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# NEWSLETTER

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Thursday February 21<sup>st</sup> 2007  
**THE YATELEY SOCIETY  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

8pm at **The Tythings**, Reading Road, Yateley

Circulated with this newsletter is 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 new members always welcome!!

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.**

## Heckfield Place

Our speaker for January was a "last minute replacement" which proved to be very lucky for us! Robert Louth, Garden Manager at Heckfield Place brought along copies of his illustrated pamphlet *The Gardens at Heckfield Place* and explained the extensive programme being employed by the new owners to restore the gardens, preserve the views, introduce an English Apples orchard and ancient breeds grazing.

He explained the history of the area and introduced us to the special relationship between Lord Eversley and his Head Gardener, William Walker Wildsmith, (whose pink memorial with roses can be found in Heckfield Churchyard).

He is immensely proud of the fantastic collection of trees, including a 120' Abies Grandis Fir – the largest in Europe and requiring 5 tree-huggers to encircle it! We will definitely be organising a trip to Heckfield Place when the weather warms up.

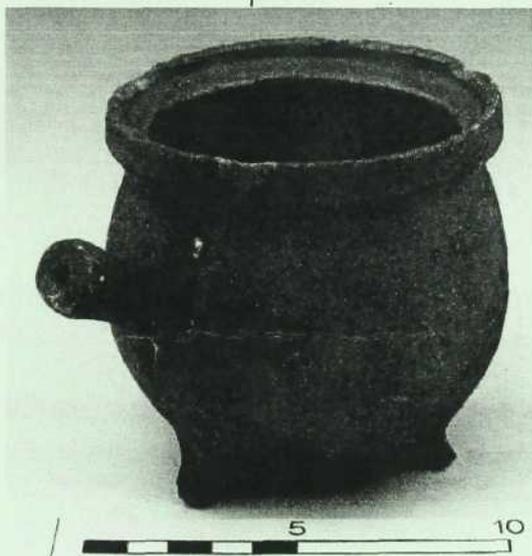


**A reminder that membership renewals are overdue. Please complete the membership form we sent and return it to the address shown, or bring it along to the next meeting. Copy renewal forms can be found on the website. Thanks!**

## Border ware Pottery –

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

In the mid C16 dramatic changes took place in the Border ware industry, as a tougher more versatile fabric was introduced, together with range of new shapes, such as large platters, tripod pipkins and porringers. These were made nowhere else in South-east England, and similarities show continental influence from the Rhineland. Typology provided the only connection until recently, when Peter Tipton, while investigating Border ware potters, found a German potter, Herman Rainold in the 1585 Lay Subsidy. He is recorded as a potter in Farnborough, indicated as an alien and taxed 4d. A shrievalty bond of 1591 has also been found, and the will of Herman Reynolds dates to 1609. These three good references add substance to the German connection. In the second half of the C16, when Reynolds brought German shapes and technology to the Border ware area. The shapes introduced include big dishes, the tripod pipkin, a cooking vessel common in the Cologne area, adapted to take a lid and with a hollow tubular handle, a form not otherwise found in south-east England. Other forms include the skillet with 3 feet and handle (there were many of these at Farnborough Hill in the late C16), and porringers for spoon food, with a single loop handle and often used for heating food (again a Rhineland type). There are also costrels, but now an upright, bottle-shaped type in contrast with the earlier mammiform



shape, but still retaining the holes for suspending on a leather thong. Whiteware remained the most common fabric, because it was popular in London, but the glaze colour varied through the C17.

Each of the former Surrey whiteware pottery industries found its own market niche. The redware of Kingston and Cheam was practical and undecorated, while Border whiteware used green and clear glazes, and also introduced a brown (manganese) glaze. The use of glaze colours was reserved for particular shapes and vessel types: for example, jugs were green in keeping with the medieval tradition. Once the industry had been

reinvigorated it produced a wide range of shapes, responding quickly to new needs and fashions. So the late C16 and early C17 was very creative for Border ware in marked contrast with the late medieval conservatism. All kinds of activities were catered for, not just the traditional cooking storage and tableware, because items such as moneyboxes, candlesticks, chafing dishes and many more were

produced. The market was hungry for different forms and the potters responded. The contracts with the Inns of Court for traditional wares continued as a specialised activity.

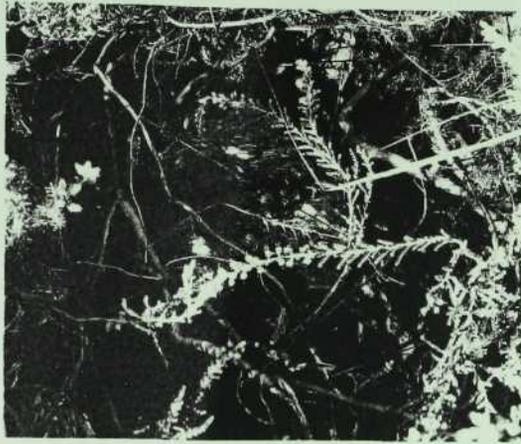
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## YATELEY MEMORABILIA



Our members produced old maps, photographs, bottles, books, crockery and clothing for our December meeting, all with a Yateley theme and "mulled" over with wine and mince pies. A lovely evening was had by all.





## An unexpected bit of nature.

This incident occurred as a result of a regular conservation work party on Yateley Common.

During the September 07 session we came across a wasps' nest built into the entrance of a disused rabbit hole, the hole being completely blocked by the typical wall of striped brown and buff papier-mâché. It seemed a bit exposed and liable to damage from any heavy rain, so Mary and I went back on the next sunny morning to take a photograph while it was intact.

We found that the rabbit hole, and therefore the nest as well, was partly obscured by a branch of heather. I looked around to see where the heather was rooted so that I could move it without damage; then an unusually regular pattern in the undergrowth caught my eye, about four feet beyond the hole, I realised that a coiled up adder was watching us with great interest. Needless to say I quietly asked Mary to stand clear and then quickly photographed the adder, just before it decided that it was too risky to stay around and slid away; then I took my picture of the wasps' nest.

Tony Hocking

### **Pictures:**

*Top – a wasps nest down a rabbit hole  
Middle – a close up of the wasps nest  
Bottom – an interested bystander*

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## **Yateley (inc Frogmore & Darby Green) / Blackwater & Hawley Parish Boundaries Consultation**

Hart District Council is now inviting comments and recommendations on their proposals  
(by 25<sup>th</sup> February 2008.)

The main link is at

[http://www.hart.gov.uk/index/your\\_council/democracy\\_elections/parish-petition.htm](http://www.hart.gov.uk/index/your_council/democracy_elections/parish-petition.htm)

The document with all the 5 proposals/options that affect Yateley is at:  
[http://www.hart.gov.uk/consultation\\_with\\_yateley\\_town\\_council.pdf](http://www.hart.gov.uk/consultation_with_yateley_town_council.pdf)

These will then be considered by Democratic Structures Working Group, Cabinet and Council before a final recommended proposal is made for publication in Summer 2008.

Comments and Recommendations should be sent to:  
Parish Review Electoral & Registration Services, Hart District Council Civic Offices, Harlington Way,  
FLEET, Hampshire, GU51 4AE  
[parishpetition@hart.gov.uk](mailto:parishpetition@hart.gov.uk)

This information can also be found on our website [www.hart.gov.uk/elections](http://www.hart.gov.uk/elections)

## 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.*

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| Friday<br>1 February 2008    | <b>Chairmans Dinner</b>  |
| Thursday<br>21 February 2008 | <b>AGM</b><br>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<br>20 March 2008    | <b>tba</b>   |
| Thursday<br>17 April 2008    | <b>Hampshire Bat Group - (the furry flying kind)</b><br>Paul Hope will give us an insight into the habits and habitats of Hampshires bats.                         |



### **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! In December, the group was busy clearing pine from Castle Bottom.

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.



**Sandhurst History Society** is organising a coach trip to **Colchester** on Saturday 21st June 2008 and wonders if any of our members would like to join them. The cost of the coach and guide is £20

Our guide will be Mark Corney (of TV's Time Team) who will take us on a walk of 1.5 miles, Covering: the Roman wall, the oldest surviving Roman gateway in Britain, the Iron Age town, and the castle, with the largest keep built by the Normans.

For anyone wishing to enter the castle museum the concession charge is £3.50 and once inside the castle there is an extra charge of £2.00 to see the Roman vault. All other museums in Colchester are free

It is planned to leave Sandhurst Memorial Park at 8.00 am arriving in Colchester at 11.00 am. There will be a comfort stop on the way. Expected time back in Sandhurst 18.30.

A map of Colchester and information of places of interest will be provided on the day.

For those interested, would you please let me have names and payment by 18th March 2008.

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