

Feltham History Group Meeting  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2025 (web submission)

The Chair introduced the meeting with a cutting from the 17<sup>th</sup> February



1945 issue of the Middlesex Chronicle which offered 'post war' work for "young girls" the work was at Burlington Mills(Burlington House) Bedfont – and as can be seen from the 'cutting' was permanent.

**Oak Hill Academy** (Feltham Hill Junior School) Visit – members of the group attended the school in order to judge the pupils on their project pertaining to World War Two and in particular the way it affected children and young people. The judging was difficult not least through the subject being well researched and all responses were commendable.



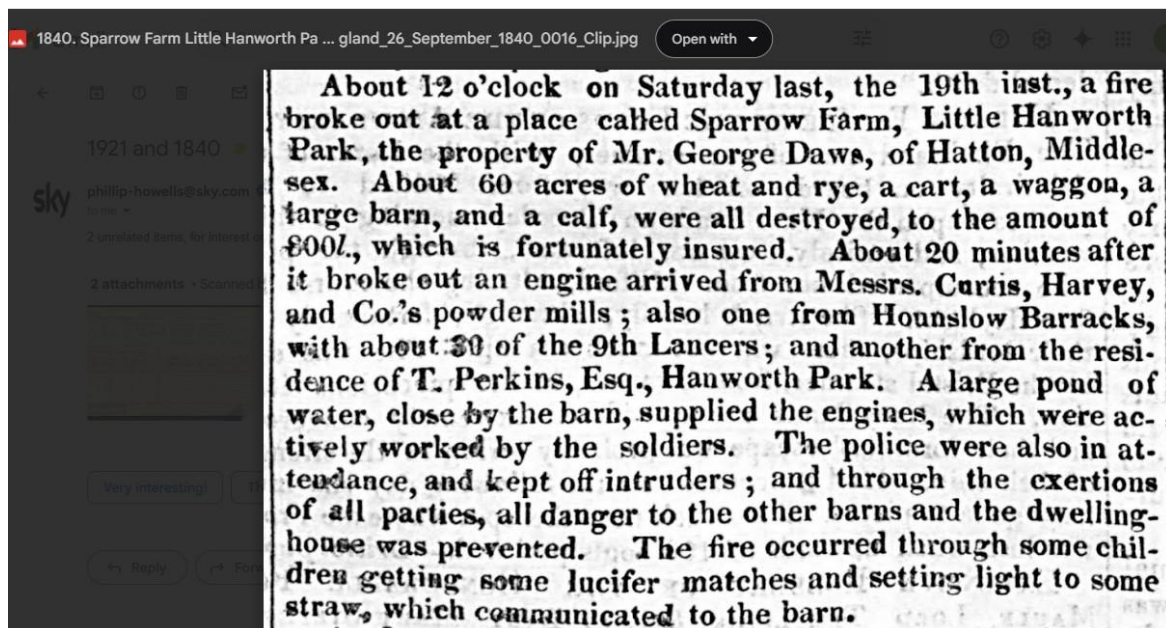
Feltham Hill School V.E. Day (Victory Day) Celebration Dinner

**'Items of interest'** the Hon Secretary provided detail of a fire that engulfed a large area of Sparrow Farm - The newspaper report dated 26<sup>th</sup> September 1840 indicated the farm as being part of Little Hanworth Park' (Hanworth Little Park) – which may confuse but remember the railway came to Feltham in 1848 and in so doing severed Hanworth Little Park in two –



Mentioned is 'Mr George Daws' he and family members were tenants of the Duke of St Albans for many years and lived at Hatton, the report

says\_the loss was considerable '£800' a team from Curtis and Harvey, with their engine arrived so did a contingent of the 9<sup>th</sup> Lancers from Hounslow Barracks – plus a team from Mr T Perkins of Hanworth Park – 'a large pond' is mentioned location of which is unknown?



The next item of interest concerned the content of an email received from an old friend Barry Raymond and was in relation to a once family home which was in Hatton Road. it would seem that the style of the dwelling was referred to as an 'American Bungalow' the bungalow was numbered 127 Hatton Rd. Barry continues "*my mother and father-in-law bought it around 1959 when my wife was 7 years old, they bought it from a lady called Mrs. Hughes*" *By all accounts it was known as the 'American Bungalow', due to its design, it had four bedrooms, two bathrooms, kitchen and large lounge. My father -in law sold it in 1969 and the site was redeveloped into the present flats, - - being flat-roofed there was always water problems which prompted him to sell it, I know it was built before the war as there was a guy 'who' a while ago on the Bedfont group who lived there during the war.* He continues - The picture I sent you is of the front with my wife Marian (as a child) with her father Denis Hillier, have also attached a photo taken from the side, and also a present view of the site, (and yes you can use the photo's/info for forthcoming history talk,)

The Hilliers I understand had a family Bakery business in Twickenham

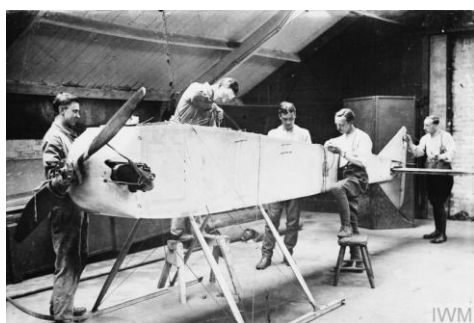


**Forthcoming events** members were informed of a talk on the History of Desborough Sailing Club which will be given at Halliford School 18<sup>th</sup> March 8pm also provisional detail of 'Feltham Fete' was given which will be on Saturday 2nd August.

## **AOB**

Detail was given as to research being undertaken by Dr Lino Cericola relating to early 'Drone' technology – this has direct relation to Feltham as the designer Archibald Low had a small workshop in Feltham High Street

Constructing an experimental radio controlled drone at Feltham 1917



Major Low 'bottom centre'

Dr Cericola hopes to make a model to be displayed 'hanging from ceiling in cabin or on a display stand'. Members will be kept informed as to progress on this and a possibility of it being demonstrated on Feltham Green

Following much discussion on this subject the '**short talk**' was given by member Will Horgan on a local worthy 'Captain Matthew Webb'

**The April meeting** will be the group's AGM and 'items of interest' will feature a piece on The Quakers Estate plus a short talk from the Middlesex Chronicle feature 'Looking Back' – from the late Eddie Menday's weekly submissions to the publication.