

The Yateley Society

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Everyone is cordially invited to attend

Yateley Society Summer Social

*The Red Cross Centre, Montegale Lane
Saturday 13th July 2013 at 7pm*

A great opportunity for members to meet each other!

This is how it works:

A delicious buffet supper will be provided. Bring along a dessert for the table or a raffle prize and your own drinks.

Tickets £5, Children under 16 £3

*Please let me know if you would like to attend
contact@yateleysociety.org.uk or telephone
Roger Coombes on 01252 879103*

EXERCISE THE BODY AND CONSCIENCE!

**The Conservation Group normally meets at
Wyndhams Pool, Cricket Hill 10 am — last
Sunday of each 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

Here's what we've achieved so far this year:

27th January 2013. Clearance of silver birch and pine scrub from the area north of the Gravel Pit Pond,

24th February 2013. Clearance of small birch scrub and burning up of accumulated brash south east of Wyndhams Pool.

31st March 2013. Clearance of holly scrub between Wyndhams Pool and School Pond, and felling of large trees breaking down the margins of Wyndhams Pool at the southern end.

The Society's series of annual exhibitions and lectures came to an end in 2005 following the Library Service's decision that external presence in Hampshire libraries would no longer be encouraged. Eight years on and it seems that that policy has been reversed and we have been invited back. That does of course mean that we are out of practice and several of the members who were involved in the original exhibitions are no longer with us or unable to participate again.

As some of you will be aware, we have a big idea for 2014 which will be the 100th anniversary of the start of the Great War and the subject of national commemorations. To get us into practice, and in view of the limited preparation time for this year, we have a more modest plan to look at famous (and possibly infamous) people who have connections with Yateley, past and present. They might have been born here or lived or worked here. We are also intending to look at the origins of some of Yateley's street names, possibly spoiling a few myths and false assumptions.

The exhibition is expected to be in the Library from late June to early July. This is the opportunity for anyone who is interested in local history, with or without experience, to get involved. There will be a variety of tasks varying from historical research to editing material and designing the displays. For more information or to volunteer to join the exhibition team, please contact Trudy Boothby by email to contact@yateleysociety.org.uk



Roger Coombes
Chairman



**YOUR
SOCIETY
NEEDS
YOU!**



The Yateley Society has long had representation on these two local committees. If you'd like to know more about either committee or meeting dates if you'd like to attend, please call Jo Hill on 01252 640909.

Blackbushe Airport Consultative Committee

The last meeting was held on Wednesday 6 March 2013 at The Tythings. The following is a summary:

Chairman Mr M Pearson

Secretary Mr J Ellis

Representatives from –

Blackbushe Airport

Hart District Council

Yateley Town Council

Blackwater & Hawley Council

Eversley Parish Council

Yateley Society

The committee noted that no noise complaints had been reported since the committee's last meeting, held on 3 October 2012. Cllr Young was pleased to note that the number of complaints had been on a downward trend for some time. There was some discussion about incidents of low-flying, of which members had become aware. The chairman said that there was in fact relatively little scope for this because so many authorities controlled the airspace. The chairman explained the "go-round" procedure, which pilots occasionally had to use in the interests of safety, and which would sometimes lead to low flying. Student pilots, and inexperienced ones, might sometimes fly low inadvertently because the airport was 324 feet above sea level, and such pilots failed sometimes to adjust their altimeters accordingly.

Mr Miles said there would be another model aircraft show on 18 May. It was hoped that this would attract participants from the



European mainland. Mr Miles and Cllr Billings agreed to liaise with a view to including on Yateley Town Council's website a link to the proposed model air show.

Cllr Keene drew attention to the fact that 2013 was the 70th anniversary of the airport becoming operational. No members of the public attended, so there was no Question Time.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 2 October, at 7.30pm

Yateley Common Management Committee

The last meeting was held on Wednesday 6 March 2013.

Chairman Cllr Bob Harward YTC

Secretary Lawrence Smith YTC

Representatives from –

Hampshire County Council

HCC Countryside Rangers

Yateley Town Council

Yateley Commoners

Yateley Society

Hants & IOW Wildlife Trust

There were also 12 members of the public present who asked questions about tree felling, ditches in Stroud lane and general management strategies.

The HCC Rangers presented their six-monthly report, which showed good numbers of the rare birds on the Common and highlighted the provision of three new shallow ponds south of School Pond intended to attract invertebrates and wet area plants.

The next meeting is Wednesday 3 July.

- Tony Hocking

PLANNING MATTERS

On the 28th March 2013 Hart Council submitted its Local Plan Core Strategy to the Secretary of State for examination by an independent inspector. The documents submitted can be viewed on the Hart web site at www.hart.gov.uk and comprise the Pre Submission Core Strategy, recently consulted on, and new documents i.e. schedules of major and minor changes, housing numbers and the SPA. Important documents such as Infrastructure Plan, Duty to Cooperate and Habitats Assessment are still in the process of being produced. When an Inspector is appointed we will be advised of the future timescale of the examination including the chance to make further representations. Make no mistake, these are important documents that will govern how Hart will be developed during the next 15 years, so it is important that people take the time to read and understand them.

On the 1st April 2013, the 12 month transition period for the introduction of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) came to an end. Hart Local Planning Authority (LPA) must now give full weight to the NPPF. Until the new Core Strategy has been approved and in place, the LPA can rely on the current Local Plan, but where this does not comply with the NPPF, developers will be able to use this as a basis for appeal. Planning Inspector decisions have not been consistent; some accept that a Local Plan is being developed but others have made a stricter interpretation of the NPPF and have allowed the appeal. This is especially pertinent if a 5 year deliverable land supply is in question. Where Councils have complied with the NPPF it has generally resulted in extra homes being planned for. This would prove controversial if Hart had to provide for significantly more homes than is currently allowed for.

- Barry Moody

Baptist Chapel on Cricket Hill Road

Ken Walters welcomed a good audience of 50+ Yateley Society and Baptist Church Members, and thanked Valerie Kerslake for prompting the talk - an update on one done 10 years before.

2012 Was a double celebration for the Baptists being 185 years since the first Chapel was built and 180 years since the church was formed.

Ken clarified, that to the Baptists, the Chapel is the building and the Church is the people (see Acts Chapter 13).

Yateley Beginnings.

William Holland of Reading came to Yateley in 1825 to preach in peoples' homes, especially his own "The Nest" on Cricket Hill. Meetings before that were conducted in Reading / Camberley and Harley Wintney (Chapel opened in 1807). Authorisation for a chapel in Yateley was given in 1826 at a cost of £190 and the chapel was opened on 20th February 1827. The chapel was named "Zoar" and had 8 pews either side of a central aisle seating between 80 and 100 people. Services were held mornings and afternoons, with water for Baptisms coming from Wyndhams Pool. The preachers at this time were William Holland and John Andrew Jones (a noted Baptist Preacher and Writer). Stables were later added to the Chapel complex.

In 1832 the Baptist Church in Yateley was formed, some of the members were led from the Blackwater Baptist Church by Thomas Bergwy.

The 1851 census of Yateley shows a population of 833 of which 40 attended the Baptist chapel in the morning and 51 attended in the afternoon, this compares to 300 attending St Peters in the morning.

In 1856 additional land was purchased for a graveyard, and it was noted that one of the trustees was George Parker the Undertaker.

The church has no records from 1900 to 1924 but notes there were centenary celebrations in 1927.

In 1924 (till 1951) the church formed a Young Peoples society for people over the age of 14 (with no upper limit) and some people stayed in the society for over 25 years. They held open air meetings in the 1930's and later met in Eversley Methodist Chapel (after the Methodists had vacated it).

The War Years 1939 - 1945.

RAF personnel were billeted in 30 nissen huts erected on the cricket green in front of the chapel, and the church provided for the spiritual and practical needs of the airmen. Sunday evening services could have 100 servicemen attending.

Post War 1945 – 1965.

As the airmen left the Haven (home for unmarried mothers) was formed. This was run by the Baptist Union, and the Matron and up to 10 of the girls could be found in Sunday meetings.

By the early 1960's the state of the chapel and church were in a poor way. There were only 12 members, so the brave decision was made to build a new chapel at a cost of £5000.

The last service in the old chapel was in 1965, with the new chapel being opened in May 1966. 300 people attended the opening with a meeting in a large tent in front of the chapel.

The new chapel originally featured a spire but this was removed as it became very "wobbly". Other building changes were the erection of a prefab for use as a Sunday school between 1966 and 1970, this was replaced by a new building in 1973/4, and the demolishing of the old Vestry in 1976 where old bottles containing scriptures were found embedded in the structure.

Growth Years 1967 – 1983.

In 1968 the church appointed its first ever full time minister Brian Weston. The membership grew from 18 with 57 new members in this time. The next change was the adoption of an Elders and Deacons approach to the organisation of the church in the 1970's. The various Sunday schools that had been run since 1904 were formalised into Sunday meetings, these included a Sunday school that had been held for Gypsy families up at Blackbushe.







Recent Years 1984 – 2012.

The church has no current pastor, and has become a sending church - sending several members out for Christian work abroad or in the UK.

- Steve Long

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Our monthly meetings are held at 7.30pm on the third Thursday of each month at the Red Cross Centre, Monteagle Lane, Yateley, GU46 6LU (Unless otherwise stated). Members and non-members welcome, admission free.

<p>Sunday 28 April 7am—9am Friends of Yateley Common Event</p>	<p>(A little after) Dawn Chorus Walk: Venue: Castle Bottom National Nature Reserve Join bird expert Andy Davidson and the Castle Bottom Site Ranger for this early morning Bird Walk. For beginners and enthusiasts alike, this will be a great chance to spot some of the rare birds that rely on the heathland habitats found on Castle Bottom National Nature Reserve, including Dartford warblers, stone chats and woodlarks as well as more common species such as Chaffinch and Willow warblers. Please bring stout footwear and dress for the weather! Walk should last up to 2 hours. Cost: £4 per person / £3 for Friends of Yateley Common Booking Essential. More info: http://www3.hants.gov.uk/cb-eventdetails?id=178258</p>	
<p>Tuesday 30 April 5.30am BVCT Event</p>	<p>Spring Chorus Up early for the Spring Chorus! Something you should do at least once in a lifetime! Come and hear the cacophony of spring! From blackbirds and warblers to woodpeckers. Meet 5:30am Rowhill Nature Reserve, Cranmore Lane, Aldershot, GU11 3BD (SU 849 499)</p>	
<p>Saturday 11 May 10am—12.30pm BVCT Event</p>	<p>Guided Walk A 5 mile circular walk from Horseshoe Lake Water Sports Centre, Sandhurst via Ambarrow Lane, Bluebell woods, Wellingtonia Avenue, Simon's Pond, Finchampstead Ridges, Dell Road, Moor Green Lakes and the Blackwater Valley Path. Grid ref: SU 821 622. Free to members.</p>	
<p>Sunday 12 May 11am—12.30pm Friends of Yateley Common Event</p>	<p>Zebon Copse Local Nature Reserve Come and experience nature in bloom on this guided walk around Zebon Copse. Discover bluebells, rare orchids and other late spring-time flowering plants, including many ancient woodland indicators. A chance to see and identify early-flying butterflies, birds and learn about the history and management of this unique and diverse Local Nature Reserve. Please wear suitable outdoor footwear. Walk should last between 1 and 2 hours. All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Cost: £4 per person (£3 Friends of Yateley Common)</p>	
<p>Thursday 16 May 7.30pm Yateley Society Event Red Cross Centre</p>	<p>About Yateley Library Sally Garner, Assistant Library Manager for this area of Hampshire (and specific responsibility for Yateley Library) will talk about the Library Service in Hampshire - how it's been affected by cuts, how it's adapting, and the future of Yateley Library.</p>	
<p>Sunday 19 May and Saturday 8 June 2.30pm—4pm BVCT Event</p>	<p>Wildlife Garden tour A rare opportunity to see an award-winning garden in Camberley. BVCT Trustee Bernard Baverstock is the owner of the current 'Best Wildlife Garden' in Surrey Heath and he has generously agreed to open it up. Bernard will give a guided tour and describe what he has done to encourage a variety of wildlife. Free to members but contributions to BVCT gratefully received. Visitor numbers are limited so please book now through our events booking form at www.bvct.org.uk/node/183</p>	

Please note that our monthly meeting time has changed to

7.30pm start—9.30 pm finish



We'd like to welcome new members:

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