



The  
Yateley  
Society

# NEWSLETTER

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## Yateley Society Summer Social

Saturday July 10<sup>th</sup>, 7pm – 10 pm  
Hartford House, Vicarage Lane



### **!! GET TO KNOW OTHER MEMBERS !!**

Graham and Jenny Brown have kindly offered the lawn of their beautiful house for this year's Summer Social.

There will be a buffet meal - the main course will be provided, but the sweet course will be left to you, the visitors to bring! - past experience shows that an amazing array of delicacies will appear.

Please bring your own drinks along.

If you cannot provide a sweet - please do not be put off, perhaps you could donate a raffle prize instead, or just come along without! If you are exceptionally generous and can bring both a sweet and a raffle prize, please feel free!

There will be lots of friendly chat, and there is always the chance that someone will produce a devilish puzzle to keep the brain cells busy!

**All members, their families and prospective members are welcome.**

**If you would like to come, please let Trudy Boothby, [trudyb@rya-online.net](mailto:trudyb@rya-online.net), 01252 409262 or Jo Hill, [jo.hill.45@ntlworld.com](mailto:jo.hill.45@ntlworld.com) 01252 640909, NOW!**

**(Advance notice is essential to ensure that there is adequate food!)**

Tickets: £5 adults, £3 children under 14. Pay on the night!



**Reminiscences of Old Yateley by a Septuagenarian.**  
(William Burrows Tice b 16.8.1860, d 3.6.1941) (UNDATED, ca1933)  
**Part Eight of a serialisation of the Yateley Society booklet**

*Footnotes by R H Johnston, 2008.*

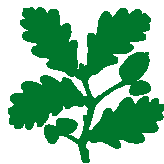
I feel I must record this little incident:- The first Sunday of the new pews an old lady<sup>1</sup> who used to come all the way from Starveacre<sup>2</sup>, the colony of houses on the left hand side of the Common near Blackwater, she came in the door and pulled up suddenly and looked all round the Church, then turning to Mr. Hilton<sup>3</sup>, the verger, said quite loudly, "Where have I got to set now Henry?" which was very amusing to us boys who were sitting at the back of the verger's pew where the school children sat in those days. He said, "Come along Mrs. Coles, I will find you a seat." This same old lady was always careful to come in the morning when it was Sacrament Sunday<sup>4</sup>, because Mr. Lewin used to avail himself of the Rubric, which says, "If any remain of that which was consecrated it shall not be carried out of the Church but the Priest and such other of the Communicants as he shall then call unto him shall reverently eat and drink the same." The said old lady's name was never omitted, I believe the reason was that the Vicar knew what a long way she had to come and would have to retrace her steps before getting any refreshment, he did it out of kindness of heart.

That Sunday<sup>5</sup> was the only time we had a collection; one of the Churchwardens used to stand at the Church door with a basin for the people to put their offerings in, those who were staying for the Communion would go and put their money in, then go back to their seat.

In 1870 the Vicar brought home the second Mrs. Lewin<sup>6</sup>, a lady much younger than himself, who soon began to wake things up a bit, she went round the parish and rounded up the young folk and induced them to come forward and be prepared by the Vicar for Confirmation, a great many came forward and she took them to Heckfield, I remember, where there was to be a Confirmation.

She then turned her eyes to the Church and thought it would be nice to have a small choir. The Vicar brought her over to the School<sup>7</sup> and asked the Schoolmaster to let us sing something, she then went round putting her ears down to listen, and when she had got something useful she made us sing again. I remember when she got to me, she said, "This little chap has not a strong voice, but it's very sweet what there is." I was one of the lucky ones to be chosen for the choir and I have been in the choir ever since. In the meantime Mr. Shute<sup>8</sup> had very kindly given a key organ, and that did away with the handle organ and small gallery at the west end of the Church<sup>9</sup>.

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- 1 Mrs Priscilla Coles (nee Girdler), of Starve Acre, who was buried in Yateley churchyard, 9 Mar 1879, age 91. She was the widow of Thomas Bailey Coles, whom she married at Yateley, 20 Dec 1811, and had seven children baptised at Yateley: Mary (b 22 Sep 1812), Eliza (bapt 6 Nov 1814), George (bapt 25 Jul 1819), William (bapt 9 Sep 1821), James (bapt 8 Feb 1824), Thomas (bapt 17 May 1826), Charles (bapt 23 May 1827). Her husband was buried at Yateley, 2 Jul 1828, aged 40. By 1841 she was in housing provided for the poor at Castle Bottom.
  - 2 The road is now (2008) called Woodside. This area of land had been allocated to a number of poor people in the parish in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century, as a means of self-help to lift them out of poverty.
  - 3 Henry Hilton.
  - 4 At this period when Rev Ricard Lewin was the incumbant, Holy Communion was not celebrated every Sunday.
  - 5 That is, the "Sacrament Sundays" when there was Holy Communion
  - 6 Mrs Ellen Lewin, born at Silchester, Hampshire about 1829, she was about 37 years younger than Rev Lewin. Since Rev Richard Lewin was undoubtedly very eccentric and old fashioned, one wonders what circumstances led her to seek this marriage. Rev Lewin's first wife Sarah had died 2 April 1868, age 65.
  - 7 Yateley school, on Yateley Green
  - 8 George Shute Esq, the same as previously mentioned.
  - 9 Tice appears suggest that the barrel organ and west end gallery were removed and the key operated pipe organ were installed in 1870, since Tice says below that the choir had been in existence for 2 years in January 1872.



**National Trust**

Dear All

*This is the information I have received with regard to our members being able to have a free day pass to a National Trust site. If you have any problems, let me know – Jo Hill*

The individual members of all civic societies who join Civic Voice can receive the offer of a free day access pass. This will provide free access to any National Trust property during normal opening hours subject to a small number of restrictions.

The free pass is available to download by your members by using the following link [www.civicvoice.org.uk/nationaltrustcivicvoiceoffer](http://www.civicvoice.org.uk/nationaltrustcivicvoiceoffer). You will need to promote the opportunity in your members' newsletter and/or electronic bulletin, by providing details of the link, perhaps alongside a short article mentioning local National Trust properties or arranging a group visit. (Which I will ask Trudy to look at – Ed). The link should *not* be put on your public website. The pass is transferable and can be given to friends or family if a member is already a member of the National Trust.

Where members do not have internet access a free day pass will also be available by sending a stamped addressed envelope to Civic Voice, Unit 101, 82 Wood Street, The Tea Factory, Liverpool L1 4DQ requesting one and providing contact details and the name of the group which is a member of Civic Voice.

This offer is available in the first year that a civic society joins Civic Voice.

## MILL LANE

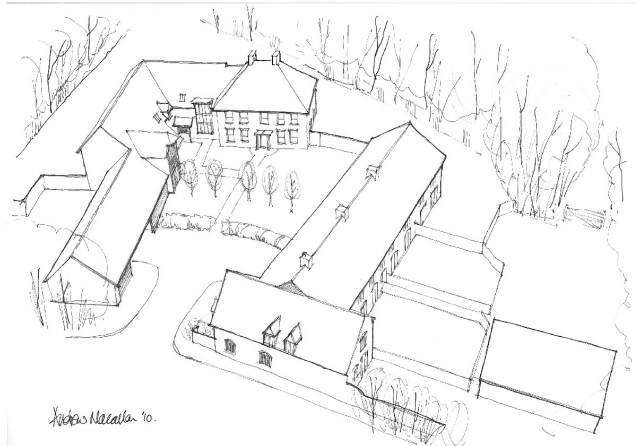
A planning application has been received for retrospective permission to establish a caravan site on the area containing the old Guide Hut.

In response to requests from residents and our investigations, an objection had been sent on the basis of being unsuitable in that location, (adequate caravan sites already in existence), and approval could hinder the extension of the Yateley Green Conservation Area to include Mill Lane region.

## THE COACH HOUSE

I hope the drawing below has reproduced adequately well for you to be able to see the proposed development for the site of the Coach House.

The scheme is for 7 dwellings with access from Macrae Road for 4 dwellings and Old School Lane for the other 3 dwellings.



## HAWLEY MEADOW

By allocating Suitable Accessible Natural Greenspace (SANG), the council hope to fulfill their requirement to draw the public away from using Special Protection Areas (SPA) for leisure activities such as dog-walking, which affect the SPAs wildlife and their habitat.

Yateley News reported recently that Hart intend to allocate Hawley Meadow as such a SANG. The Exec Committee decided to respond to this on behalf of the Society with this comment: "We note that this land is already natural green space accessible to the public so we are sceptical as to whether designating it as a SANG would actually attract more dog-walkers away from the SPA. Residents who find it more convenient than the SPA presumably already use it.

Residents of any new developments in Yateley or Blackwater would continue to make use of the SPA since it would require a car trip to reach the new SANG.

We therefore believe that it would be difficult to demonstrate that designating this area as a SANG would be effective in drawing people away from the SPA and we question whether its effective zone of influence would be sufficiently large to make this worthwhile."

# PROGRAMME OF EVENTS - 2010

Our meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month at **The Tythings, Reading Road, Yateley**, 8.00 pm start unless otherwise stated. *All events are open to non-members and there is no admission charge.*

Saturday 10 July 2010	<b>Yateley Society Summer Social</b> 7pm - 10pm at Hartford House, Vicarage Road, Yateley
Thursday 15 July 2010	<b>Tour and Talk of Eagle House School.</b> Please arrive at Eagle House School at 7.15pm for tour to start at 7.30pm. If you require transport please contact Trudy on 01252 409262
Thursday 16 September 2010	<b>Greg Bramwell</b> Folklore and Legends of the local area

## **The Conservation Group normally meets at Wyndhams Pool, Cricket Hill at 10.00 am on the last Sunday of every 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



## **CONSERVATION AREAS**

Hart DC have now appointed consultants, The Conservation Studio, to redraft the descriptions of the Conservation Areas. The plan is to start with Yateley Green then go on to Darby Green and Cricket Hill.

The Society has offered to help in any way we can to achieve this.

## **CAN YOU HELP?**

*In the last newsletter I asked for help, but I have had absolutely no replies. These jobs won't take up much of your time and would really, really help the local community!*

On the Committee we really need help in the following areas:

- Publicity and PR – free reign!
- Webmaster – training and help provided if necessary
- Minute Secretary for Exec Committee mtgs (once every 6 weeks + AGM)
- Local planning application review, working with Tony Hocking

If you think you could offer a little of your time to be involved in any of these areas, please contact me, Jo Hill, my details are below.

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