



During the schools' half-term break the Society's Exhibition, "World War I: Yateley's Story", moved from Yateley Library to the library in Frogmore College where it will be used by teachers and pupils as part of Year 9's curriculum in this second half of the autumn term. It came out of Frogmore over the weekend of Remembrance Sunday to appear on the Green between the War Memorial and the Dog and Partridge for the afternoon Remembrance Service.

The Exhibition had been on public display in the Library for two months. It is difficult to know how many visitors looked at it because comments left in the visitors' book are disappointingly few, but we have received much positive verbal feedback from people who saw the exhibition but were unaware of the visitors' book and the free information leaflets. There were also encouraging sales of Graham Fleuty's book, "Yateley Men at War" (still available) and most rewarding were the contacts made with the relatives of three of the names on the War Memorial at Graham's book signing sessions.

I shall be saying more about the work of the Exhibition Committee in the Annual Report which will be published prior to the AGM in February 2015. Meanwhile, the committee/research team continues to work and meet monthly. If you would like to become involved please contact me for details.

It was a relief on the night of 16th October to have 76 people in Yateley School's Drama

Studio listening to Major (Rtd) Roger Coleman's talk on the Royal Hampshire Regiment during the Great War. A sizeable proportion of that audience retired

to the Library afterwards for refreshments and chat about the talk and the Exhibition. I say "relief" because just 10 days earlier only 14 tickets had been sold and we were faced with the prospect of cancellation. However, a super-human effort of telephoning, emailing and tweeting resulted in a more successful evening than we had dared hope for in the previous week – but what hard work it had been to rally those extra numbers! Special thanks for that go to Peter Tipton and his "social networking" techniques. Overall, though, a big thank you to everyone who came!



Roger Coombes

Christmas Social

*Join us for a quiz,
mince pies and mulled
wine on Thursday 16th
December in the Red
Cross Centre at 7:45.*



Planning Matters

Hart Local Plan

Hart Council's consultation over its Preferred Strategy for Housing Growth has completed. There were 684 responses from residents, developers, planning agents, landowners and statutory consultees. In order of preference the results were as follows:

- 1st Option 4 New "Garden Town".
- 2nd Option 1 Within existing settlements.
- 3rd Option 3 Strategic urban extensions.
- 4th Option 2 Extend existing settlements.
- 5th Option 5 SPA avoidance.

At a meeting of Hart District Council on the 27th November the following housing distribution was approved for testing purposes only (note that it is not council policy):-

Odiham, North Warnborough, South Warnborough, Greywell and Long Sutton.	150-200 dwellings
Within existing settlement boundaries from those settlements within 5km of the SPA.	750 dwellings.
Developments extending settlement boundaries within 5km of the SPA.	100-650 dwellings

Strategic Urban Extensions (no individual site identified)	0 – 600 dwellings
New settlement at Winchfield	1800 – 2400 dwellings

There was considerable opposition from Winchfield residents who wanted the area of Winchfield removed from the text which would allow other sites to be tested. However, land around Winchfield was the only large enough area submitted for a new town. Investigation into other options would cause delay to the Local Plan being produced.

Hart plan to submit the next stage of the report during summer 2015 which is likely to be a pre submission draft of a new Local Plan.

Following the Council meeting on the 27th November the Council Leader Ken Crookes resigned after an amendment to remove Winchfield from the Hart Preferred Strategy was defeated.

One other controversial issue arose from the Council meeting, and that is under the Duty to Cooperate, because both Rushmoor and Surrey Heath are finding it difficult to identify sufficient spare land to meet their housing requirements they could request Hart to provide any shortfall. Hart could be pushed into the position where it would need to accommodate up to 3000 extra homes above those already being planned for.

Barry Moody

Yateley Society Library Lecture

With World War commemorations in the front of all our minds I was interested to see that YS had researched and organised a display of how Yateley was impacted by the start of the war in 1914 and also a lecture by Roger Coleman about the Royal Hampshire Regiment and their part in the first war.

I did think that perhaps not being an historian or having much military knowledge the talk might be a bit dry and above my head. I decided to give it a go though, as much to support the library lecture if nothing else. I need not have worried, the audience were a mixed bunch with some youngsters, some were relatives of men from the Hampshire regiment, some like me who were just interested and of course quite a few YS members.

The drama studio at the school was virtually full and after a brief introduction by Roger Coombes the talk started. The speaker Roger Coleman certainly knew his stuff, he spoke pretty much from memory only occasionally consulting notes to get names or dates exactly right. He managed to explain the structure of a military regiment, how men were recruited at the start of the war and how and where they received their basic training.

He made the talk very personal by picking individuals from the regiment, reading letters they had written, explaining where and how they fought and if they died in action, made it through or were one of the many 'known only to god'. He even had researched some of the Yateley men who signed up and talked about their war and what they achieved.

I thought Roger Coleman was a very accomplished speaker. He seemed to include the whole audience and walked from side to side almost seeming to address certain individuals in

the audience. He asked questions, made us think how we would have felt in certain circumstances and used his many slides very well. The whole evening was very interesting and I learnt so much, for example, how much of WW1 had been fought in Greece, Turkey and what is now Iran & Iraq, a fact I hadn't known. There were also slightly poignant moments but that is how it should be, as we will remember them.

I'm glad I gave the YS lecture a go and hope you might too.

Clare Andrews

[Clare is one of the Yateley librarians -.Ed]

The Dog and Partridge

The dog and partridge public house in Yateley has only existed in its present architectural form since the end of 1912. The site has, however been an established watering hole, and haven for the weary, for many centuries.

It is known from the church records, that the ancient church of St. Peter's had a church house, first mentioned in 1657, when the church wardens paid two pence, half yearly to the dean and chapter of Winchester, for the church House at Yateley, at the Feasts of the Annunciation of The Blessed Virgin Mary and of St Michael the Archangel (Cronwall Costumal).

These church houses were a valuable part of the life of the village and fulfilled many functions; affording rest and refreshment in safety for the travelling pedlars, merchants and pilgrims.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Our monthly meetings are held at 7.45pm 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.

Thu 18 th December	Christmas Social – see front page
Thu 15 th January 2105	TBA
Thu 19 th February	AGM

The Dog & Partridge (contd)

The old building probably had a large room that was used for social functions, as forerunner of the church hall. The parish of Yateley was very large prior to 1835 stretching from Laffins Plane in Farnborough to Hawley, Cove and Minley. People would walk miles to church; arriving for Mass and resting over at The House (Dog and Partridge) until vespers in the evening.

In 1594 there was a clampdown on the type of person who could frequent the house. Orders issued by the Privy Council no less, " No victualler, tipler or ale-house keeper, shall permit or suffer any persons, dwelling within a mile of their house to come into their House to eat or drink, except substantial householders and their wives children and servants, travelling to the church, being a mile distant from their houses (Notes & Queries 3:1:1857)

Jean McIlwayne

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

[Notices on the common suggest that the rangers would be pleased to hear from people available at other times. -Ed]

Membership renewal

Please remember to renew (or join as appropriate). The membership year runs from 1st October to 30th September. -Ed.

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