

FHG June 2024 meeting. (web submission version)

In the absence of the Acting Chair the Vice Chair (Will Horgan) opened the meeting with the customary greeting and welcome – beginning with the introduction of Ekta Kaul Artist & Founder of Inner Thread. Ekta is a local artist who has recently been commissioned by Hounslow Council to create an artwork that celebrates Feltham as part of the Tours & Trails in ‘Summer of Culture’ through-out Hounslow. The subjects she is researching are aviation & manufacturing history in the area as well as creative individuals who live in the town currently or have lived here in the past.

Following a short discussion the Hon Secretary spoke of a notable local man Francis Clive-Ross



1921-1981



Francis Clive-Ross who amongst his ‘many-many’ interests was an author and publisher and was the proprietor for many years of what was called *The Aquarian Book Service*, which he produced at his home in Bedfont ‘Pates Manor’ He is buried in Bedfont Cemetery – his grave is orientated so his body, or should I say his eyes are facing Mecca; the orientation is only visible below ground as the double space memorial is aligned as per cemetery plans! – he converted to Islam late on in life.



Some here may know him better as being a long-term member of Hounslow & District History Society – if you wish to see him ‘in action’ come along to our ‘local history display on the 22nd June at St Dunstan’s Church Feltham Village. (see flyer) when all will be revealed!

Items of interest

Under items of interest the VC spoke of the Feltham 175 Timeline depiction which will be officially opened on Thursday 6th June. at 1.15pm, at which Stuart

Meek, the new interim Managing Director of South West Trains, will officially unveil the time-line. Those attending should gather at 1pm on the station up line platform.

Forthcoming events

On Saturday 22nd June at St Dunstan's Church we shall be hosting our annual local history display, in addition to an image display there will be a short tour of prominent memorials both in and out of the church, plus short film on 'Hanworth Gunpowder Mills'

Summer walks, 'see flyers'

The following dates are confirmed for our Summer walks, i.e. Sunday 7th July - Feltham Common 'Feltham Park 'The Dell/Clymping Dene and Glebe Lands' meeting in the car park of Feltham Park at 1-30

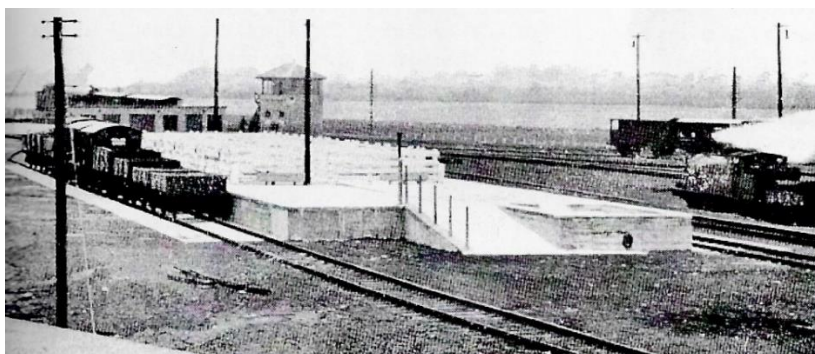
Sunday 11th August Highfields 'beyond the railway' meeting in the car park of Bedfont Lakes Country Park at 1-30

Sunday 8th September Pevensey Nature Reserve (Green Gym area) which will be led by a member of the Hounslow Ranger team. Meeting in Pevensey Road or in car park of Hanworth Crematorium at 1-30

AOB

Under AOB the VC spoke of a request concerning 'away days/visits' – a number of members have requested that consideration be given to organising an away day similar to the visit to Pinner that the group undertook last year. One option put forward was to visit parts of Sunbury! Following a positive show of hands the Hon Secretary agreed to undertake initial research and organise the day out.

As there was no further AOB the VC gave a short talk relating to what was Feltham Concentration Yard but known to many as Feltham Marshalling Yards (see website for full talk)



Cattle Pens

The VC thanked all for their attendance and support informing members of the next meeting which will be Tuesday 3rd September.