

## Feltham History Group September meeting 2024

### **Following the Chairs welcome and introduction**

a short resume of the Summer walks were given. Although being somewhat blighted by extremes of weather Feltham Common Walk saw 5 members braving the persistent falling rain; a similar number attended the walk around Feltham Highfields where temperatures exceeded 82f, however those present enjoyed areas of Feltham where they had not before trod, particularly the ancient fields of 'Highfields'

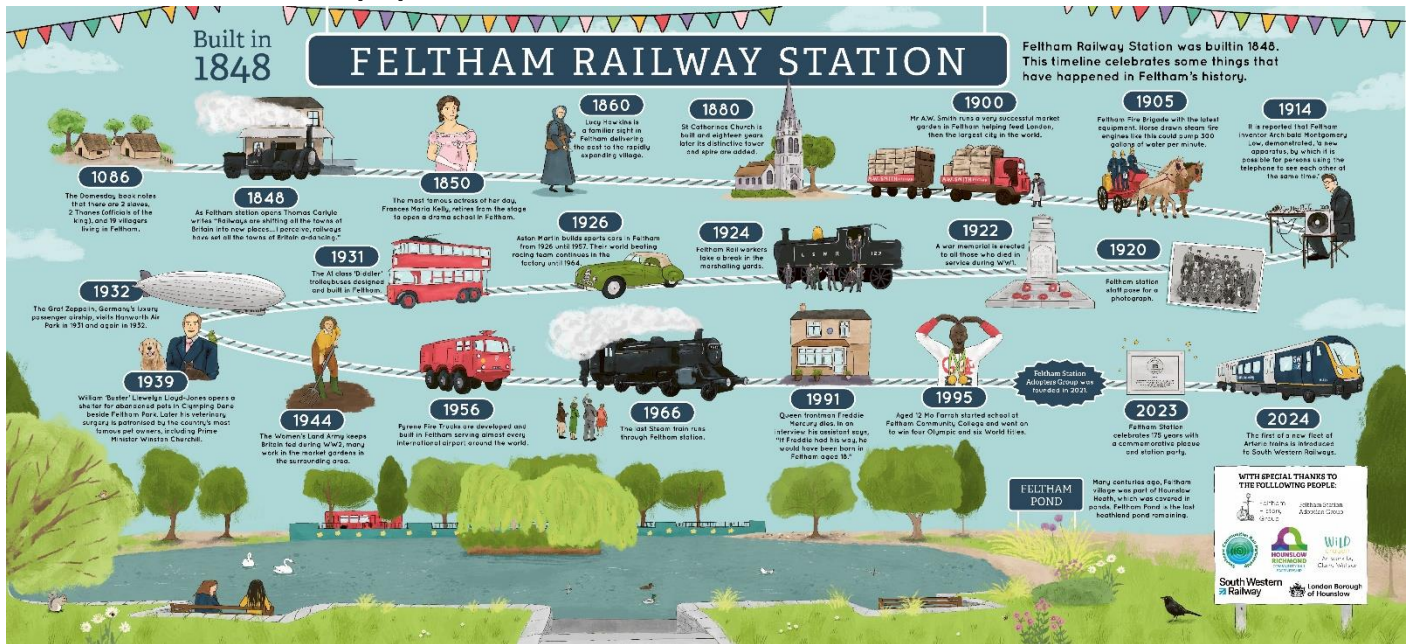


### **Under Items of interest**

the chair gave an update on the work to make St Catherine's Tower and Steeple more presentable – the proposed work will consist of a general tidying of the onetime footprint of the Nave and curtilage which will include the bank of the Longford River. There is also plans to rid the tower/spire of Hedera Helix [Ivy] which if not checked will obscure the beauty of the building.



# Update on the Feltham Station '175 timeline' this can be viewed on the up platform



## Under forthcoming events:

members were advised of a talk at the Fordbridge Centre Clarendon Road Ashford to be given by Nick Pollard of Sunbury and Shepperton Historical Society – this is of interest to Felthamites as part of the area were at onetime in Feltham 'Feltham Hill'

More to home the final summer walk of 2024 is planned for Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September and is a- Walk around Pevensey Nature Reserve (Green Gym area) which will be led by volunteers of Green gym and one of the Hounslow Ranger team; Meeting in Pevensey Road or in car park of Hanworth Crematorium at 13:30



Members were appraised of various events and visits that were set out under the London Open House fortnight – now called Open House London – details on their website

The final matter was an open day at Gunnersbury Park Museum on 15th September – Mike Dance of GPM informed members that ‘parts’ of the building, not usually open will be available for visit

**Under AOB** there were a number of updates one being the houses known as The Dell and Clymping Dene – this will form part of short talk in 2025, there was also projects of a local nature that were being undertaken by local volunteers to beautify certain streets and small areas or corners where weeds and litter abound! with more regular maintenance and additions to roadside features, particular in that regard was an introduction of a wooden tree girdle to a Quercus Ilex which is evergreen Oak or holly oak or holm oak.

Short talk pertaining to the origins of Browells Lane, this being given by the Hon Secretary. See website for full text.

The Chair closed the meeting mention of the talk for the October meeting which will part 2 of ‘Rights of Way’ by Roger & Hilary Parritt)