## Feltham History Group

May 2015 meeting held at Christ Church Hanworth Road Feltham (Ruffle Room)

The May meeting was held once again in the church proper to accommodate numbers attending.

The Chairman welcomed members and promptly introduced Mr Arthur Fay a well known local Post Card collector. The main purpose of Arthur's visit was for confirmation the position of an image that formed part of his collection. The image was of a firm of Tack and Agricultural instruments and hard ware suppliers set somewhere along Feltham High Street. With the help of O/S maps and the 1909/13 Property Evaluation of England members were able to identify the place as being standing somewhat to the south of the Four Point Garage – today's Land of Leather.

The Chairman continued with information on the Mount [Hanworth] which had undergone a 'haircut' the purpose, via Hounslow's Arborist Dave Horgan, was given as to dangerous underground movement which may be due the deterioration of the old Ice House. Foliage would soon return.

Member Andi Barnes gave an update on Bedfont's Finger Post, the grade 2 listed buildings work and Feltham's Peoples Centre. There was also mention of the current state of the Rose and Crown St Dunstan's Road.

Under forthcoming events were, 9th May Bell Ringing at St Dunstan's Church 3pm, the second of the Spring Talks at Feltham Library 'Feltham in the 1950's 60's and 70's Saturday 30th May with on the 27th June 'Cream Tea and a history day at St Dunstan's given by members of the history group 10am – 4pm.

In AOB member Roger Griffiths alerted members to an application to demolish the Firs and another old house once called Uplands, both standing in Hounslow Road. Roger also made mention of an order by the council enforcing the owner to restore a number of houses in Hounslow Road to their original configuration.

The short talk for the evening was given by the Secretary on Local and Family History and how the two 'interact' and 'complement' each other. The account was mainly related to an Aunt of the Secretary who had recently died.

The 'interaction' was that she had lived in the area for some 70 years mush of the time in the same house; wherein an emporium of local and family history was found.

There were documents relating to her various occupations, e.g. General Aircraft in WW11, REME/RAOB in the Depot at Feltham, the fledgling Hunting Clan, a small airline at the newly opened Heathrow, and various shops in Feltham High Street plus paraphernalia relating to local events, i.e. VE celebration at Feltham Park, events at the Methodist Church [Christ Church Feltham] Sports days and dances at GAL and many others.















The Chairman closed the meeting at 21-23

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