

Feltham History Group

Tuesday 7th March 2017, Christ Church, Hanworth Road, Feltham @ 19:50

The Chairman opened the March meeting with news of the possibility that the current venue not being available in the not too distant future. Although not confirmed, the Chair in anticipation of such 'non availability' that a new venue be sought

Under Items of interest the group were made aware of a new planning submission had been forwarded to Hounslow Council concerning Hanworth Park House, particularly the Forest Road (trades) entrance. The new application centred around the 'now' only entrance and the number and style of buildings and with regards the house that additional 'rooms' will be made available for community use

The Chair informed members that the talk on **Tuesday 28th March** Hounslow & District History Society on Cemeteries 'Management and Disposal of the Dead' (a personal experience) had to be postponed. It was reported that on **Sunday 26th March there was to be an Open Day at Kilmorey Mausoleum St Margaret's** from midday to 3pm – it is a chance to learn about a local historic gem which is rarely open to the public. 'Free entry'

The short talk was given by the Secretary on History of Hanworth Road Feltham.

Members were informed of the earliest of use of the area when it was Feltham Common through to its 'parcelling' up under the 1800 Enclosure Act. much of the land was acquired by the then Lord of the Manor of Kempton [Sunbury] Mr Edmund Hill who owned the local Gun Powder Mill and other such establishments at Chillworth in Surrey



By 1819 14 of the 15 parcels of the area noted under the Enclosure document were purchased by a Mr Taylor who was a Methodist. The area is enclosed by Harlington Road East, Hounslow Road and Hanworth Road - with the exception of Bridge House.



The first house on the site was Bridge House 1861 with Meadow Villas same time later – an early occupant being one of the Pears family of Pears Soap fame.

Hanworth Road has many Victorian and Edwardian Houses most still in situ the exceptions being Waverley, now the Telephone Communications building plus one other.



The gate house to Ashfield House is no longer being replaced by Hanworth Park Court – the remainder of the original houses are still to be seen; but four large Edwardian houses past the Constitutional Club now Beauclerk Court there is no further 'removals' until and unless the

Nave of St Catherine's is included.



The Chair closed the meeting at 9-23