



The
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Society

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Local History Information Available

Yateley's myths and legends have captured the imagination of generations of Yateley folk. We started to research the most well known in the autumn of 1998. Our mission was to prove each story TRUE or FALSE.

We put together the research in an exhibition called **Yateley: Fact and Fiction** and the ever expanding exhibition was displayed three times: from July 1999 at an open day at Yateley Industries, to mid 2000 in St Peter's Church as part of their Millennium Flower Festival and in Yateley Library for five weeks in September and October 1999. The information is now available to the public at

<http://yateleylocalhistory.pbwiki.com/>

Of course there are some revisions in the light of new research and other topics are being added, but there is still a long list of topics still to be started (see the website).

If you are interested in contributing to the continuing research please let us know. On the other hand if you have a question about Yateley's past which you think will be of general interest just put it to us....

- how did Yateley miss becoming the second London Airport?
- how did Cricket Hill get its name?
- what happened to the sand lizards on the common?
- how did Brandy Bottom get its name?
- why did Yateley get developed rather than Odiham and Hartley Wintney?

- which king exchanged his wet clothes with a Yateley miller?
- who was murdered at Moulsham Spray Bridge in the Civil War - and why?
- did Oliver Cromwell really sleep at Monteagle House?
- when was the A30 used as a Gypsy racetrack?
- was there a monastery at Firgrove?
- when was the last air crash in Yateley?
- how did the Welsh Drive get its name?
- how long did it take a stagecoach to get from Blackwater to Hartfordbridge?
- when and why was the last time Yateley flooded?
- did Cromwell camp on Yateley Common?
- why do we have so many ponds?
- when did Yateley have four hospitals?
- how did Fido save airmen at Blackbushe?

If you are interested in trying to answer any of these questions please let us know. We are always keen to find new members for our research team.



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Information available for download for
School projects – family history research – famous Yateley people – photographs of Yateley



**Firing problems with Border ware
from evidence at Farnborough Hill:**

a) Exploding pots –

Due to the clay being too wet. This is the commonest failure. Farnborough is a damp site, and achieving satisfactory pre-drying must often have been difficult.

b) Lamination –

Also caused by clay being too wet.

c) Pots stuck together –

The result of poor stacking

d) Handles fell off –

These were simply pushed on, with no attempt to prepare the pot surface or facilitate adhesion with slip

e) Feet fell off –

For the same reason - the glaze might then run over the scar

f) Kiln props to separate pots and allow stacking.

Little such kiln furniture was found - an exception is ring props at Farnborough which allowed pots to be stacked inside each other.



The end of the Potteries

In the mid to late C17 the forms of pots became set. Minley Road in Cove produced wasters dating to the mid 17th century. Pots from Ash are very plain. Candlesticks are in both red and whiteware. The pots got plainer in the late C17, in the C18 the whiteware died out, the range of shapes reduced, the tubular handles were lost, and the pots got plainer and more utilitarian. Slip-decorated late C18 Border ware is often poorly executed. They were making some very large dishes, up to 3 foot across. By the end of the C18 the range became very limited, but the potteries were still thriving, and continued into the C19.



**ADULT ENTERTAINMENT LICENCE
APPLICATION**

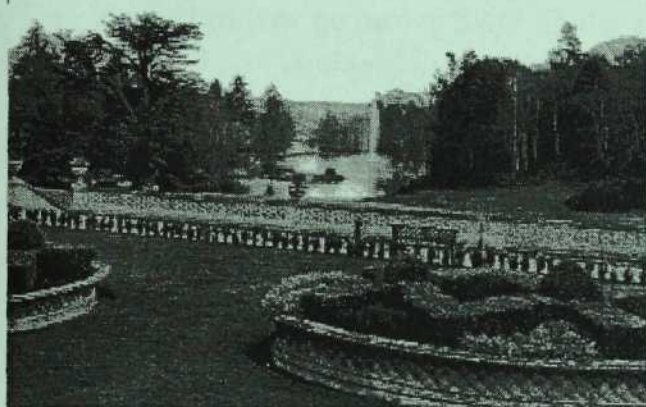
We would just like to bring to your attention the fact that Canterbury's pub in Darby Green Road has applied for an adult entertainment licence "Adult entertainment to be made available during the opening times of the premises (7 am to midnight) No entry to underfr 18's at all. Door security staff to be introduced. All downstairs windows to be blackened. CCTV to be introduced and monitored." Any interested party or responsible authority may make representation to the Licensing Section at Hart Council, Fleet, Hants by post or email licence@hart.gov.uk before 12th May 2008.

Conservation Work

The regular monthly date for May for the Conservation Volunteers has been changed from the last Sunday of the month to Sunday 18th May. The group will meet at Wyndham's Pool at 10am as usual. The Ranger in charge will be Ian. We want to encourage as many regular volunteers as possible to attend since the group will be filmed working on the common. This is for a new DVD about Common Land in the South of England sponsored by Natural England, Hampshire County Council, and others. Please come along!

Heckfield Place

At the beginning of April, we were invited to Heckfield Place, for a tour of the gardens by Robert Louth, Head Gardener. Robert gave us a talk recently but, as he was filling in at short notice, we weren't able to advertise his talk and a lot of people missed it. He has kindly agreed to come back on Thursday 18th September and tell us more about the history of these very special gardens.



Going Batty

Also in April, Paul Hope, renowned bat expert of the Basingstoke Canal Authority, explained all about the habits and habitats of the UK bat population and in particular, those to be found at the Greywell Tunnel, an internationally important site for bat roosting. There is to be a "bat walk" on Yateley Common in the autumn and we will publish details as they become available.

In the meantime, if you wish to take part in the national bat survey, have a look at this website:

www.bats.org.uk/nbmp/



The common pipistrelle

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS – 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.

Monday 5 May 2008	Yateley May Fayre Come along and find out what is planned for the whole town centre from the Tythings to Cricket Hill.
Thursday 15 May 2008	Yateley Village Design Framework SDP – Peter Tipton This meeting will be devoted to formulating the Society's response to the Yateley Village Design Framework SPD (see article on May Fayre). There is a formal 6 week period for consultation, so come and make sure we know your views.
Thursday 19 June 2008	Legends of Hampshire – David Ford. A Talk on the fascinating legends which have grown up within the old county of Hampshire over the centuries with an emphasis on North Hampshire: heroes, villains, kings, saints, monsters, giants, ghosts and buried treasure. Hampshire has it all.
Thursday 17 July 2008	Religion, Ambition and Family: Thomas Jervoise Esq of Herriard (1667-1743) – Zoe Downing. This lecture investigates how the upbringing, principles and ambitions of Thomas Jervoise interacted with his family life. He built the early eighteenth century mansion at Herriard, Hampshire, designed by John James. The lecture follows the ups and downs of the fortunes of this well-intentioned but controversial Hampshire Member of Parliament, concluding with a sympathetic evaluation of his colourful character and complex motives.
Thursday 18 September 2008	History of the Gardens at Heckfield Place – Robert Louth. Robert stood in at very short notice for our January meeting and gave a wonderful talk on the history of the gardens at Heckfield, but those who were there agreed that we should have him back so more people would be able to hear this delightful speaker talk some more about his passion.

The Conservation Working Party

We normally meet at Wyndhams Pool, Cricket Hill at 10.00 am on the last Sunday of every month (except May which will be Sunday 18 May).

Everyone is welcome to join in the fun. 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



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