

Feltham History Group minutes of April meeting
Tuesday 4th April 2023.

The meeting, comprising of AGM and April monthly meeting. Following the normal greeting the Chair opened the meeting and commenced with the business of the AGM.

Firstly the reports for fiscal year 2022/23 were read and approved, following which nominations for Committee post(s) year 23/24 were requested.

Nomination sheets were collated and election proceeded.

Given that the Chair had stepped down it was at this point that the Secretary took charge of the meeting and proceeded with nominations for the **position of Chair**; there was but one nomination that being of Roger Cowing who was duly elected – following this appointment the Secretary handed over the business of other posts to the ‘new’ Chair.

The chair then called for nominations for position of **Honorary Secretary** – there being but one nomination that of Alan Rice who following a show of hands was elected

the next position:

‘**Treasurer**’ witnessed but one candidate being forwarded, i.e. Tony Fredjohn, he being nominated and seconded and approved.

The meeting continued with election of other executive post which are set out below
Vice Chair Tony Fredjohn;

Assistant Secretary Mike Dance,

Assistant Treasurer Roger Griffiths

following a show of hands all were elected into the posts.

There being one other post to fill that being **Membership Secretary**; duly elected to that post was Roger Cowing

Feltham History Group Secretaries report 2023/24

forthcoming meetings, talks walks and other events.

The monthly meetings will continue 'as published on our website' together with other activities of the 'group' for fiscal year 2023/24. With regard our Spring Talks the venue is confirmed as St Dunstan's Church, beginning Saturday 15th April when a talk will be presented by members of the group entitled 'an introduction to the History of Feltham' with on Saturday 10th June the Hon Secretary will talk on Rivers, Brook and Streams of Feltham Urban District area. The June talk will also include our annual display at St Dunstan's Church. We will be participating in Feltham Fete 'date'

We are also planning a series of short walks in July, August and September; the walks will not be too arduous but stout shoes are advised together with utility garments and a kit bag full of vitals! They will be planned to a circular in nature 'where possible'. As we have spoken much on Hanworth Brook we thought that members may wish to view this 'delight' We will be walking around Bedfont Lakes Country Park culminating with a walk around Bedfont churchyard extension and the municipal cemetery.

The short talks for the monthly meetings have yet to be finalised for year 2023/24

May 2nd	short talk The Barnham family (TF)
June 6th	short talk Flora and Fauna (MD)
September 5th	short talk Gunnersbury Park Museum (MD)
October 3rd	short talk St Catherines Church (AR)
November 7th	short talk 'Remembrance time' (TF)
December 5th	short talk Hawkwind (MD)
February 2024	short talk TBA
March 2024	short talk TBA

Hon Secretary

April meeting

Chair's introduction, change of date 'talk' it has been found necessary to change the date of our second talk; the talk will now be Saturday 10th June, n.b. which will be in conjunction with our annual history display which will have a start time of 12noon; Annual subscriptions 2023/24 are due

Items of interest

Destination Feltham! 'up-date' MD – Mike gave a report of the last meeting and generally giving detail(s) of various projects provided information on an area that would be of most importance to us [FHG] and that is a suggested celebration of the Spire of St Catherines Church [125 years] as there was no firm date, and indeed no venue it was decided to wait for further information

Forthcoming events

Spring talks at St Dunstan's Church

15th April 2023- An introduction to the History of Feltham

10th June – Rivers, Brooks and Streams of the Urban District of Feltham

19th August Feltham Fete [Feltham Green]

Summer Walks –

three walks are planned all being fairly 'local', and/or a short ride via an 'H BUS'

July 16th - Hanworth Airpark; (circular) to include a tour of Tudor Court and St Georges Church 'internal' meet 1-45 at Browells Lane near Airman

August 6th - Bedfont Lake Country Park 'perimeter walk' including a visit to the cemetery and St Mary's burial ground extension 'bus ride' H25 Feltham to Bedfont Lakes. Meet in car park of Country Park at 1-45

September 3rd- Hanworth Brook (circular to an extent) 'bus ride' H26 Feltham to Hanworth meet junction of Main Street/Nallhead Road near Lindon Bennett School

In addition to our walks, members may wish to join Christine Diwell of Hounslow & District History Society on Monday 29th May 2-30 Isleworth Cemetery, (parking in cemetery) and maybe a tour of 'Mens Sheds' which is housed in the chapels (small charge)

AOB – there were 3 items, the first being a request for confirmation of attendance to visit Pinner – for which 6 members expressed an interest – Will said he would arrange a date and would report back.

The next item came from Mike Parsons who alerted members to a card and item fair at the Catholic Church Woodthorpe Road Ashford, this being a short meeting, i.e. 11am to 1pm 22nd April.

The business of the meeting ended the Chair gave a compendium '3' of articles relating to local history produced by the late Edwin Menday which were published in the Middlesex Chronicle (RC)

Next meeting Tuesday 2nd May 2023

FELTHAM HISTORY GROUP APRIL 2023 MEETING

FELTHAM MAGISTRATES COURT C1955



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AGM 2023

- Officers Reports
 - 1, Chair's Report (events and proceedings year) 2022/23 (RC)
 - 2, Secretaries Report (forthcoming events) 2023/24 (AR)
 - 3, Treasurers Report 2022/23 (TF)
- 4, Election of Officers 2023/24

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APRIL MEETING 2023

- Items of interest
- Destination Feltham! 'up-date' MD

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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SHORT TALKS

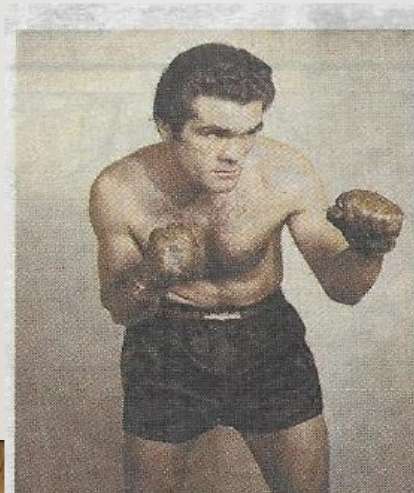
- A further tribute to the late Edwin (Eddie) Menday



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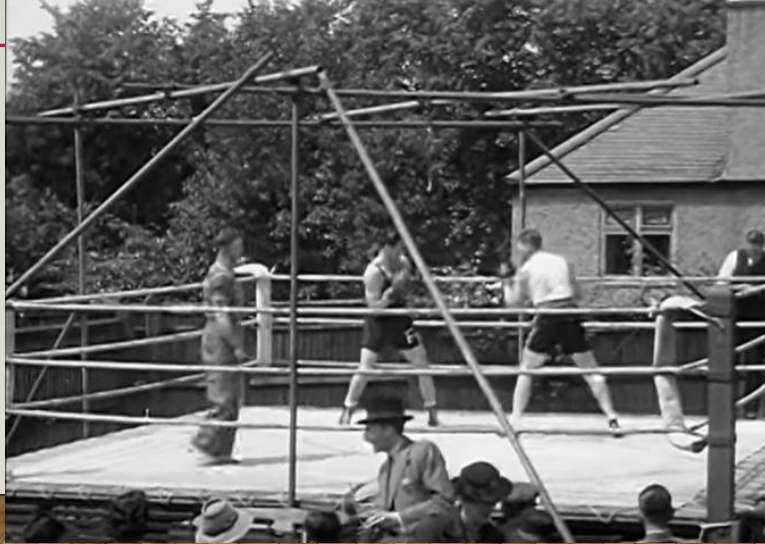
- Pub that welcomed WW2 Pilots and a Champion 'Freddie Mills'
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'SPARRING' BACK GARDEN OF AIRMAN PUBLIC HOUSE

- '3 Half a crown's - 7/6d a round' – a local man Bill Taylor gave him a fright!



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'GLOVED UP'

- Airman Back Garden



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FREDDIE'S GRAVE

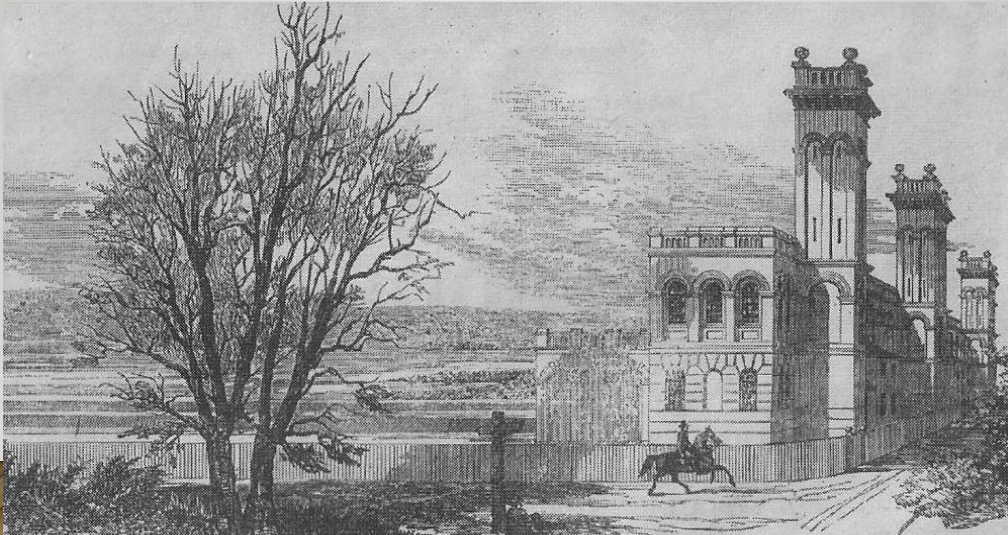
- Camberwell cemetery



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LOOKING BACK HAMPTON WATER WORKS

- image 1855 (London Illustrated News)



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MANY OF THE BUILDINGS HAVE LISTED STATUS

- - - Hampton Water works



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HAMPTON ENGINE

- [The] Hampton, Kempton, and Sunbury



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LOOKING BACK “CREAM OF THE CROP”



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JOBS BOTTLING PLANT SNAKEY LANE



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JOBS STAFF AND FAMILY

- Family outing



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AW SMITHS FARM, HIGH STREET FELTHAM IMAGE TAKEN FROM GARDEN OF BLASIE FARM



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