



The Yateley Society

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Blackwater Valley Watersports, Moulsham - The Public Inquiry was started on 23 and 24 April and continues on Monday 2 June with the final cross examination by Anne Davies of the RMC planning witness, followed by a site visit by the Planning Inspector.

I'd like to draw your attention to the following special events:

- **For National Local History Month**, there is already an exhibition on show in Yateley Library which everybody is welcome to attend, and also on Tuesday 20 May 2003 at 7:30p, there is a joint talk and exhibition by the Workers' Educational Association (WEA) Yateley Branch and The Yateley Society, sponsored by Hampshire Library Service

Tickets: £1.00 from Yateley Library, or from the Yateley Society, or at the door in the Drama Hall, Yateley Centre

Expanding Horizon : the WEA Centenary and Beyond:

Letitia Mason MA, District Tutor Organiser for the Workers Educational Association, will explain briefly the national origins of the WEA in 1903, its growth, and its responses to local learning needs and opportunities in a century of remarkable change

Yateley : a Parish through Six Centuries

Dr John Porter, tutor of the 1980's Yateley History Project, a joint WEA/Yateley Society study group, will illustrate some of the discoveries made by the group and discuss how such adult learning initiatives are revolutionising the study of local history.

After the talks in the Drama Hall Hampshire Library Service invite you to take a glass of wine in Yateley Library and view the joint exhibition, which will be on display throughout Local History Month.

- **RMC Open Day Saturday 7th June, 10.00am till 1.00pm, Eversley Quarry, Fox Lane**

Open to anyone over 18 (9 years to 18 years if accompanied by an adult).

Meet at the quarry entrance on Halls Way (will be clearly signed from the main road), Parking provided
Guided tours of the mineral workings and processing plant (lasting about one hour) and the quarry will be operating normally throughout

Mini bus from the plant site to the excavation. Protective clothing provided, but wear sensible footwear
Light refreshments provided

There should also be the opportunity to also take a tour of the Nature Reserve during the day.

And two date changes to note:

Summer Social has moved from Saturday 5 July to Saturday 26 July

May's Conservation Working Party has moved from Sunday 25 May to Sunday 1 June

Also, if you would like to visit Bramshill Police College on 17 July 2003, please let me know - places are limited!

Last month we were very lucky to have Carol White, Archaeology Lecturer at Farnborough College, talk about her excavation work on Yateley Common. A copy of her article "Lowland Heath, Landscape Features and Yateley Common" published in the MOD "Sanctuary" magazine is now available on our website under "Online Publications". (1.3Mb in size so may take a while to download!) If you do not have access to the website and would like a copy, please send an SAE to me, Jo Hill, 45 Darby Green Lane, Blackwater, Surrey, GU17 0DN.

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Yateley Footways:

I'd like to thank all those who have looked at the Yateley Footways on the website and have returned comments. For those of you who would like to see them, they are at <http://www.hants.gov.uk/yateley/> (under Current Projects). This list of footways in Yateley (surveyed in 2002) is not necessarily complete. If you know of others which should be included, or if there are errors, please inform the Yateley Society

**OUR MEETINGS ARE HELD AT
YATELEY INDUSTRIES - on the
corner of Mill Lane and the B3272
Reading Road, Yateley. 8.00 pm Start.**

(Entrance to Car Park and Reception from Mill Lane - to the left of the picture.)



The Conservation Working Party normally meets at Wyndhams Pool, Cricket Hill at 10.00 am on the last Sunday of every month.

Please note, due to the May Bank Holiday, this months meeting will be on Sunday 1 June.

Everyone is welcome to join in the fun! We do all sorts, from helping clear the notorious pond in Moulsham Lane to clearing pine trees!

Thursday 15 May 2003	Once again, Ken Clarke of the Surrey Heath Local History Club will entertain us with a local history talk about Camberley.
Tuesday 20 May 2003	Annual Yateley Library Lecture - for National History Month. For this year's exhibition the Society has joined with the WEA to celebrate their centenary. The theme will be a century of adult education in Yateley. Dr John Porter, tutor of the The Yateley History Project, has consented to give the main lecture "Yateley: a parish through six centuries". Letitia Mason will introduce John Porter with a short talk "Expanding Horizons: the WEA Centenary and Beyond". Watch for posters in the Library.
Thursday 19 June 2003	"The Owners and Occupiers of Monteagle House - Peter Tipton will take us back through four centuries"
Saturday 26 July 2003	Summer Social - Many thanks to the Jordan's for their hospitality at Abberley House for the 2002 Summer Social, especially as they have offered their gardens for the 2003 Summer Social!
Thursday 17 July 2003	Visit to Bramshill Police College. Please let me know on 01252 640909 or email jo.hill@bigfoot.com if you would like to go. Places are limited to about 20, so it will be first come, first served!
August	No meeting this month.
Thursday 18 September 2003	Following a superb introduction to the history of this infamous institution, John Heritage archivist at Broadmoor, will present the second part of his series.
Thursday 16 October 2003	The Thames Valley and Chiltern Air Ambulance helicopter carries a vast range of equipment in order to save lives, including - Maternity pack, Spinal Board, Burns kit, Defibrillator, Patient monitoring system (for blood pressure, respiration & exhaled CO ²), Ventilator, thermal blanket a stretcher and much, much more. The air ambulance flies on average 4 missions a day saving lives and tonight we have a representative coming along to tell us about their exciting and valuable work.

Programme as 1 May 2003

The Executive Committee (as elected at the AGM each February) meets every 6 weeks and this newsletter is published as a result of the reports produced for those meetings. The items mentioned here are not exhaustive, just indicative of latest projects and developments.

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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