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**The  
Yateley  
Society**

## **1998 SEPTEMBER MEETING**

**8:00 pm**

**Thursday 17 September 1998**

**Yateley Centre Room D.1.6**

### **'Old Camberley' - a Video made from Early 20th Century Films**

Roger Coombes will present a video depicting aspects of life in Camberley in the late 1930's.

This video was assembled by the late John King from cine films which he took while at Grammar School in Camberley. It shows a variety of celebrations, visits by notables and other special events and includes a commentary. The source of the commentary is Ken Clark, who has published books of Camberley postcards.

This is the first of a series of three videos by Mr King, and if it proves suitably engrossing the others will be shown later.

The September showing is intended to encourage interest in the history of one of the more important places near Yateley, which inevitably has had an influence on the development of Yateley and the surrounding area. It will, we hope, form an 'appetiser' for a talk to be given in January 1999 by Phil Stevens, who will tell us the story of 'Medieval Surrey Heath'.

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**Pens Out Please!** - Another Newsletter is more than overdue, but there seems to be a summer drought where articles are concerned. So far I have just ONE! - and a possible idea for something I can write. **PTO.....**



Can you help??? Anything that may be of interest to the membership, even only a few of them, would be welcome. We cover a wide range of topics and interests, so I am sure there is something out there that could be published!

I accept hand-written material, typed, or as 'Text' on a floppy disc.

If you can help out with an article, long or short, I will be very grateful.

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### **FOX FARM III: IS THE END IN SIGHT?**

The third planning appeal by British Car Auctions for permission to build 42 houses at Fox Farm, off Monteagle Lane, Yateley reopened on 3 September after two years. First surprise was a new Inspector, unknown even to Hart DC until that morning (apparently due to a clerical slip-up by the Government Office for the South East); second surprise - but one we have come to expect for these BCA inquiries - though programmed for only two days, the inquiry is continuing for a further three days: ~~Tuesday~~/Wednesday 8/9 September and Tuesday 15 September.

The Council Chamber of Hart District Council in Fleet is the arena ~~for this~~ renewed confrontation and the District Council is supported by Catherine Chatters of English Nature; Dave Burges of RSPB; the solicitor for Hampshire County Council who is calling Jeff Edwards, the County's Principal Ecologist, and Tony Davis, the Sites Manager for NE Hampshire - more familiarly known to us as the warden-in-chief of Yateley Common; Yateley Town Council, represented by Edward Dawson and Lawrence Smith; and finally, but we hope not least, the Yateley Society represented by Peter Tipton, with our expert witness, the entomologist Mike Edwards, who surveyed the insects on the commonland lying between Little Vigo and Castle Bottom for a key part of our evidence to the Inquiry in 1996.

All the indications are that this case has become a test case in the understanding of the rigours of the new environmental legislation which seeks to protect species and habitats throughout the European Community. The arguments are not easy to follow because the debate is exploring reams and reams of written argument which has been submitted by both sides to the Inspector beforehand. But we do need bottoms on seats for this one. Public interest is judged by numbers of people who turn up. This has been a difficult and tricky inquiry to prepare for, both for the Society's planning team and for Hart's solicitor, Nicolette Pike, and for Catherine Chatters and Dave Burges. The RSPB alone has spent £25,000 and English Nature may well have spent much more than that. Please try to come, even for half an hour; and please sign the attendance sheet as a Society member. Start time is 11.30am on 8 September, and 10.00am on 9 and 15 September with lunch break usually between 1.00pm and 2.00pm. If in doubt, phone 873378 the evening before you intend to come.



## **YATELEY SOCIETY PROGRAMME - 1998 / 99**

### **OCTOBER**

**TALK - Mr Mervyn Lloyd-Jones will talk on METAL-DETECTING.**

**Thursday October 15th**

Venue: Yateley Centre Room D.1.6 at 8:00pm

Mr Lloyd-Jones has taken up metal-detecting as a retirement pastime. He will describe his activities and the kinds of artefacts he finds. He will bring along some interesting examples.

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**YATELEY COMMON HALLOWEEN SPECIAL - Saturday October 24th**

Meeting point: The Gravel Pit Pond (off the A30) at 7 pm.

For details refer to the Country Park Rangers.

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**PLEASE NOTE:** There will **NOT** be a Conservation work party this month because of the Halloween festivities.

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### **NOVEMBER**

**DISCUSSION MEETING - 'SITES OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST'.**

**Thursday November 19th.**

Venue: Yateley Centre Room D.1.6 at 8:00pm

Peter Tipton will introduce the new government Green Paper - 'The Consultation on Better Protection and Management of Sites of Special Scientific Interest'. It is hoped that the eventual legislation will contain provisions which will greatly strengthen protection for vulnerable areas and will provide new ammunition to counter unwanted development. The government is anxious to receive comments on the Green Paper from Civic and similar societies. This evening is our opportunity to make our feelings known and to determine Society policy on this matter. It is hoped that local experts will attend the meeting.

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**CONSERVATION ON THE COMMON - Sun November 29th**

**THE GURKHA SPECIAL!**

Meeting point: Wyndhams Pool at 10:00 am

Assisting the Rangers to manage the Common - more volunteers are always needed!  
(Tools and free refreshments are provided)

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### **DECEMBER**

**CONSERVATION ON THE COMMON - Sun December 27th**

Meeting point: Wyndhams Pool at 10:00 am

Assisting the Rangers to manage the Common - more volunteers are always needed!

(Tools and free refreshments are provided) Come along and work off some of the excesses of the last two days!

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### **JANUARY**

**TALK - 'THE MEDIAEVAL HISTORY OF SURREY HEATH' by Phil Stevens.**

**Thursday January 21st.**

Venue: Yateley Centre Room D.1.6 at 8.00 pm.

Phil Stevens, of the Camberley History Society, has been researching the history of the Camberley-Frimley region for some time, and this talk will describe his findings for the mediaeval period and before. This is one of the meetings devoted to finding out more about our surrounding communities. In this case it is an 'exchange visit' as Peter Tipton is due to talk to the Camberley History Society in late 1998 about Yateley!

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**CONSERVATION ON THE COMMON - Sunday January 31st.**

Meeting point: Wyndhams Pool at 10:00 am

Assisting the Rangers to manage the Common - more volunteers are always needed!

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**FEBRUARY**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Thursday February 18th.**

Venue: Yateley Centre Room D.1.6 at 8.00 pm.

Once again it is time for you to help organise the Society for another year, and more importantly, to help determine our future policy. **Please do come along.**

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**CONSERVATION ON THE COMMON - Sun August 30th**

Meeting point: Wyndhams Pool at 10:00 am

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