

# *Feltham History Group*

Feltham History Group December meeting 2015

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The Feltham History Group December meeting for 2015 was opened by the Chairman with customary greetings to the 25 members present. The Chairman continued with notification of a slightly different format for the meetings. The Secretary, under 'letters and enquires' spoke of correspondence via email from a Mr Steve Mills regarding research he was conducting on what he termed as "Royal Fling Corp 'experimental works'" - asking if we could shed light on a number of WWI documents that give the place of the experiments as Feltham. He is hoping to trace where these works were located. The Secretary informed members that amongst the group's archive were Ordnance Survey maps of the early the twentieth century and particularly a map, only recently available, named Feltham Aerodrome. Amongst the many details shown on the map were various 'stores' engineering works and hangars together with Billets for those there employed. The Secretary informed members that the information had been passed to Mr Mills and that he would hopefully be able to present further upon any forthcoming communication.



Other matters included correspondence from Mrs Reilly, who as you may recall is a direct descendant of Arthur Etoo – the correspondence concerned commemoration by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission to him – he was soldier of the First World War. The Etoo family came to Feltham from Japan with a Mr Gosnell a manufacturing perfumer in the 1880's. Mr Gosnell lived at The Park Feltham Hill and Mr Etoo senior was a house servant and Groom to Mr Gosnell (a daughter worked in one of the High Street stores?) Installation at Feltham Cemetery is scheduled for Spring 2016. Finally there was information on a request from a Mrs Blake regarding her 'family who once lived at a large house near to Bedfont green named Meadowside

Under forthcoming events the Chairman informed all members present that there were many 'all with a Christmas chord for all the family'

Christmas tree Festival at Christ Church 4th to 7th December

Toy and Carol Service at Christ Church Sunday 6th December @5pm

Christmas Carol Sing Along at Three Horseshoes Friday 11th December @7-30pm - (in aid of

Chase Shooting Star Hospice)

Carols and mice pies at Christ Church Tuesday 15th December @7pm

Carolling at ASDA's Monday 21st December @7pm

Members were informed of a further change to the monthly format (as set out below) the major 'change' was the was deletion of a December, January and February meeting but an additional meeting in July, the main reason being that of safety during months of diminished daylight and the possibility of severe hiemal conditions



The short talk was given by the Secretary and centred round 'Christmas past' which covered Christmases of late nineteenth and early twentieth century



Monthly Meeting 2016 and short talks

January 'no meeting'

February 'no meeting'

March Feltham Arena a history by RC

April Feltham Depot by JM

May Horse Transport

June Local Youth Organisations by EM

July A to Z 'a selection' by AR (or another)

August 'no meeting'

September Local Artists and Sculptors by MS

October Military Associations (Feltham & District) by TF

November Hanworth Road Feltham 'a history' by AR

December no meeting

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