

CLYMPING DENE/THE DELL POND



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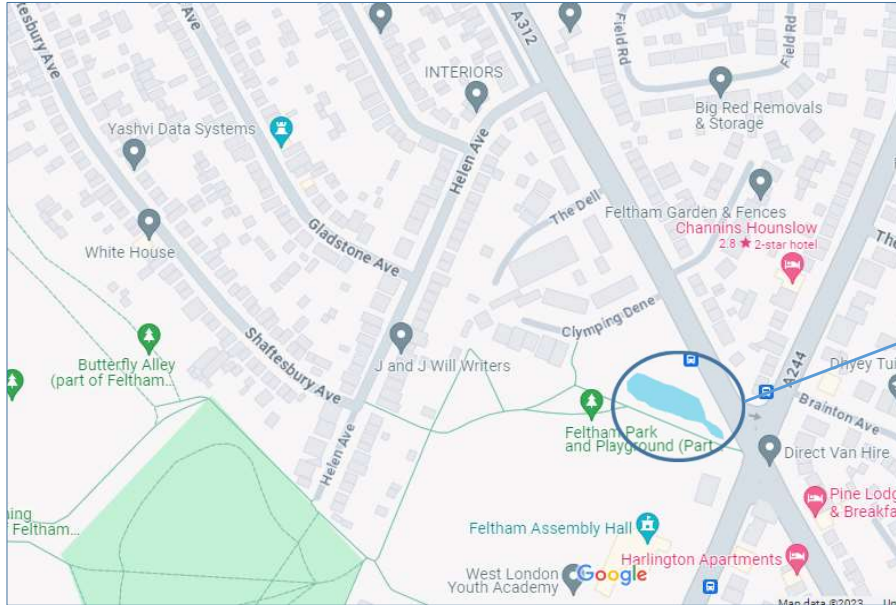
**Clymping Dene
and
The Dell
'an anomaly'
by Ray Edwards**

CLYMPING DENE & THE DELL

Title Slide, explain reasons for investigation

Location

(2023 google maps)

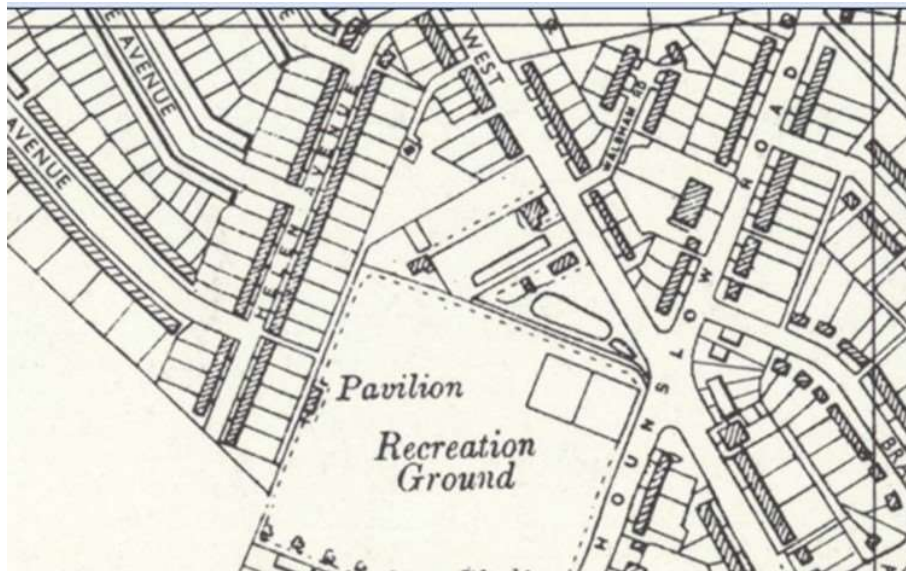


CLYMPING DENE
POND

Modern (current) location to identify Clymping Dene and The Dell Roads + environs

Ordnance Survey map TQ17SW (Extract)

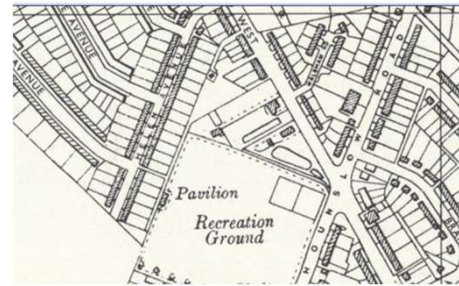
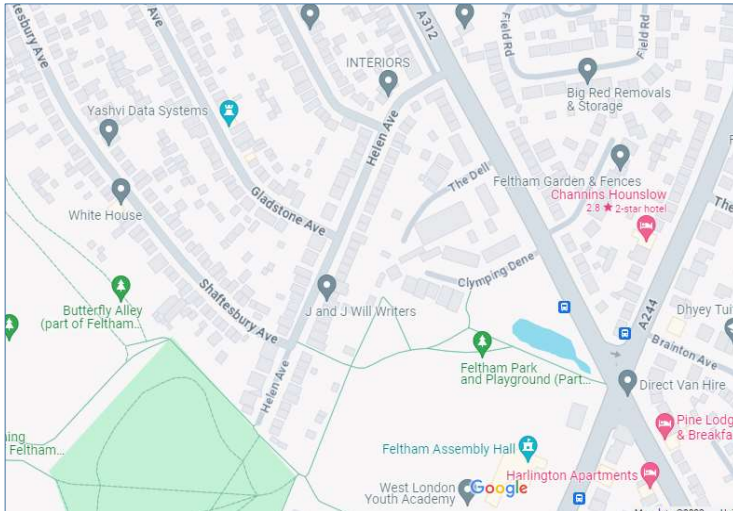
Surveyed / Revised: Pre-1930 to 1959



These roads named after 2 prominent houses which stood on Harlington Road West – shown on this composite map.

The question is which house is which

2023 Google map (slide 2) with TQ17SW extract (slide 3) for comparison



TQ17SW (Extract)

Comparison of travel up Harlington Road to identify features on left side.

Using the 2023 map could lead to the conclusion that the 1st house is Clymping Dene
And the 2nd is The Dell

In actuality

1 = The Dell

2 = Clymping Dene

Some evidence in next slide

Evidence of House Numbers

House number	Date (in case of change of occupier)	Occupier	Owner, where the Owner pays the Rate	Description of Property	Name or Situation of Property	Net Annual Value of Property 1943
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
					HARLINGTON ROAD WEST	
1						
2		Job Winkworth		House, Gdn. & Premises	1 Harlington Road West	
3		M ^{rs} L. Lloyd Jones JACK V. HARTLEY	Stoneham & Sons	2nd. Flr. Flat Basent. Edge, Gdn.	Clymping Dene, Harlington Road West	
4		Edgar J. Chuter.	Stoneham & Sons	1st Floor Flat.	Clymping Dene, Harlington Road West	
5		Stephen Humphries.	Stoneham & Sons	2nd Floor Flat.	Clymping Dene, Harlington Road W.	
				House &		

1943 -1944 FUDC rate
book extract

Middlesex Chronicle
Abstract (August 14, 1943)

SUPPORT THE
DOG SHOW & FETE
IN AID OF
Red Cross & Prisoners Of War
At "Clymping Dene"
3, Harlington Road West,
Feltham.
117, Bus Stops Outside The Door.
ON SUNDAY AUG. 22nd
1943 at 12 pm.
Opening By Famous Novelist
URSULA BLOOM
Classes For All Dogs
Pedigree and Non-Pedigree
Apply for schedules at above
address, or telephone Fel.
2229. Entries accepted on
grounds.

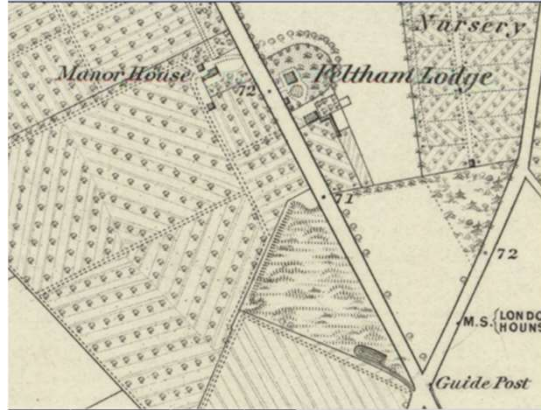
FUDC Council Minutes

Houses varingly referred to by name only, or
by house number + name
i.e. The Dell 1, Harlington Road West
Clymping Dene 3, Harlington Road West

Selection of evidence of house order/number

Date of Build (1)

Extract from OS map Middlesex Sheet XX (Surveyed 1864 to 1865)

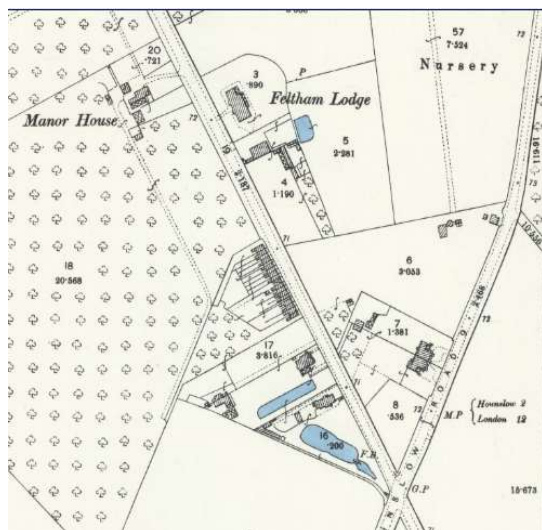


Census data for 1871 still shows absence of the 2 houses

OS map and census info. to try and establish date of build

Date of Build (2)

Extract from OS map Middlesex XX.9 (revised 1894)



1881 Census

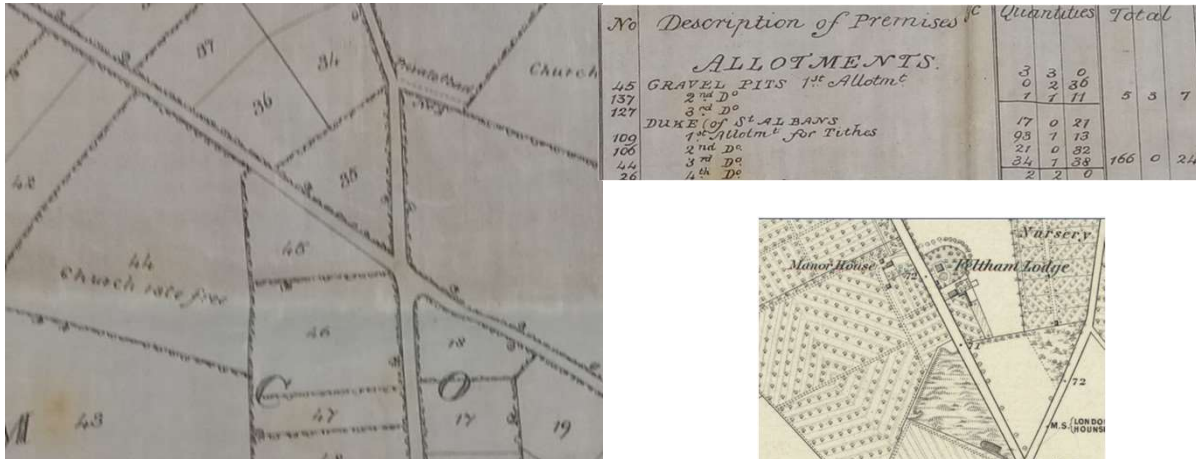
Shows the presence of 2 occupied properties (together with Manor Cottages) on Harlington Road West (actually given as Hatton Road), starting from its junction with Hounslow Road.

Next available OS map (1894) showing presence of the 2 houses + Manor Cottages

Fade in 1881 census info. Indicates that all properties were occupied at this date.

Extract of 1881 census in next slide

1800 Enclosure Map (extracts)



From OS map Middlesex Sheet XX (Surveyed 1864 to 1865)

Site set aside for gravel pit in 1800 enclosures map

Note other 2 plots - have not found any evidence that these were used.

Fade in 1864/65 map, which shows evidence of gravel pit.

According to Ken Baldwin the HRW site was first dug in 1810 and was v. active during 1820s -1830s

Manor Cottages (photographed in 1964)

(Ken Baldwin photo collection – Local Studies : Feltham Library)



Plaque which reads
MANOR COTTAGES
1879

(from notes on rear of photograph)

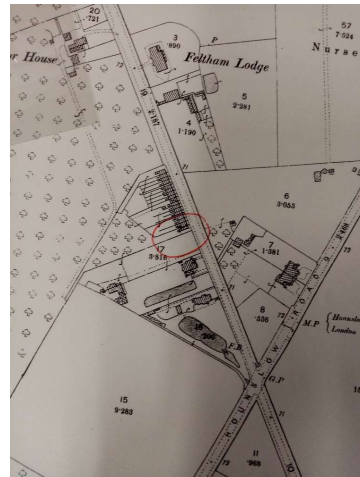
Photo of Manor Cottages taken by the aforementioned Ken Baldwin

Note on the rear of photo reads as per shown in the slide.

Point out boundary wall - a close up is shown in the next slide

W. LODGE Boundary Wall

(Ken Baldwin photo collection – Local Studies : Feltham Library)
(Photo dated 25 July 1964)



Point out position of Boundary Plaque and what it reads.

Note pavement on right of picture, plus “broken” structure which suggests the wall extended down to Clymping Dene .

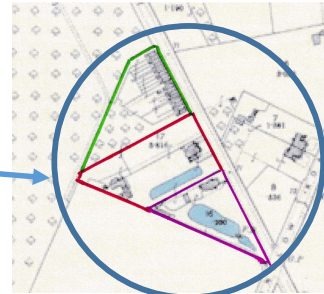
Fade in position of plaque (to 1964?)

Development of Gravel Pit Land (plot 45 enclosure map)



1864/1865

1879 - 1881 (approx.)



KEY

(houses & Land)

The Dell – purple outline

Clymping Dene – red outline

Manor Cottages – green outline

From this data, I propose the following development of plot 45, between the dates given

Clymping Dene – with pond, plus Clymping Dene Cottage (which is mentioned in Buster Lloyd Jones book)

The Dell – also with pond, which probably has its origin in the gravel extractions – shown in the 1864/65 map

DID WILLIAM LODGE BUILD CLYMPING DENE & THE DELL?

Possibly

The best I can offer is possibly.

I would like to think the William Lodge was involved with all the developments on this site.

However, I have not found any links with Manor Cottages and The Dell

Notes for the Dell and Manor cottages

Information from Middlesex Chronicle Reports

1876 (25th March) - W. Lodge & E Baker appointed to be surveyors of the Highways. It is also noted that the old pit has been sold and thus there was a requirement to find a new site so that the parish roads could be maintained.

Unfortunately, the report does give the location of the old pit or who had purchased it.

1879 (25th Jan) - At a meeting to discuss the formation of a Highways District (Feltham & surrounding parishes), W. Lodge produced correspondence detailing the finding, plus a proposal of purchase of a new pit situated in a field adjacent to Feltham Lane.

1879 (19th April) -letter from W. Lodge/E. Baker to the residents of Feltham informing them of the purchase of this new pit.

However, there is a link with W Lodge and Clymping Dene

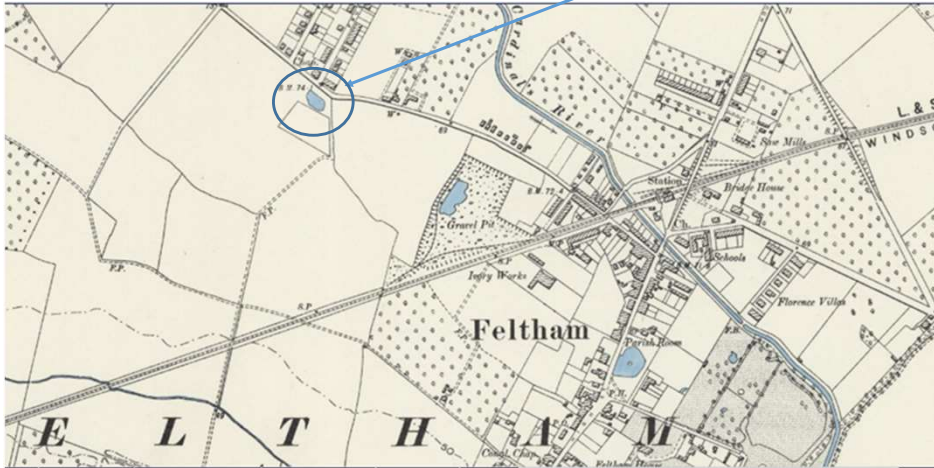
“Story” indicated by Lodge family that he did build Clymping Dene – not verified.

Further, ref. attract a rich business man to buy the property.

Note: there is evidence that he was active in the area.

Also, there is the info shown in the slide.

Location of New Gravel Pit



Middlesex Sheet XX.SW Revised: 1894

I believe this to be the site of the “new” pit

Is this opening of the new pit a coincidence – ref. data already given

My take on what happened :-

W Lodge works to find, purchase of new site

This new site becomes operational in 1879, thus freeing-up the old site for development in this year

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Link of W. Lodge with Clymping Dene

FUDC rate book for 1904 shows the owner of Clymping Dene to be Mrs. J. Bryers . She remains the owner until her death.

(have not found any evidence that she lived there).

Jane Bryers was the sister of William Lodge

W. Lodge builds the house with gardens (including its associated pond) and retains ownership.

W. Lodge dies 1902

Probate on his will granted 1903

Jane Bryers inherits Clymping Dene (after granting of Probate).

Jane Bryers remains owner until her death - September 1917

Additional info.- linking Clymping Dene to Jane Bryers (W Lodge sister)

There are a number of scenarios which could lead to Jane Bryers being the owner,

I propose the following – given in the slide.

ADVERT FOR SALE OF J. BRYERS PROPERTIES

Middlesex Chronicle 23rd
February 1918

SALES BY AUCTION.

re Mrs. Jane Bryers, deceased.
FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.

Preliminary notice of a sale of important residential and Cottage Property. For occupation or investment.

Mr. WOODS

HAS been favoured with instructions to sell by auction, in lots, at the Railway Hotel, Feltham, at an early date, due notice of which will appear in subsequent advertisements, the following Valuable Property. viz., detached substantially built FREEHOLD RESIDENCE standing in its own well enclosed grounds of large area, and known as "Clymping Dene," Harlington Road, Feltham. It contains excellent well fitted and spacious accommodation, and stands in charming grounds, well timbered and shrubbed, and containing numerous fruit trees, picturesque bathing lake or trout pond, bathing pavilion, stabling or garage, conservatories, etc., which will be more fully described when particulars are published. Detached Residence with fine buildings, yard and gardens, known as Spring Cottage, Spring Road, Lower Feltham, a very picturesque little property, Copyhold of the Manor of Kempton. Pair of Roomy Residences known as Chestnut Cottages, Nos. 24 and 26, St. Dunstan's Road, Lower Feltham, Copyhold of the Manor of Kempton. Detached Residence known as Ivy Cottage, 18, St. Dunstan's Road, Lower Feltham, Copyhold of the Manor of Kempton.

Particulars and plans are in course of preparation, and may shortly be obtained at the Railway Hotel, Feltham; of Horace Garland, Esq., Solicitor, Feltham, and St. Andrew's Chambers, No. 165, Queen Victoria Street, London, E.C.; and of Mr. Woods, F.S.I., F.A.I., Auctioneer and Estate Agent, Hounslow, Middx.

Advert for property sale on Jane Bryers death

Note : Freehold property – plus mention that it stands in its own well enclosed grounds – is this a ref to the boundary wall?

1947 aerial view

<https://historicengland.org.uk/images-books/archive/collections/aerial-photos/>
Enter FELTHAM on interactive map



What did the houses look like.

The only images I have been able to trace are some aerial views in Historic England Archives

1947 view – point out houses, Manor Cottages, HRW, Helen Aven



Enlargement of similar photo, date ? (maybe 1937) with slightly different pass of the aircraft.

WHAT HAPPENED TO CLYMPING DENE & THE DELL (1)

They appear to lead a happy inhabited life (with a number of owners/residents) through to the mid 1950/1960s.

Clymping Dene had been converted into flats by 1939.

FUDC council minutes from the mid 1950s, indicate that the council were considering purchasing the individual properties.

This was not to be so for Clymping Dene. The site was developed by R. T. Smith (Feltham) in 1958/1959.

The planning submission detailed demolishing the house and laying out the site as a private estate with 2 blocks of 8 flats and 3 pairs of semi-detached houses.

Clymping Dene House pond purchased by Council (1959) and is incorporated into Feltham Park.

Run through each item (fade in) on slide

Note:

Planning permission results in demolition of Clymping Dene house.

Clymping Dene road sits adjacent to/ on site of the original house

Purchase of pond – Feltham Park – position next slide/

Clymping Dene House Pond incorporated into Feltham Park



OS MAP (Extract) 1960

Not sure how long this remained, but is eventually landscaped out – redesign of the park post 1965?

WHAT HAPPENED TO CLYMPING DENE & THE DELL (2)

The Council purchased The Dell in 1956.

The owner of The Dell at the time of this purchase was a Mr C. J. Wooldridge.

It was used as a changing room for football teams playing on the Glebelands and a polling station.

The functions presumably disappeared once The Assembly Hall was opened (1965) and the house subsequently demolished (date to be determined).

Further, Manor cottages get demolished in 1964/1965 and are replaced by the Dell Road and houses.

Thus, the “configuration” of this side of Harlington Road West becomes that given at the beginning of the talk (i.e. The present day).

Work through (fade in) each in turn

“Notables” who lived in either of the two houses

Clymping Dene



Buster Lloyd-Jones

The Dell



Erskine Nicol

1 notable for each property

As per slide