

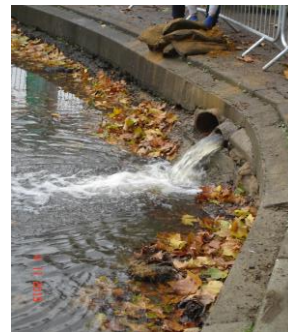
Feltham History Group meeting

1st February 2022 @Christ Church Feltham. (web submission)

The Chairman welcomed all to the first history group meeting of 2022, he continued with matters under 'items of interest' the first of which being a concern from a member regarding the consistency of the 'flow' in the Longford River, which is affecting the level of water in Feltham Pond. The chair informed members of a visit that he and the Secretary had made to the source of the Longford the small but delightful village of Longford, where it was found the maintenance of the river was not to its normal standard but more importantly the sluice gates were in a 'closed' position preventing water from the River Colne finding its way into the Longford River



We shall be contacting the Royal Parks on this matter.



The second item concerned a governmental notification relating to the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000. This act provides 'basically' for the 'inclusion' of paths that are **not** currently recorded on the 'definitive map' by the year 2026, and those that were in use prior to 1949 [they will be] automatically be deemed stopped 'up' on 1st January 2026. 'a little ambiguous one would think'

The Secretary gave members an example within the Feltham area -

This is a section of Rocques map of 1754 - beginning from bottom left 'The Red Lion PH and Private Road nr2, (Browells Lane) and the ancient road to and from Hounslow 'deleted c1800' then the Longford River 'north to south shown in the map' followed by Harlington Road east and west - then 'the way in question' and the Crane river and of course the position of the old Feltham Bridge (sharp turn at bottom of map)



The example is an old 'way' that is shown on Rocques map of 1754 and where today ease of access is only possible through much effort and exposing oneself to danger – as these images show. Private road nr3 off Hounslow Road – alley back of The Drive up to its junction with Durham Road; the actual track of the 'way' being obstructed by foliage and more permanently by a light brown wooden fence, featured left, whereas on the opposite side of Durham Road 'to the railway' the 'way' (last image) is behind the double gates



In this more modern map, the 'way 'in question' is marked 'in blue' and is the one just described which continues all the way to the Mount at Hanworth. The other 'ways' are across and around Hanworth Air Park with at the bottom left vestiges of Lovers Lane and today's Elmwood Avenue and to the right of map a 'bridle way' 'blue and yellow'



The question is do we [in our locality] have any path's and the like that should be given consideration!

Under forthcoming events the chair spoke of an extravaganza being hosted by Hounslow and heralded as a 'Summer of Culture' for which Community Grants would be available.

Our input would centre around events that celebrate our sovereigns Platinum Jubilee and an opportunity to create a visual or oral history of your street.

One further proposed celebration is Community Arts and Creative People and Places. This is being organised by Hounslow who are hoping to engage local groups to participate in a project under the banner of 'Feltham Fete 2022', which has a provisional date Saturday 25th June between 12-4 and will be held on Feltham Green. The use of the word "fete" infers a wide area of interest involving local groups and associations. Do register your interest.

Under AOB there was a request from Friends of Feltham Gren for volunteers and indeed the requirement for Committee members, please contact Angela Parton via the FoffG website

The short talk centred around Feltham's Military, focusing on Messrs' Fletcher, Bagot, Perkins and Carr families given by our Treasurer Tony Fredjohn (full detail on FHG website)

Next meeting Tuesday 1st March 2022, featuring short talk 'in answer to'