

Feltham History Group

June 2015 meeting held at Christ Church Hanworth Road Feltham (Ruffle Room)

Members were welcomed by the Chairman to the last meeting before the summer break, although much activity is planned for the coming months.

An update was provided on the plans for the Rose & Crown by members Roger Cowing and Andi Barnes, stating that there is 'some concern'

The Chairman informed members of a plan by Hounslow Council to close the Registrar's Office in Lampton Road Hounslow and relocate to Feltham Lodge, aka, Feltham Age Concern, the Chairman noted that whilst it was welcomed that the Victorian building in Harlington Road West would be put to good use there was concern of the possible loss of the fine building in Lampton Road.

Hounslow's Local Studies Officer James Marshall informed members of an item of local historical importance concerning a certain Dennis Barnham of the Barnham family that once farmed many acres here in Feltham in the late 19c and early 20c. The Barnhams are related in marriage to AW Smith the prolific Market Gardener of these parts.



The main body of the item concerned Dennis Barnham and his participation in the Battle of Malta via the Heston & Isleworth Spitfire, James will be producing an in-depth article on the subject



in the near future.

In forthcoming events the Chairman made members aware of Christ Church 'Afternoon Tea' Saturday 6th June and of the Brentford Local and Family History Day to be held at Boston Manor House also 6th June with on the 20th 'Jam Yesterday and Jam Today' – a play-let to be held at Squires Garden Centre Sixth Cross Roads Twickenham, 2-5pm, also on the 20th The Mizens Miniature Railway 'special day'.

The group in conjunction with St Dunstan's Church are holding a History day at the Church with a 'Cream Tea' during the afternoon on the 27th June. Members were also availed of an event at the end of June, i.e. Armed Forces Day at Hounslow Civic Centre 29th June.

In AOB were various matters ranging from Feltham Choral at St Dunstan's 11th July '70th anniversary of VE Day and 500 year anniversary of the Brigantine Order at Syon House 19th July. Member Mark Savage mentioned the closure of the last Public house in Hanworth The Swan. Hanworth once boasted at least 7 places of imbibe, there are however many small and not so small Clubs thriving in the locality, not least Eddies Club in Hounslow Road, Hanworth an ably run establishment at that.

The short talk was given by the Chairman on St Dunstan's Pocket Park once referred to in the 18th century as 'Shott before Church'. Ed's article was prompted by the Local Authority putting forward the Park for Green Flag Status. Interim judging took place on 19th May; present at

which was the Secretary and the 'Chairman' of the history group whose [Ed] input was instrumental in providing much historical background of parcel 104 'Church Rate' (Full text available from the author)

The meeting closed at 21-23

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