel shapes worked, and the material was fired to become very hard, and it was impervious without the need to apply glazes. Modern experiment shows that the Border clays can be fired to 1200 degrees, to vitrification of the clay, which forms stoneware, and whilst the kilns used historically weren't capable of such temperatures, the pots were sufficiently highly fired as not to require glaze, which made the pots cheaper, so everyone might own one. This partly explains the success of the Border ware potteries, which were providing 50-70% of London's requirements between 1350 and 1500. Although many waster sites are known, few kilns



have been located in the Border ware area. The earliest kiln is from the late 13th to mid C14, but the scale of the London finds suggests there must be many more to be found. There are a few unusual decorative examples, but the wares are coarse, so decoration was generally confined to strips of red clay, and stamped, applied roundels, which look rather like old fashioned fruit gums. The lack of sophistication makes these wares definitely "Country pottery".

Big brewing vessels about 2' high with a bung-hole for a spigot to decant the contents above the sediments are quite common. A lot of these bung-holes broke away in firing and became wasters; so such features involving a local thickening of the pot were a source of weakness during firing. Handle fragments show similar problems caused by their application. These were partly overcome through apparently decorative features, but which had a practical purpose. The problem with variable clay thickness is that water has to be expelled from the clay during firing, and thick sections can become surface hard before the water has left the interior of the material. The pressure build up then causes the material to fracture, sometimes explosively. So stabbing the clay surface of thick sections reduces the risk of internal pressurisation, and the stabbing could be done in a way to look decorative. Another form of failure was in the glaze colours - the copper containing lead glaze was supposed to produce green - too high a firing temperature made the glaze brown, but such pots were always discarded.



Linking Life & Landscape

We had a superb talk last month from the Hampshire and IoW Wildlife Trust representative for the Loddon and Eversley Heritage Area who explained all about the Loddon and Eversley Partnerships aims to

- Protect and enhance all that's special and
- Promote a Healthy and Sustainable Economy

and how these aims are being addressed with landowners, councils and communities.

Statistics which shocked included that since WW2 we have lost:

- 40% of lowland heath
- 50% ancient woodland
- 67% of our hedgerows
- 75% of coppiced woodlands
- and 97% of lowland flower-rich grassland

To find out more about this group and their work, visit their website:
www.loddon-eversley.org.uk/index.htm

Take their word for it!

Oral history is an important part of our local history and we need to talk to the people who remember Yateley as it was before the housing boom of the 60's and record their reminiscences.

Once these people have gone, so have their recollections of what Yateley was like.

David Lee from Wessex Sound and Archive has kindly agreed to organise a training session for the Society on 'How to Conduct Oral Interviews'.

This will take place on Monday 22nd October at 2pm in the Youth Suite (under the Council Offices) Reading Road. We need a team of willing volunteers to conduct these interviews. Please let Trudy Boothby know if you are interested (spaces are limited) on 01252 409262 or email trudyb@rya-online.net.

West Surrey Family History Society

OPEN DAY

Saturday 3rd November 2007
at

Woking Leisure Centre
Kingfield Road
Woking

From 10 am to 4.30pm

Leaflet with this newsletter

Yateley Society Library Magazines

Mary Roaf is holding a number of family history magazines which are available for Yateley Society members to borrow eg
Practical Family History
Family History
Family Tree
and a Geneological Research Directory

if you would like to find out more, please
call Mary on 01252 409719

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS – 2007/2008

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 18 October 2007	How to unravel the past - Historic Buildings and their Occupants Peter Tipton recently gave a short talk to the Hampshire Gardens Trust about the history of Minley Manor before 1860. He will use this talk to demonstrate the sources he used and the record depositories he visited, as an example of how to research an historic house and the families related to it.
Thursday 15 November 2007	Hampshire Playing Fields Association Malcolm Miles - Having helped to provide and protect sport and children's play areas in Hampshire for over 75 years, find out about their recent projects in Yateley.
Thursday 13 December 2007 (note 2 nd Thursday)	Yateley Memorabilia For this festive meeting, members are asked to bring along interesting items from old Yateley for discussion.
Thursday 17 January 2008	A Haven for wildlife. Well know wildlife photographer Dennis Bright will be showing local wildlife photographs accompanied by a humorous talk
Thursday 21 February 2008	AGM
Thursday 20 March 2008	tba
Thursday 17 April 2008	Hampshire Bat Group - (the furry flying kind) Paul Hope will give us an insight into the habits and habitats of Hampshire's bats.



The Conservation Working Party:

~~We~~ 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! In April the group cleared paths in the east end of the Common and in pouring rain in May, cleared willows blocking the views of Stroods Pool. 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.



It is that time of year again, when membership renewals are due.

Please complete the enclosed form and return it to the address shown, or bring it along to the next meeting.

Thanks!



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Membership Renewal Form

Please renew my/our membership of the Yateley Society :

Membership required (please delete as necessary)

Corporate	£20.00	Student	£3.50
Household	£7.50	Pensioner Household	£5.00
Adult	£5.00	Adult pensioner	£3.50

Name(s)

Address

1st line

E-mail address

Please complete/delete as necessary from the following options:

- ☐ I enclose payment of £
- ☐ I pay by Standing Order.
- ☐ I would like to pay by Standing Order; please send me a form.

Please make cheques payable to "The Yateley Society"

Gift Aid (Optional)

I am a tax payer and I authorise the Yateley Society to recover Gift Aid from the Inland Revenue.

Signed

Date

Send to **Yateley Society Membership Secretary,
Hartford House, Vicarage Lane, Yateley GU46 7QR**

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Do YOU have an ancestor in Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Cornwall, Dorset, Essex, Glamorgan, Gwent, Hampshire, Hertfordshire, Italy, Kent, Lancashire, London, Manchester, Middlesex, Oxfordshire, Suffolk, Surrey, Sussex or Wiltshire?

If so, visit the Society's

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The following organisations have reserved tables:

*Anglo-Italian FHS • *Berkshire FHS • *Buckinghamshire FHS • Buckinghamshire GS
*Dorset FHS • *East Surrey FHS • *Essex Society for Family History & Computer Group
*Families in British India Society • *Glamorgan FHS • Guild of One Name Studies • *Gwent FHS
Hampshire GS • *Hastings & Rother FHS • *Hertfordshire FHS • Hillingdon FHS • *Kent FHS
London, Westminster & Middlesex FHS • Manchester & Lancashire FHS • *Oxfordshire FHS
Romany & Traveller FHS • Suffolk FHS • Sussex FH Group
*West Middlesex FHS • *Wiltshire FHS

The Society of Genealogists

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Brookwood Cemetery Society • Friends of Woking Palace • *Send & Ripley History Society
*Southwark Family History • Surrey Heath Local History Club • Surrey Heath Museum
Surrey Heath Archaeological Trust • *Surrey Heritage • *Surrey History Trust
Surrey Local History Committee of Surrey Archeological Society • Surrey Record Society
The Lightbox • Woking History Society • Woking & District Philatelic Society

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Alan Brunt - Postcards • Brian Brinkley - Postcards • CAB Search • *Cornish Forefathers
Eureka Partnership • *Family & Community Historical Research Society • Family History Shop
Footsteps • Genealogy Printers • MM Publications • Parchment of Oxford • Parish Chest
*Parish Register Transcription Society • Refind Time Photographic Restoration • Rootsmap
S&N Genealogical Supplies • *Staunton Park Genealogy Centre • This Way Books • Townsend Books

There will be an opportunity to search the Society's Surrey Parish Register transcripts and indexes. The Surrey Marriage Index to 1837, Surrey Poor Law Index, indexes to Surrey Monumental Inscriptions, Surrey Soldiers who died in WW1, Surrey War Memorials and Surrey Land Tax, 1891 and 1901 census fiche for rural Surrey and other material from the Society's Reference Library.

Societies and organisations above, marked * have promised to bring **Research Material**

Jeanne Bunting, John Hanson and Graham Walter will provide a Computer Help Desk for searches for elusive ancestors in the 1901 and 1881 censuses.

Computer look-ups will also be available on *Ancestry*, *Findmypast* and *Origins*.

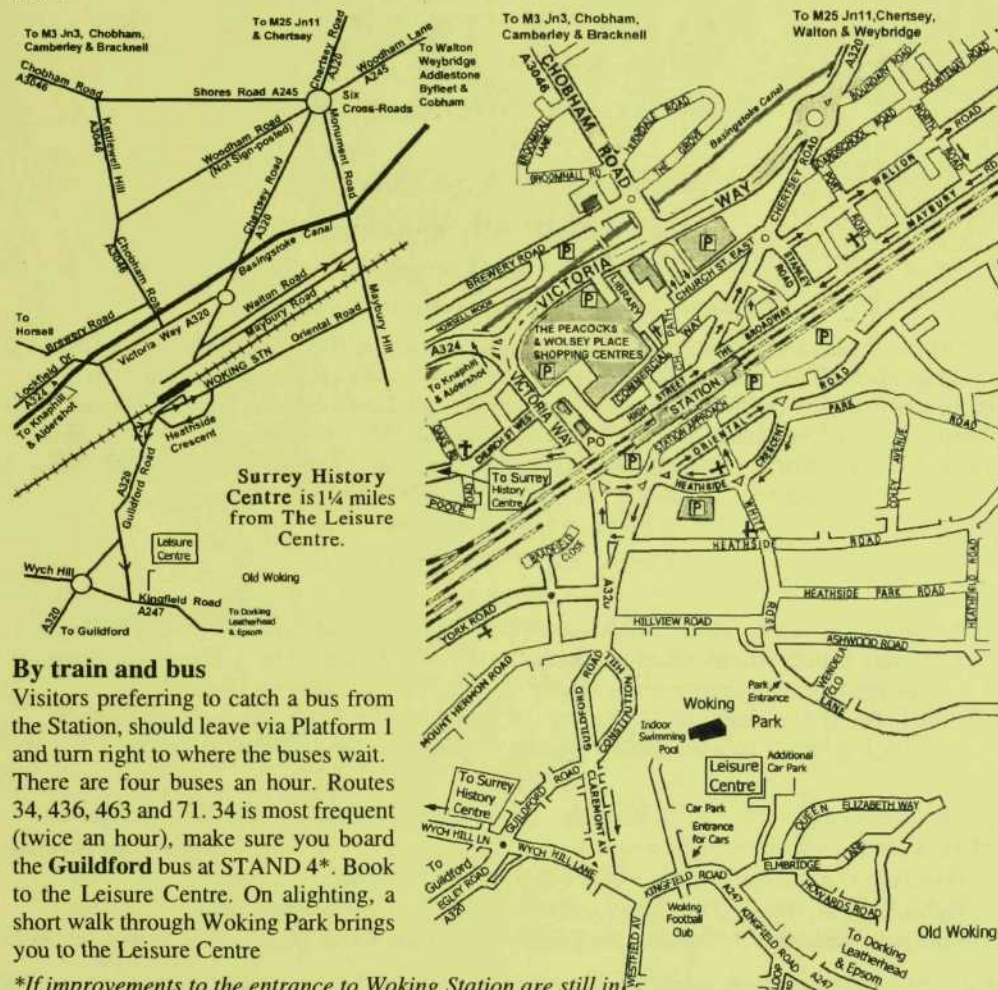
FREE Parking • Refreshments available • FREE Admission

How to get there

By train and foot

There is a very frequent rail service from Waterloo - more than 10 trains an hour stop at Woking.

The Leisure Centre is a comfortable 15-minutes walk from the Station. Visitors intending to walk should leave the Station via Platform 5 and proceed straight ahead along White Rose Lane and passing Royal Mail Delivery Office following the Blue Signs. Enter Woking Park at 'Park Entrance' (beyond Ashwood Road). Inside the Park, turn left and follow main foot path in the direction of the Swimming Pool.



By train and bus

Visitors preferring to catch a bus from the Station, should leave via Platform 1 and turn right to where the buses wait. There are four buses an hour. Routes 34, 436, 463 and 71. 34 is most frequent (twice an hour), make sure you board the **Guildford** bus at STAND 4*. Book to the Leisure Centre. On alighting, a short walk through Woking Park brings you to the Leisure Centre

**If improvements to the entrance to Woking Station are still in operation, there may be a temporary bus stop further to the right.*

By road

The Leisure Centre is well signposted from all approaches. The entrance to the Leisure Centre Car Park is via Kingfield Road, opposite Woking Football Ground (For **Additional Car Park** approach via Elmbridge Lane). Only pedestrians can approach through Woking Park from White Rose Lane.

Should any major Road Works be commenced on any of the approach roads, that are likely to affect visitors, details will be posted on our Website.

Further details: Telephone: 01483-825523 or 01483-472507.

Website: www.wsfhs.org