

## FHG Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2025

The Chair opened the meeting with the customary greeting welcoming 18 members [plus 2 new attendees] one of whom became a member.



(government staff inspecting proposed site of Heathrow Airport)

**Under 'Items of interest'** the Honorary Secretary spoke on three subjects of local interest the first being the history of the public house once known as the Cricketers now the Moon on the Square.

Whereas the earliest reference to the game of cricket is in South East England in the mid-16th century it was first mentioned 'In Feltham' about 1870 – it being played on a meadow to the rear of Wilton House and became known as Cricketers Meadow which was owned by Mr Quihampton whose house was positioned where Wilton Parade is today. This gave rise to the opening of a Beer House called The Cricketers



original Cricketers, Brewers were Ashby's of Staines

This was run by a Mr & Mrs Taylor who were from a place called Jesmonde Dene Newcastle. The second Cricketers stood some 60yards north of the first

and was opened c1938. Am told that the bicycle in the image belonged to a local resident [he still with us]



Brewers were HG Simmonds  
Staines



Courage Brewery Ltd c1965  
'note the ballroom overhang'



With the transition of Feltham's Victorian style High Street in 1964 a new venue for the Cricketers was secured, again some eighty yards further north; this remained the case until the licence was obtained by Wetherspoon's c 1990 they calling the venue The Moon on the Square

'Its name [am told] derives from the ideal pub as envisaged by George Orwell, albeit fictitious '

The second item of interest concerned the Hanworth family of Lewcock



Pte. Arthur Lewcock.

(pre-am) It is the purpose of local history groups and their members to reflect and recall past events and times

At this time of year thoughts of past family members are to the fore! Whether it be through a war scenario or civilian activities! - some families having more than their fair share of sadness



One such family is, I say 'is' because descendants of the following family are still with us; the family concerned being descendants of William George Lewcock who lost his life 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1887 through an explosion at the Mills at Hanworth he was 47. He together with his wife Catherine - who died 14/2/1913 aged 82 are buried at St Georges Churchyard Hanworth.

During WW1, a son of theirs 'Arthur Lewcock' 'Private 'G6750' 2<sup>nd</sup> battalion Middlesex Regiment was killed in action 1/7/1916 at Neuve Chapelle aged 36 he is buried at Ovillere Military Cemetery France Plot 15 row B Grave 3 –



Arthur Lewcock

Above shows a chaplain conducting a burial service on the battlefield near Ovillers, middle of July 1916. © IWM (Q 820)

Another family member was one Fred Read who was killed in action in Egypt 19/4/1917 aged 23; he was son of George & Alice Reed of 3 Fulmer Cottages Swan Road Hanworth (they lived next door to my Grandparents Horace and

Elizabeth Porter) Fred Read is buried in the Gaza War Cemetery Egypt Plot 7 Row E Grave 2. Fred was a nephew of William and Catherine Lewcock



Hanworth War Memorial

In this image of the Hanworth War Memorial can be seen Councillor WL Ainslie, (tall man in black) the Reverend Fairfax Scott and the Reverend Jackson Bush – left of image

We now come to the third item of interest and it is that of

### **Georgiana Charlotte Theobald (Norcott)**



Feltham lodge, – this is an aerial view taken sometime in the 1930's – borne out by the houses 'bottom of image' in Harlington Road West which were built in the mid nineteen thirties. 'top left' 'the open space' is where today's Lansbury Avenue is situated.

The lodge shown in the image is the second Lodge built 1888, the original was built in around 1802 by a Mr John Cole Steele a Lavendar grower from London.

Mr Steel purchased two plots of land under the 1802 Enclosure Act of Feltham – costing £107 and £108 respectively ‘today this amount runs into many thousands’ – briefly: he was attacked and killed on Hounslow Heath on his way to his new house.

Whereas there has been a number of occupants/owners of Feltham Lodge throughout the years ‘original and replacement’ all families “into each life a little rain must fall” none so more sadly than the following

**Georgiana Charlotte Theobald! nee Norcott** - this Lady appears to have had a very colourful but short life!



GEORGIANA CHARLOTTE THEOBALD, Obit. Sept. 13, 1845, aged 29.

it is interesting to note that a record of her birth is non-existent, but she was however baptised December 25 1808 in the Parish Church of Heckfield, Hampshire.

Georgiana married at least twice the second being of the name of ‘Theobald’ hence her name. Sometime after 1835, she had a child that died in infancy. In some writings it is stated that she was a widow when she died on the 13<sup>th</sup> September 1845 aged 29 - other reports give her age as 37

The following reference describes the circumstances of her death

*In the year 1845, as described by local historian Mr Francis Clive-Ross in his book "The Church of St Mary the Virgin, East Bedfont". Mr Clive-Ross noted an entry in the burial register for September 19 1845 - "Georgiana Charlotte Theobald, Feltham, Middlesex. Sept 19th. 29 years. Killed by a fall from her horse - buried by order of the Dept. Coroner for the County of Middlesex". Mr Clive-Ross continued "Mrs Theobald was a widow and lived at Feltham Lodge, in Harlington Road West, Feltham. She left a six year old daughter.*

*She is described as being 'well known in the sporting world', and had been on a business visit to Twickenham with a gentleman friend named Brittle, (or Brettle) and a groom, William Higgs. On her way back she went into a field belonging to a Mr Humphries, a tenant farmer at Hanworth, in order to exercise her horse, as she said the roads were too hard. About half way back*

across the field her horse, *Woodbine*, fell down, and the pommel (pommel) of her saddle breaking, she was pitched about a yard before it, falling on her head. 'she was riding side saddle'.

*Two surgeons were summoned from Hampton but they pronounced her case hopeless. She was taken home, her hair was cut off and leeches applied, but she never recovered consciousness, and died the following morning.)"*

\*Woodbine so named after the colourful plant *Lonicera periclymenum* 'Honeysuckle' and not the disgusting weed that far too many people put in their mouths.

There were many similar reports issued at the time

**Sept. 13. At Feltham Lodge, near Hounslow, by a fall from her horse, aged 29, Georgiana-Charlotte-Theobald, third dau. of the late Major-Gen. Sir *Amos Norcott*, of the Rifle Brigade, and formerly Lieut.-Gov. of Jamaica.**

Although we are told she is buried in Bedfont St Mary's Churchyard either there is no trace of a headstone or if one existed the inscription is worn away

This a watercolour of Georgiana by Francis Calcraft Turner depicting her days with the Surrey Hunt



note her riding 'side saddle'

Under 'forthcoming events' the following were listed:-

9th November 1-30 (Sunday) laying of tributes War graves Feltham cemetery (Mike Parsons)

9<sup>th</sup> November 2-30 (Sunday) remembrance service Feltham War Memorial

11<sup>th</sup> November 10-30 (Tuesday) Feltham War Memorial 'a period of reflection' with local school children (all are welcome)

LBH: Display Feltham library - 60<sup>th</sup> 'anniversary/celebration of inception of London Borough of Hounslow 1965, 'Saturday 10th or 17th January 2026' (all members)

**AOB** 'there were no subjects under this category'

The 'Short talk' for the meeting cantered around 'Remembrance time' and was given by the treasurer Tony Fredjohn (for full text see separate submission)

The December meeting will contain the second part of the talk on Concorde, and how it pertains to our area and will be given by member Will Horgan