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Yateley Society Summer Social

Saturday July 12th, 7pm – 10 pm
Hartford House, Vicarage Lane



!! GET TO KNOW OTHER MEMBERS !!

Graham and Jenny Brown have kindly offered the lawn of their beautiful house for this year's Summer Social.

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 raffle prize, please feel free!

There will be lots of 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, 01252 409262 or Jo Hill, jo.hill.45@ntlworld.com 01252 640909, NOW!
(Advance notice is essential to ensure that there is adequate food!)

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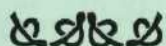
The common pipistrelle

Going Batty

Paul Hope said he would let us know when he had arranged a Bat Watch on Yateley Common. The date is now settled and you can come along on

Thursday 4th September 2008 at 7.30pm.
Meeting at Wyndhams Pool car park,
Cricket Hill Lane (SU822596)

For further details phone 01252 870425 or email
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New photographs from The Yateley Society

The weather was gloriously sunny for the May Fayre this year. Sharing space with Yateley Town Council, Hampshire Wildlife Trust and the County Rangers, the Yateley Society put on a local history exhibition and displayed a wide variety of publications and photographs for sale. Eighty entirely new, "real photographs" on archival grade paper were made available for sale for the first time, and they are available at a special price of 20p each if they are obtained directly from Trudy Boothby at one of our monthly meetings.

You can also obtain publications and postcards by visiting our website at:

<http://yateley.pbwiki.com/PublicationsLinks>

And for the newly released photographs

<http://www.photoboxgallery.com/yateleyimages/8043894>



Reminiscences of Old Yateley by a Septuagenarian.¹
(William Burrows Tice b 16.8.1860, d 3.6.1941²) (UNDATED, ca1933³)

Part One of a serialisation of the Yateley Society booklet

I have been asked by several people at different times to write a few of my recollections of the Parish where I was born and lived a long, busy life. I was born just in time to see the end of the old regime and the beginning of the new⁴.

There are great changes in the Parish since I can first remember, but one is glad to see the Old Village or Church End as we used to call it⁵ has not altered much, the quaint old "Dog and Partridge"⁶ has had to make way for a more stately and up-to-date building, but the old village smithy⁷ the and the houses on that side⁸ are much the same as they always were⁹ until you get up to the "White Lion." The residence of Miss Stilwell¹⁰ is where I went to school it was known as a Dame school and was kept by an old lady named Bunch¹¹, whose husband was the blacksmith¹²; I went there until the new school was built on the Green¹³.

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- ¹ Please note that these are reminiscences, recorded about 1933. Some information is now out of date or may be factually incorrect. They do however provide a glimpse into the world of Yateley as it was in the nineteenth century. Footnotes by R H Johnston, 2008.
 - ² This book was attested by contemporaries such as Syndey Loader as having been written by Tice. William Burrows (sometimes spelled Burroughs) Tice was the illegitimate son of Charlotte Tice (b1841), daughter of William and Martha Tice of Yateley. William Burrows Tice b. 1861 (grave in graveyard). He was a man of energy, becoming a baker and grocer, and a significant man in the village. As a boy he worked in Gadd's shop next to St Peter's church which was a grocery and bakery shop. Later he opened a wooden shop in the front garden of Goose Green Cottage in Vicarage Road, where he established a bakery. He later took over Gadd's shop, and also another in Frys Lane, formerly H Tyler's (in a house later known as "Little Holt"). Tice belonged to the Yateley Branch of the Volunteers, and was a reporter for the Hants & Berks Gazette. He was for many years a Lay Reader at the Darby Green Mission (which later became St Bamabas Church, the corrugated iron church at Darby Green. He wrote a short history of the mission.) He was also chaplain to the local Freemason Lodge. Tice was also deeply involved in homespun village entertainments. He was also the secretary of one of the "Yateley Clubs", self-help insurance schemes and social clubs for Yateley working men. He married Emily Vass in 1886, had a son Harold E Tice (1888-1980) who also became a baker. Tice is buried in Yateley churchyard with his wife and son, where a memorial records his birth and death dates.
 - ³ Tice became 70 in 1930, and other internal evidence suggests it was written about 1933, and certainly after 1931.
 - ⁴ It is not obvious precisely what Mr Tice was referring to. When he was born, Yateley was primarily a village dependant on agriculture. By the 1930s it had become a place dominated by upper middle class residents, many of them retired military men.
 - ⁵ The name Church End, to describe the group of buildings round the small green in front of the church has been recently resurrected, to avoid confusion with the rest of Yateley Green, to the west.
 - ⁶ The old Dog and Partridge was demolished in 1912
 - ⁷ The Smithy lay behind what is now (2008) the archway leading to Forge Court
 - ⁸ The North side of Reading Road, now (2008) called "from Forge Court to the White Lion".
 - ⁹ During the 1960s some of the houses were demolished and the remaining houses were linked together to form a continuous block of buildings. The most important of these is *Trythes*, just to the left of the entrance to Forge Court, which has a sun fire mark just below the eaves.
 - ¹⁰ Her house was *Trythes*, and Miss Norah Stilwell occupied it from about 1924 (See her manuscript book *Cloofy*) until her death in 1948. It was also the post office until it moved across the road to the purpose built black wooden shop (which still exists in 2008) about 1929.
 - ¹¹ Elizabeth Bunch, described in 1861 census as "School Mistress", was born at Newington Surrey, ca1813. She was buried in Yateley churchyard 9 Jan 1867, age 54.
 - ¹² Thomas Bunch, smith (buried Yateley churchyard 2 Dec 1871, age 71)
 - ¹³ The old Yateley school on the Green is now (2008) the Village Hall. The foundation stone records that the school was built in 1865.

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.

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.
Saturday 12 July 2008	Yateley Society Summer Social 7pm - 10pm at Hartford House, Vicarage Road, Yateley
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 4 September 2008	Going Battyl Bat watch on Yateley Common. Meeting at 7.30pm at Wyndhams Pool car park, Cricket Hill Lane, (SU822596)
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.

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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