

## Feltham History Group Meeting November 2022.

The Chair's introduction mainly consisted of our President marking his one hundredth birthday, 31<sup>st</sup> October 1922, further detail can be found on our website.

Under 'Items of interest' member Mike Parsons gave a very interesting account of the founding and history of 7<sup>th</sup> Feltham Sea Scouts, this year being their 85<sup>th</sup>

Following which the chair spoke of a further update the queries and concerns surrounding Feltham/Portlane Brook, least being its escalation to the local MP Seema Malhotra and local councillor level. The chair stated that due to torrential conditions of late that he, the Hon Secretary made a recce of the local rivers, brooks and streams to gauge the affect that the wet conditions have had the level of water in them.



Under 'forthcoming events' members were reminded of the planting of a 'commemorative tree. The planting of the miniature Elm tree is scheduled for 17th November around



11:30 on Feltham Green. The below is a representation of the plaque that will be installed (with the tree) to mark our late Queen's Platinum Jubilee - the plaque itself being officially donated via Hounslow's 'Your Neighbourhood Grant'

Also, on the same day, an additional wall plaque is to be installed on the viewing area fronting the High Street depicting a plant called Verbascum 'thapsus' or 'Great Mullein' it is also known commonly as 'Felda' a plant once abundant in the open lands and common fields of Feltham – this image shows a plant growing in a grave in Hatton Cemetery



The final event is Feltham's act of remembrance will be Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November '14:30 for 15:00' There will also be a gathering in front of the War Memorial on the actual day of cessation of hostilities for WW1 Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 11am. There will also be a short service by 7<sup>th</sup> Feltham Sea Scouts (Mike Parsons) at 13:15 on the 13<sup>th</sup> for which all are invited

Wreath laying ceremony circa 1970's; note Councillor Wally Miles standing behind the layer

The Chair then gave short introduction to the short talk which consisted of mention of Edwin Menday and his contribution, organised for many years, the Remembrance Day parade and service.

The 'short talk' for the evening centred around 'Remembrance' and was given by the treasurer Tony Fredjohn Full detail of which will be placed on the groups website

Next meeting Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022