

Feltham History Group

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

The Chairman opened the February meeting of Feltham History Group which was held at Christ Church Feltham with the customary friendly greeting to members and first time visitors.

Under 'Items of interest' James Marshall made us aware of a contact he had had with a Mr. Ken Battle of Sunbury who has been looking into bombing of Sunbury UDC during WW2. Ken had noted that there were two incidents of bombing near to Feltham UDC – one being a V1 the other a V2 incident.

The V1 incident is dated 23 June 1944 and occurred on the railway line, between Kempton Park and Hanworth Water Works, just east of the water works industrial branch line junction. 92 feet of railway track were destroyed. This location was part of a very small area of Feltham UDC's south western corner, found on an adjacent map sheet, mostly showing Sunbury, The V2 incident qualifies as Feltham's only V2 and the rocket landed, more or less harmlessly, on 16th September 1944, in a field beside Cains Lane, Bedfont, now covered by Heathrow Airport.

Amongst other matters was the Alan Godfrey website "alan godfrey maps" .The Battle website will soon feature a 1934 O/S map which he thought may provide interesting changes since the 193/4 O/S Maps.

Member Andi Barnes gave an update of the Grade 11 listings survey project that 3 of the group have been engaged in with English Heritage and Hounslow Council. The initial assignment was of the Bedfont Green and surrounding buildings



Fawns Manor



Bedfont Lodge



part of old wall between Bedfont
Lodge
and The White House



London Road (Bedfont) Mile
Stone
(Not List but is of interest)

Photo by Feltham History Group

Under 'forthcoming matters' the Secretary spoke of a contact he had had from a descendant of the Etoo family and indeed one Arthur Ernest Etoo 'Royal Engineer'. This man was a member of a family that were brought here from Japan in the early 1880's by a Mr Gosnell who lived at The Park Feltham Hill. Mr Gosnell's business was perfumery from which he made much money, however Arthur Etoo who was in the Military died April 1917 from an unspecified disease, he is buried in Feltham cemetery. The family have for a while been requesting the CWGC for a commission headstone to be placed on his grave. The group is supporting the family on the request for recognition [headstone] as to his WW1 involvement.

THE Short Talk was given by Eddie Menday on Soldiers letters [back home] from WW1, with some surprising observations!

Next meeting Tuesday 3rd March

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