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WW2 PROJECT

Last month we held two oral history 'Drop-In Days' at Yateley Library on 8th and 22nd May, supported by the Library Lecture "Lest We Forget" on Thursday 20th. They were a resounding success!



We had one gentleman who had driven over from Essex to the Library Lecture on Thursday 20th, and had stayed on so he could attend the Saturday session. He was the son of the wartime headmaster and brought artefacts and photographs for us to make digital copies on the spot using our professional standard equipment.

We even had a lady now living in Australia who had recognised an old school friend in a promotion we had published in the local paper. She was by chance visiting relations in Hartley Wintney. Three generations of one very interesting Yateley family turned up bringing photographs, one of a VE-Day party which previous correspondents told us never took place!

A whole family had driven over from Aylesbury, we had a couple from Gillingham, Dorset, and another family from Swindon.



Our interviewers were largely utilised at full capacity. We even had to reassign one of our 'greeters' as a 'registrar'. We used a series of prepared forms to find out which subjects our visitors could tell us about so that we can prepare interview questions to be used for future taped oral history recordings with some of them.



The excellent attendance at the events was largely due to Muriel Brent, a local lady well known in prewar Yateley, who wrote letters to all her schoolfriends and we were fortunate to have two articles published in local papers, both of which published this large colour photograph of Peter and Muriel, standing by our 'Yateley in World War 2' exhibition.

The Yateley Society is now offering a prize to local school children to produce a wartime 'rural pie' in their cookery class. These Rural Pies were cooked in rural homes and village bakeries and distributed in Yateley by the Ministry of Food via Yateley Vicarage. 450 were sold per week in a village with a population of 2,100. The pupils will use the Library for research.

① Useful weblinks 🖨

The BBC have launched a project called "WW2 People's War". Visit this comprehensive site to find out more or add your own contributions.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/ww2>

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ISSUES



The Development Control Department has a Planning Surgery held at the Civic Offices. This is where members of the public, applicants and agents can find out general planning information and look at relevant planning documents. The service is available at the following times:

Monday: 9am - 11am

Tuesday: 2pm - 4pm

Thursday: 2pm - 4pm

Friday: 9am - 11am

The Coach House, Macrae Road - An application has been received to split the former Bed and Breakfast premises into 4 flats, leaving the former stable block as one dwelling and erect a new block with 4 houses and 4 flats. This is a large development in a critical part of the Conservation Area. The Society urges all members to voice their comments about this application.



You can write in with your comments to:

Planning Services, Environmental Services Dept
Hart District Council,
The Civic Offices,
Harlington Way,
Fleet,
Hants. GU51 4AE
Quoting Council Reference 04/00661/FUL



Or do it online

The application details can be viewed online by entering
www.hart.gov/planning

Enter Council Reference 04/00661/FUL.

Comments can be made online by selecting the
"Also make comments on current applications"
option and scrolling down to the bottom of the page to the
"Comment on Application" link.

Manor Corner (1 Mill Lane) - Peter Tipton attended the site visit with the Planning Inspector and the decision, just heard, is that the appeal has been rejected!

Clarks Farm - Hart District Council have approved their new policy for the Local Plan 1996 - 2006 which allocates Clarks Farm as "suitable for redevelopment for 2,500 sq m of employment floor space in a landscaped setting, subject to the removal of the existing uses....." together with some additional criteria"

Green Slopes, Cricket Hill Lane - This is for a 5 bedroom house which will fill the gap next to Hylands. This has previously been refused by an Appeal Inspector. The Society has sent a letter of objection.

Forty Winks - A 3rd garage to link the existing double garage with the house is requested. An objection will be made.

WHAT ELSE IS GOING ON?

Castle Bottom - It seems that the bog myrtle at Castle Bottom is thriving, perhaps responding to improvement in the water.



Useful weblinks



Some very interesting facts about Bog Myrtle
<http://www.ienica.net/crops/bogmyrtle.htm>



Goodbye - We are sorry to hear of the departure of Yateley Ranger, Clare Bloomer who has been a good friend to the Society, and we would like to thank her for all her help.

Blackbushe Air Crash - An AAIB report on the accident last September has been received. The cause of the crash was undercarriage failure due to poor maintenance. There were no injuries, but the aircraft was badly damaged. We await the report on the Raytheon Premier 1 which overran the runway and was destroyed on April 7.

RMC - the planning permission obtained on appeal, has been abandoned by RMC - seemingly due to the conditions placed upon it.

Still outstanding is the issue of whether the independent Sales and Servicing operation should be classed as B2 status. Anne Davies, on behalf of the Society is pursuing the matter with Hart District Council.

Conservation Working Party - The session held on the last Sunday of April was devoted to clearance from the Cemetery to the land bank.

SUMMER SOCIAL 2004



Would you like to open your garden to the members of the Society and host this year's Summer Social?

We are planning the event for the evening of Saturday 24th July, but so far have no venue. The catering is all arranged by Mary Hocking and her volunteers, so there is no work to be done, except perhaps erecting a gazebo or two!

If you can help, or would like to know more before you commit, please contact Tony and Mary Hocking on (01252) 875158 or Jo Hill on (01252) 640909 jo.hill@bigfoot.com.

OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS ARE HELD AT YATELEY INDUSTRIES



Directions:

- on the corner of the B3272 Reading Road and Mill Lane, Yateley

Meetings are generally on the 3rd Thursday of the month,

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

I'd first like to say a huge thank you from all who attended, to Jean McIlwaine for entertaining us with her fascinating stories during our "Stroll in God's Acre" on 1st June.

Thursday 17 June 2004

The Animals of Yateley Common

Meeting at Wyndhams Pool Car Park, off Cricket Hill Lane at 7.00pm.

One of the Yateley Country Rangers will be guiding us on this walk and explaining about the current fauna to be found on the Common.

Thursday 15 July 2004

Guided Tour of Minley Manor

Meet at the Manor at 2.00pm

Yateley Society member Major Hilary Nash (retired) will be giving us a guided tour.

Because the Manor is occupied, the tour will be from 2pm - 4pm and numbers are restricted to 12. There will be a charge of £2 per head. Please let me know as soon as possible if you would like to attend - Jo Hill (01252) 640909 jo.hill@bigfoot.com.

This tour is currently oversubscribed and we are trying to arrange another for August

Watch this space!

Saturday 24 July 2004

Summer Social

Venue tba



August - No meeting

CONSERVATION WORKING PARTY:

The Conservation Working Party are a well-respected and friendly band of volunteers who meet on the last Sunday of every month at Wyndhams Pool, Cricket Hill at 10.00 am. They work alongside the Country Park Rangers to help with general maintenance and special projects on Yateley Common. If you would like more information, please call Mike Mann on (01252) 877741 or Tony Hocking on (01252) 875158.

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