April 2025 meeting Tuesday 1st April 2025

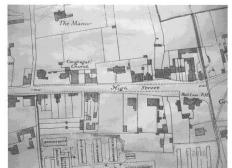
The Chair's introduction consisted of a reminder as to annual subscriptions for year 2025/26 being due.



(the opening image was of the groups attendance at the 2001 Bedfont Lakes Country Fair)

'Items of interest' the Secretary spoke of work that was being undertaken in the churchyard of St Dunstan's where upon removal of various shrubs and weeds that had proliferated due lockdown a memorial to a long since departed Feltham family was found – that being one Mrs Louisa Newbury and her husband Robert Newbury whose husband was Master Butcher from Croydon – they having lived at Manor Lodge which was a fairly large house situated in the high street [numbered at a later date as nr 98] and as the headstone revealed was known as Manor Lodge. The Newbury family having lived in the house from the 1870's to the 1920's







The second item of interest was in reference to the 'Quakers Estate' – this came via an email from one Paul Baker who enquired as to the house where he lives as being on the 'Quakers Estate. The estate in question consists of Kings, Queens and Cromwell Road.



The final enquiry was from one Victoria Oakley of 'Heritage London' who was requesting information of the Minimax Fire Extinguisher Company Victoria, in addition to receiving a short history of Minimax, was advised to contact Hounslow Council with particular regard to the retention [in its current position] and indeed the care and protection of the 'art-deco' edifice.

Under Forthcoming events the chair provided detail of Spring talks which will take place at St Dunstan's Church; the dates for which are Saturday 26th April entitled Feltham Worthies pt 1 and on Saturday 24th May Part 2 Feltham Worthies. Additionally, there is to be a local history Display and Open Day Saturday 14th June 1-30 St Dunstan's Church which will include 'a walk amongst the graves of past Felthamites

<u>Summer Walks</u> –3 Summer walks are planned - all being accessible via public transport 'H BUS' and the like - they are as follows

<u>Sunday July 20th</u> Feltham Town Walk 13:30 meet o/s 'Eco Cabin'/ Feltham Pond (<u>circulatory</u>) <u>Sunday August 17th</u> Hatton Walk meet 13:30 in car park of Hatton Cemetery (<u>circulatory</u>) <u>Sunday September 7th</u> Feltham Village Walk meet 13:30 o/s St Dunstan's Church (circulatory)

AOB – under AOB a short film was shown concerning the unveiling of a replica of Stephenson's Rocket (Lino Cerskola) plus an update by Paul Lerner concerning 'disc like' display relating to the contribution given by past Felthamites who had worked on the Railway in the Feltham area. Additionally there was information on a past employee of Aston Martin, with the son of the person concerned producing a booklet on his father's time with this well known company who had their works in Feltham,





Upon conclusion of the AOB the 'short talk' for the evening was given by the Treasurer surrounding an article from the vast collection of Eddie Menday's 'Looking Back' series produced for the Middlesex Chronicle.

The meeting closed at 9-10pm with the Chair providing detail of the date of the next meeting Tuesday 6th May 2025 when the 'short talk' will feature some of Feltham's Centenarians 'Jenno/Browell and Menday' for example!