

## Feltham History Group, web submission, October meeting 2021

The vice Chairman (Roger Cowing) welcomed members with an update as to the health of the Chairman (Edwin Menday) stating that he remains in good spirits but feels unable to attend to a regular basis at present; in that regard the Executive Committee have approached Ed with regard he accepting the position of Vice President, which he has duly accepted. It should be noted that the current position with regard committee posts will remain extant until the time of our AGM 2022 at which anyone who wishes to join the committee can be nominated

It is hoped that further waning, or should that be control of the pandemic, will continue and normal service will resume next year. This is the third members meeting since the easing of restrictions and it is nice to see so many here! Recently we have undertaken 2 local walks – which were very successful and we [FHG] were invited to be part of London Open House weekend [all thanks to Angela] which again attracted many along who would not normally venture to these parts. Descriptions of both our walks are on our website.

### Items of interest

The Chair informed members of the resumption of Apple day(s) 1, 'Orchards' Pevensey Road and 2, Bedfont Lakes 'southside'.

This time of year witnesses the harvesting, picking and gathering of fruit, particularly from fruit bearing trees. Two fairly old local Apple Orchards were open to the public during September and people from far and wide came to pick and/or gather assorted varieties of Apples.

At Bedfont Lakes 'alone' there are in excess 40 apple trees, some being up to 70 years of age, many of which are local varieties, e.g. Feltham Beauty, Spring Grove Codlin and two of the rare Hounslow Wonder plus Merton Pippin, Pinner Seedling, Blenheim Orange and Annie Elizabeth.

Similarly there are a number of old varieties at Green Gym Nature Reserve, this is a volunteer led local group which meet every Monday, 10.45 – 2pm – gathering at Pevensey Road/Hanworth Road entrance. Onetime entrance to Hanworth Little Park Farm.

The Secretary and I spent a very enjoyable morning/afternoon' helping in harvesting Apples – the picking was by hand but also via nets on long poles - use of which is quite an art but easily mastered with practice. The Apples, once picked, were taken to a clearing in the orchard where a Gazebo had been erected. The Apples were 'cleaned' and any stems or 'attached pieces' removed before they were pulped and 'pressed' to produce Apple juice – the juice was delicious. I would urge anyone to join with Roger and Hilary to 'start the week' in a very useful and enjoyable way with regards practical conservation.

We understand that yield has not been good this year!

Ludlow Open Space, (AR) (map) an enquiry was received with regard the history of this plain but pleasant 'open space'. The area although now held as being in Feltham, is in the Hanworth Park parliamentary polling district; it [the space] has always been in Hanworth. It has an entrance off Ludlow Road, and is bounded on its west by Harvest Road and behind the housing estate called Brookside to its north

The land in 1738 was part of the holdings of Lord Vere of Hanworth (Estate map) and it gives this piece of land as having the name of 'Ruxford'. Gradually through the centuries it became farm land with the most noticeable farmer being Mr Hatch of Low Farm Hanworth, upon the retirement of Mr Hatch much of the land was acquired by AW Smith sometime in the early twentieth century, however by the the late 1940's early 1950's it, like many of the fields hereabouts, were turned over to gravel winning.

It became a place of unrestricted public use in the 1970's

Whilst there are many websites relating to Ludlow, only 'Geoview' via its website, uses its proper title – Geoview also is one of very few with a feature that gives the user "turn off all adds" option

The explanation of the word Park in this context is – 'a place where such things as 'children's play equipment are provided, e.g. 'swings' 'roundabouts' 'slides'etc' - at Ludlow no such equipment is installed therefore its proper reference is 'Open Space'

Hanworth Park House, vista update The Treasurer gave an update on works to provide views of the house, it is hoped that work will commence soon. Tony

continued with detail of an event relating to Aston Martin which is planned in the near future.

Under forthcoming Events, the Chairman provided detail of Remembrance Day which is scheduled for Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2-30 for 3pm

AOB there were a number of enquires, details on request

The short talk was given by the Hon Secretary and concerned a now non existant Cedar Lodge

Cedar Lodge, (West End Lodge, Cedar House) High Street Feltham

Those of you who were with us on our walk around Feltham Hill recently will remember that it was noted that there was no image of certain houses, - Cumbernauld or Oak House - similar is the position of a number of other old houses 'now gone' of Feltham -- examples being Viola House, the Shrubbs, Cambria, The Dell, Clymping Dene and our subject today 'Cedar Lodge'.



It was on the corner of what was known 'then' as Hounslow Road and Edwards Road – which is today's 'Spring Road'



The enclosure document describes the piece of land 'numbered 82' on the Enclosure Map as a "*cottage with a garden and an orchard*" - the size of the land is given as 3 rods and 27 perches – the cottage fronts the road (High Street) with the plot having trees set around 3 sides, particularly at its south west aspect.



The sweep of the curtilage of the land '82' represents the arc of today's Spring Corner albeit much forward of today's buildings.

The date of build of the house is difficult to substantiate but with it being shown on the O/S map of 1864/5 and named Cedar Lodge, a date of 1850 is arrived at. The 1913 O/S map gives the name as Cedar House – it had a fine ‘Cedrus Atlantica glauca ‘conica’ ‘CEDAR’ planted centre of the semi circular shaped carriageway drive at its entrance.

Another interesting indication of the size of the land and premises are the presence of ‘braces’ – ‘braces are a method of linking various areas of land together’, thereby indicating in same ownership – there are no fewer than 5 braces on the map and interestingly a Well ‘W’ is indicated behind which most probably is a coach house.

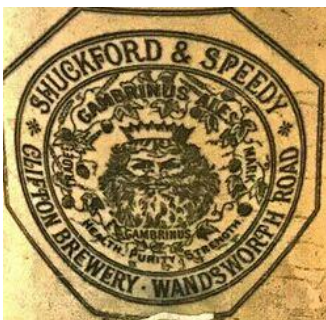


With regard the occupants there is an entry for the Shuckford family on the 1861 Census, but none for 1851 which suggests the house was built sometime in the decade preceding.

The names ‘on the 1861’ are James aged 52 a “common brewer”, his wife Ellen 36 “Brewers Wife”, and Mary Ann aged 24 “Brewers Daughter” this appears to be a discrepancy as it makes his wife just 12 years of age when the daughter was born! - - Also living in as a “visitor” was George Morington aged 68 a “Priest of the Holy Apostolic Church Southampton”. Both James and Ellen, aged 64 and 46 respectively are on the 1871 census but not the “brewers’ daughter”? there is a Servant/Cook Jane Flanagan ‘50’ and Margaret Teu(v)ers a 23 year-old Housemaid. On a parish document of 1866 the house is noted as being called West End Lodge and in the occupation of one James Shuckford, both he and Harriett ‘mother’ aged 71 are buried in St Dunstan’s church yard, Harriett buried 5<sup>th</sup> May 1860 and James aged 67 on 30<sup>th</sup> October 1874 – the register notes he being from Newquay Cornwall. He was a Churchwarden and together with Vicar Thrupp and William Lodge are mentioned with the distribution at Christmas of certain victuals and garments under the Ashford Moores Charity c1867

Upon his demise there was a matter to be dealt with in the High Court, i.e. his Estate and as can be seen from this entry in the London Gazette 29<sup>th</sup> December 1874 it makes for interesting reading

*PURSUANT to an Order of the High Court of Chancery, made in the matter of the estate of James Shuckford, deceased, and in a cause Flynn and Wife against C 2 Shuckford the creditors of James Shuckford, late of Feltham, in the county of Middlesex, Brewer, who died in or about the month of October, 1874, are, on or before the 30th day of January, 1875, to send by post, prepaid, to Mr. R. J. Pead, of No. 29, Parliament-street, Westminster, the Solicitor of the defendant, Ellen Marion Shuckford, Widow, the executrix of the said James Shuckford, deceased, their Christian and surnames, addresses and descriptions, the full particulars of their claims, a statement of their accounts, and the nature of the securities (if any) held by them, or in default thereof they will be peremptorily excluded from the benefit of the said Order. Every creditor holding any security is to produce the same before the Master of the Rolls, at his chambers, situated in the Rolls-yard, Chancery-lane, Middlesex, on Monday, the 15th day of February 1875, at half-past eleven o'clock in the forenoon, being the time appointed for adjudicating on the claims. Dated this 23rd day of December 1874*



Gambrinus, was legendary king of Flanders known for his mythical brewing abilities

Mr Shuckford was of the company Shuckford & Speedy, Clifton Brewery, 67 Clifton Road, Wandsworth SW18, Lambeth, Greater London. The company was established c.1840 by John and James Shuckford and later acquired by Taylor, Walker & Co. Ltd around 1927.

In the census of 1881 one Walter Martineau, aged 33, was in residence with his wife Gertrude aged 31. In 1892 Gertrude Anne Martineau aged 42 was laid to rest in the cemetery on the 18<sup>th</sup> December that year – the entry states ‘wife of Walter’ also enumerated are Elizabeth Boniface ‘widow’ aged 63 and Charles Whitty Boniface aged 31 both living on own means – one of these entries however may relate to the Coach house Lodge. The 1891 census notes Walter and Gertrude but an age discrepancy is evident, i.e. Walter 37 and his wife 31

The 1901 census gives someone by the name of Thomas Abodson? aged 55, a Surveyor and his wife Margaret aged 54 plus 5 children. The house sometime around the early 1900's was once again referred to as West End Lodge, this is borne out by as per Estate Agents blurb of that time, five years later however another sales blurb referred to it as Cedar Lodge and that part of it, i.e. Coach House and two rooms was let to Mrs Beatrice Jessie Gage.

1905

LOT 11—(Coloured Red on Plan A)  
 COMPRISES THAT WELL-SITUATED AND SUBSTANTIALLY-CONSTRUCTED

## Freehold Detached Residence

KNOWN AS  
 "CEDAR LODGE," WEST END, FELTHAM,  
 AND

**Occupies an Important Position opposite the Junction of the end of High Street with the St. Dunstan's Road.**

Not far from the London and South Western Railway, and within easy reach by Road of the River Thames.

**The House is squarely built of Brick with Slated Roof.**

**IT IS DOUBLE-FRONTED, AND STANDS ON AN EMINENCE SOME DISTANCE FROM THE ROAD.**

It contains the following accommodation, the Rooms being well fitted and of good size, shape and height, and designed and arranged for convenience and comfort, viz.:

**Upstairs (2 Staircases):—Four Principal Bedrooms; Servants' Bedroom; Bathroom (hot and cold) and Linen Cupboard; Lavatory on Half Landing.**

**Ground Floor:—Dining Room, with Casement Window to Conservatory at side; Drawing Room, with Casement and Bay; Sitting Room or Smoke Room; Wide Hall; Front Kitchen, with Modern Stove and Heating Apparatus for Bath; Back Kitchen, Scullery, Pantry and Cellars, all conveniently fitted.**

**Paved Yard outside Kitchen Door enclosed by Walls, and containing Wash House with Copper, Bicycle Shed, Servants' Lavatory, and Two Fine Rain-water Cisterns.**

MAIN WATER AND GAS SUPPLY. CESSPIT DRAINAGE ON MODERN PRINCIPLES.

### THE GROUNDS ARE VERY DIVERSIFIED

And are enclosed by Fences and High Walls, also a Handsome Ornamental Iron Fence with Entrance Gates.

THEY COMPRISE

**Tennis Lawns, Shaped Pleasure Lawns, Flower Beds, Shrubberies, and Fine Yew Hedges and Ornamental Trees.**

**KITCHEN AND FRUIT GARDENS, in which are many choice Standard and Wall Fruit Trees and Bushes.**

**DETACHED BRICK-BUILT STABLING, &c.**

Containing Two Stalls, Harness Room, Coach House and Two Rooms over, Stable Yard with Gates and Dung Pit, Porring Shed, Chicken House, &c.

—The Area of the Lot approaches **AN ACRE**, and it has a Large Return Road Frontage. The Property is let on an Agreement for 3 years from February 8th, 1911, to Mrs. Beatrice Jessie Gage at a Rent of

**£55 a Year,**  
*Tenant paying Rates.*

**The Lot represents the Beau Ideal of a Moderate-size Country Residence.**

On the Electoral Role 1903-11 one Sidney Gage is noted as being in residence her being closely associated with St Dunstan's.

The Valuation description of 1909/13 reads, *detached brick and slate residence at corner of road [Spring Road] occupying a central position in the village. Contains on upper floor 4 bedrooms, bathroom, (H&C) 'water' WC. On ground floor entrance Hall, Dining room opening into Conservatory, Drawing-room, both these rooms communicate with garden by casement windows, 3<sup>rd</sup> reception room, kitchen, scullery with portable stove and sink and staircase communicating with servant's bedroom over cellars etc in basement. There is a large garden with Tennis lawn, fruit and flower garden. Detached coach house, 2 stalls loft and room over, i.e. brick built and slated but rather dilapidated. The residence is in fairly good condition. Assessed at £800*

The house was removed when the 'by-pass' and widening was made about 1928 but it was not until a FUDC meeting (Mx C report 1/10/1938) that there was a proposal to develop Spring Corner, with 6 shops and flats at the 'reordered' junction of Spring Road. The application came from the House and Property and Investment Co Ltd.



The south-eastern end of the 'arc' of outlets in Spring Road is generally the position of the old house