

Feltham History Group March meeting 2024

The Chair opened the meeting with a customary greeting and a request for help in identifying salient points relating to an image. The image was of Hatton Cross junction and the request was the date of the image and explanation of the “keep clear” boards that indicate “BOMB” this may well be a ‘post- war’ unearthing of an unexploded bomb! And not a war time



Under Items of interest Feltham’s waterways there was an observation pertaining to the rainfall of recent weeks which brought about a substantial volume of water finding its way into the local waterways of the area, i.e. Feltham Brook, Feltham Hill Brook, Spring Road Brook, Hanworth Brook, Crane River and Longford River ‘with particularly emphasis on Feltham Brook’ (as these images show.) Our ever-continuing search for the reason for the blockage ‘lack of water’ at the northern end, i.e. the source, can be linked to the culvert below the railway line adjacent Henry Pauling School being blocked! –

These images show a way through the undergrowth has been cut to further show that the blockage is due water not continuing below the railway lines.



Additionally there is to be an Environment Agency meeting on Feltham/Portlane Brook which is to be led by them, date to be arranged. The need for a meeting arose from the LB Hounslow Hanworth Area Forum meeting – it is hoped therefore progress will be made with regard to water once again flowing in the brook!

Feltham Railway project this took the form of an ‘up-date’ by Michael Olden on the Feltham Station depiction which will show a time line of history of Feltham

The following was another update on a furniture [and oddments] firm named Crosby’s by member Ray Edwards

**Furniture and Clean Household
Oddments Wanted**
Either for cash, or in part exchange
for new furnishings selected from our
showrooms.
Credit sale terms arranged if required.
Immediate attention to enquiries.
CROSBYS OF FELTHAM
76 High Street, Feltham, Middlesex.
(FEL: 4461).

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GENTS and ladies' used clothing wanted, also children's outgrown items. Must be in good condition. We would call in case of complete wardrobe. — CROSBY'S 5 Holly Parade, High Street, Lower Feltham, Middlesex. Telephone FELtham 4461. Established 19 years. TC

ALL and any articles and all kinds of furniture and effects wanted. Houses cleared and arrangements made to clear lumber.—R. H. TUNE, 3 Glenthorne Road, Hammersmith, RIVERSIDE 5704. TC

BIG turning tools, chasers, milling cutters, reamers, taps and anything useful bought for the engineering trade.—R. T. Thorpe Ltd., Brent Way, Brentford. W

GENTLEMEN'S part-worn suits, shoes, underwear, etc., wanted in good condition. We would call in event of complete wardrobe.—Crosby's, 5 Holly Parade, High St., Lower Feltham. (FEL 4461). TC

05 June 1959

St D's Garage find; Ian Stuchbury provided further information on the items featured at the February meeting. This was from a daughter of one of the group members pictured outside St Dunstan's Church - Sue writes -

Hi Ian

The group outside the church are St Dunstan's choir. My grandfather Bullen between priests was organist at St D's. My father is in the back row and my mother in the front (don't know who the crosses are) Jessie Gamble is definitely in glasses. She was blind and partially disabled and was an amazing character. She is David Gamble's [current ORGANIST] great aunt. My parents used to take her on walks when they were courting. She was their chaperone. The perfect 'one' being blind. Ha Ha Ha. There was a house opposite Feltham Green which was the Parish Office and Parish Hall. My grandparents Cromwell were caretakers and lived in the property while Vicar Browell was vicar. Susan

It is believed many of the images came via Ken Baldwins collection, Ken died 1981 - please note that the images currently on our website will have the above detail added to the relevant images.

Forthcoming events – under this common feature notes on the ‘Programme of events for 2024 was indicated, of which there will be more info at April meeting,

Short talk, this was given by Tony Fredjohn on the ‘History of local foods’ (see website for full detail)

The next meeting will be the AGM and the April Meeting