

## Feltham History Group February meeting 2024

### Following the Chairs introduction

the first matter under Items of Interest was of a find in the garage of St Dunstan's Vicarage, which was given by member Ian Stuchbury.

The opening theme was based around the television programme 'Talking Pictures TV' – those of you that tune into TPTV and particularly The Footage Detectives on Sunday's at 5pm would have heard the request for old film or for more general day to day items of our earlier life WHICH may be in our lofts or garages – part of the opening spiel is 'they want to hear from you! - their mantra is "it may lead to something which may lead to something else"; an example of such materialised recently at the garage at St Dunstan's Church (see FHG website)

the next item concerned The Dell and/or Clymping Dene – 'This is Walter Norman White-Thompson pictured with his Nr 1 Bi-Plane January 1913 – he once resided at The Dell Harlington Road West, Feltham'



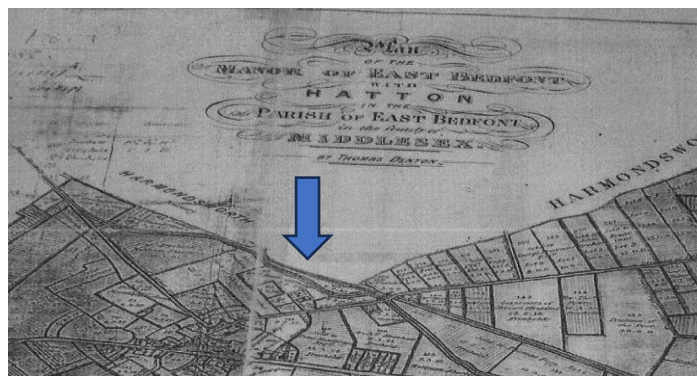
He was one of many over the years that lived occasionally at a property know as either The Dell or Clymping Dene, either is used because there is some doubt which was which. 'Clymping Dene could have been the Dell and the Dell Clymping Dene - the description in Buster Lloyd Jones's book 'The Animals came in one by One' describes the house and grounds as being *in 10 acres of grounds "a Spinney" a*

*Paddock and a colossal kitchen garden and wide stretches of evergreen wilderness – a huge lake 21 feet deep and he continues “fishermen treasured it”* As can be seen there is much more to be researched which we shall bring to you later this year. The next agenda item was on the Feltham Railway Station project ‘update’ with Michael Olden; however, Michael was not able to be in attendance due travel disruption. This will be rescheduled to a later meeting.

‘Email enquiry’ - Two Bridges Farm Bedfont, the following is in response to a recent email enquiry regarding Two Bridges Farm Bedfont ‘in which’ a Mr Cheesman who is the Bio-diversity Manager for Heathrow Airport, asked of the history of the farm - response as follows.



The below is a section of the Bedfont enclosure map of 1817 as it pertains to the area that became known as Two Bridges Farm



Clearly shown are the two rivers, Longford River 'bottom' and the much straighter river Duke of Northumberland's 'above'.

Parcel or Lot nr 276 on the enclosure map is generally the area of Two Bridges Farm. Its area was but 3 acres and was purchased 'freehold' by George Engleheart. (1750–1829) Engleheart was a English painter of portrait miniatures) and lived at a large house along Staines Road Bedfont. We hope to continue this item of interest at the March meeting following further corresponding with Mr Cheeseman

Forthcoming events – there were no forthcoming events

Meeting times? – there was a short discussion concerning alternative meeting times; this mainly centred around a change from evening meetings to afternoon meetings! There was also a consideration to increase the membership fee by £2.00

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The Short Talk for the evening was presented by Assistant Secretary Mike Dance, subject being 'Local Museums 'then and now' (see website)

Next meeting Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2014 @ 7-30pm