



The
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Society

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SPRING DIARY DATES:

Thursday February 21st 2002

Annual General Meeting

8 pm The Ryder Social Area, Frogmore Community College, Potley Hill Road, Yateley



Although this is the formal Annual General Meeting, we hope to make it as pleasant an experience as possible. So, take a glass of wine while the Chairman goes through the Annual Report covering the activities and achievements of the Society. This will be followed by a forum to gather information about members needs and future activities.

Thursday March 21st 2002

The History of The White Lion

8 pm The Ryder Social Area, Frogmore Community College, Potley Hill Road, Yateley

This illustrated talk will review the history of the White Lion from its construction as a house in the late C17, through its conversion to a pub in the C19, down to its recent controversial refurbishment.

Thursday April 18th 2002

The History of Yateley Hall to 1700

8 pm The Ryder Social Area, Frogmore Community College, Potley Hill Road, Yateley

Yateley Hall looks like an early eighteenth century house, but much of the structure is older. This illustrated talk will interpret the normally hidden features that were temporarily uncovered in the late 1980s, providing a glimpse into middle class life from the late medieval period to 1700, and resolve the mystery of the Yateley Hall "moat".

Tuesday May 7th 2002

This was Yateley... Yateley Library Lecture 2002

7.15 pm The Drama Hall, Yateley Centre, School Lane, Yateley

The Society will present 3 talks in one, The Fitzroy Story (by Dr Richard Johnston), Exploring the Caves of Yateley (by Peter Tipton) and Defending Quetta with the 4th Hampshires (by Chris Bunch). Afterwards, we are invited, by the Hampshire Library Service for a glass of wine in the Library to view the Society's exhibition which, in addition to the three families subject of the lecture, will also include the genealogy of the Goddard family.

Friday May 17th 2002

Yateley Baptist Church – 175 years old!

8pm Yateley Baptist Church, Cricket Hill, Yateley

The members of the Society are kindly invited to a special presentation and exhibition about the 175 year history of Yateley Baptist Church.

..and these issues are currently in discussion by the Executive Committee:

Local Planning -

- Mushroom Farm - Lennon Community Planning (the town planners appointed by Linden Homes), held a public "Community Planning Meeting" on Jan 12 2001. The agenda was circulated just before the meeting and consisted of discussions and workshops over the course of the Saturday afternoon. Attendees were divided into four groups and asked to consider different issues, one of which was alternative uses for the site. The Society did not attend on the grounds of prematurity: the Judicial Review of the Public Inquiry has not been completed. There is a report back meeting at the Frogmore Social Hall at 7.30pm Wednesday 13 February.
- Yateley Town Centre- An "urban capacity study" is being carried out as the next stage in the Hart District Local Plan. The purpose of the study is to see how much new development can be placed within existing settlement boundaries. In Yateley the Village Design Framework project, which covers the area between the Cricket Hill and the Hall Lane roundabouts, will be able to draw on the results of the Urban Capacity Study. The purpose of the Village Design Framework is "to improve the quality of the environment, making better use of the good things there are in Yateley and to resolve long-term problems". The Society is playing an active part in this process and initial consultations are taking place with a wide number of local groups.
- Conservation Areas - A meeting was held with Henry Caswell, Hart's conservation specialist who is preparing the Darby Green Conservation Area Statement. Several suggestions and comments have been made based on the input from members at the special meeting last autumn. We have also requested modifications to be resubmitted for public consultation, to ensure the policies will carry weight at Public Inquiries. In the right format these important documents can be used very effectively for planning guidance.

And finally.....

The Society has identified a need to produce a Key Stage 2 Teacher's Pack to help with Local History studies. Unfortunately, Roger Coombes, who has been working on this, has had his wings clipped due to ill-health. So, we are now looking for a volunteer(s) Schools Co-ordinator(s) to liaise with local schools to get this project under way.

(and get well soon Roger!)

If you have any specific questions, input or desire to pursue any of these issues, please contact me or any other member of the Executive Committee.

This is also an appeal if you would like meeting reminders to be sent to you by email, please drop me an email with your address (updated if you've change it!) and I'll add you to my list.

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Yateley Society website: www.hants.org.uk/yateley/

YATELEY LIBRARY LECTURE 2002

to celebrate **National Local History Week**
the 21st anniversary of the Yateley Society
and introduce the Society's new Local History monthly programme of talks...

This was Yateley...

This year the Library Lecture will revert to the original format of having three speakers introducing the topics covered by the Society's annual exhibition mounted in Yateley Library. The timing is very special since the exhibition and lecture will coincide with the first ever national Local History Week.

Tickets: £1.00 from Yateley Library, or from the Yateley Society, or at the door
Tuesday 7 May 2002 at 7:15pm in the Drama Hall, Yateley Centre



The three talks:

The FitzRoy Scandal
Exploring the Caves of Yateley
Defending Quetta with the 4th Hampshires

Dr Richard Johnston
Peter Tipton
Chris Bunch

Francis Horatio FitzRoy owned Frogmore Park in Victorian times. Richard Johnston will trace the Fitzroy ancestry back to Charles II, on the wrong side of the blanket. For the first time Richard will also show the FitzRoy family links to most of the aristocrat and gentry families then living in Yateley and Hawley. Pictures of the imposing Frogmore Park House and the extent of the parklands are sure to fascinate those now living in Frogmore. As a climax Richard will reveal the scandal said to be the equivalent of the Profumo Scandal of the 1960s.

Peter Tipton, who has lived at Monteagle House for 25 years, will talk for the first time about the first known owner, William Cave. Cave came to live in Monteagle House in 1617 and founded a Yateley dynasty which eventually owned the brewery in Hartley Wintney, and was allied by marriage to the major brewers, maltsters and bankers in the Reading area. One of the sons of the brewer, Sir Thomas Sturmy Cave was Colonel-in-Chief of the 1st Hants Rifle Volunteers, which became the foremost voluntary battalion in the British Army.

Chris Bunch will take up the story of the 1st Volunteer Battalion of the Hampshire Regiment at the time of the First World War, when they became the 4th Battalion, the Hampshire Regiment. Chris will tell the story of his father and the 4th Hampshires as they were sent to defend that part of Raj we now know as Pakistan on the Afghanistan border. Being based in Quetta, Chris' father's war is sure to evoke parallels with today's. Meticulously researched from the battalion magazine published in Quetta, picture postcards sent back to his family, and his father's own photographs, Chris's slides and story will bring to life the part played by Yateley men in the Great War -- not the least, revealing for the first time the real people behind some of those names read out each November from the Yateley Cenotaph.

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