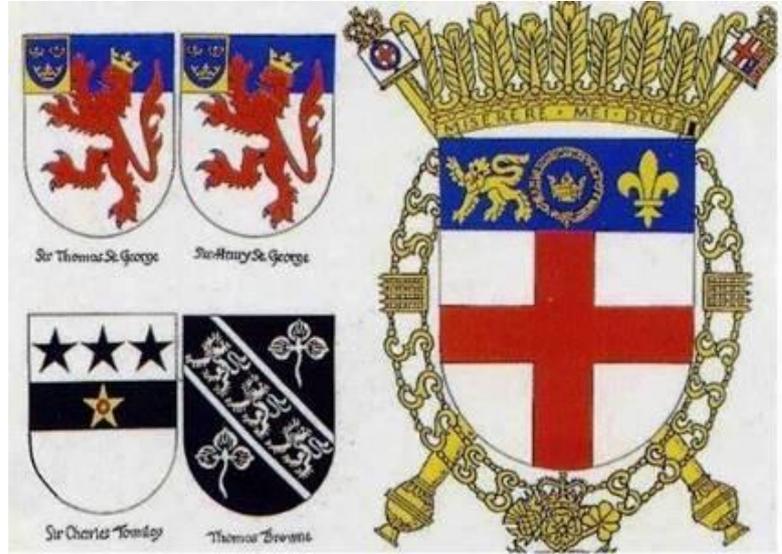
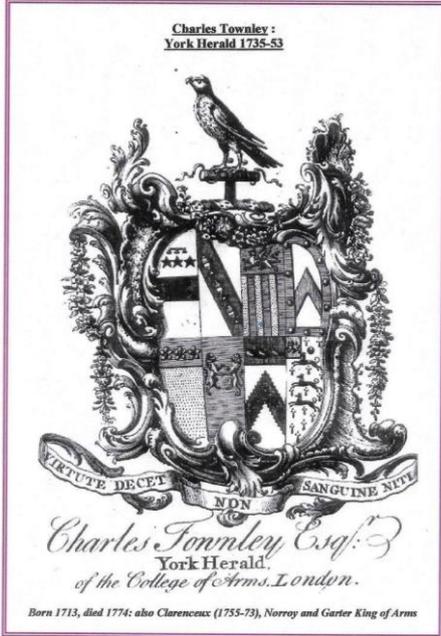


Exploring Heraldry Interest Group 2016-17

FEIGNIES ROOM SESSIONS OCTOBER TO FEBRUARY

Our group largely thrives via images, and this article uses a number of examples of the graphic medium to tell our story. The following illustrations, sometimes in the form of collages of separate slides, give an idea of what we've enjoyed in our monthly Feignies Room sessions over four Friday mornings. The first two formed the subject of our October meeting, when Vic did a practice-run of a talk he was doing for the Cheshire Heraldry Society:



Some of the Garter Herald Kings' Coats of Arms, including (Sir) Charles Townley's, bottom left

Charles Townley (later **Sir** Charles Townley when he became the major "Garter King Herald", under the Earl Marshall), married a lady of Long Whatton, near East Midlands Airport, in the early 18th Century, and his attempted monochrome draft of a coat had been made, before the union, possibly (and, arguably, at times experimentally - or speculatively - in his earlier days as an aspiring officer of the College of Arms) to impress his future in-laws about his heritage.

Who are these "Gels" ?

... and one of them made her name notably at ... ?

Clockwise: The Wade letterbox at Snowhill Manor; the Mitford daughters of one of the Barons Redesdale at Batsford; a heraldic sundial at Brasenose College, Oxford

November took in Snowhill Manor (*Kath*), Batsford House and Arboretum (*Janet*), and a shot from an Oxford college borrowed from a Heraldry Society magazine by Vic (*all three above*), completing the session with a trip to Epping Forest (*Vic, below, same source*) for the first of two pre-Christmas puzzles, a sample of which centred on a possibly deliberate blending of names:

Family of George WytheS (orig. "Wythe") have this coat of arms granted before 1557, according to Burke,



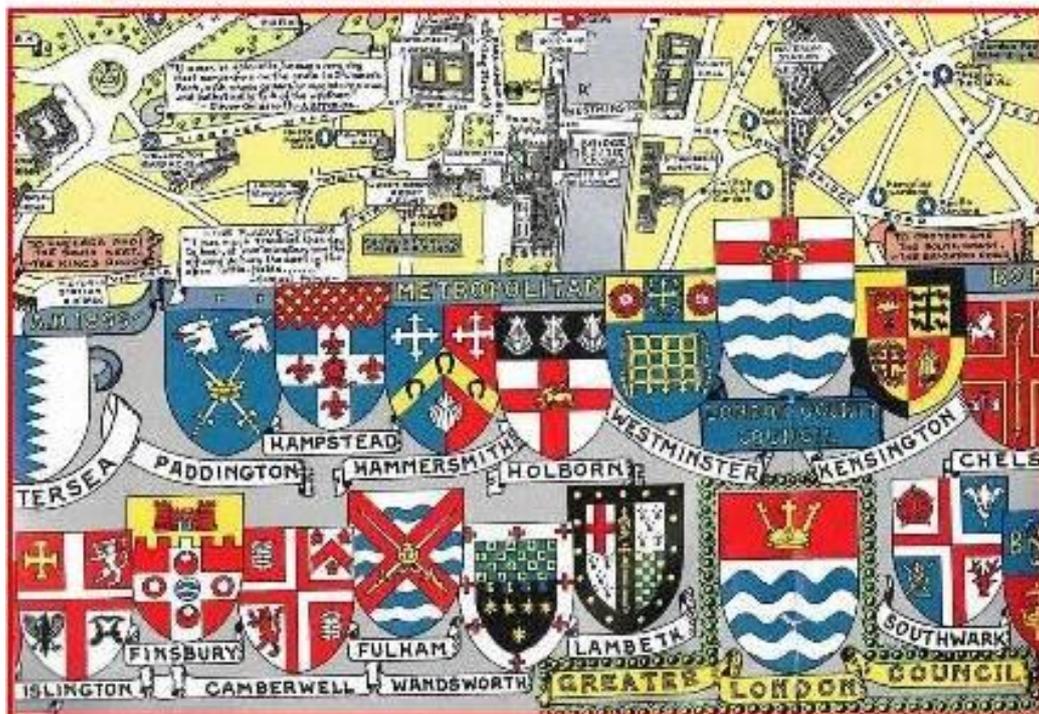
when the "Wyche" family of his wife is recorded as having the arms of *azure a pile ermine* = origin of the *ermine bordure* for grandson Ernest's arms?



Heraldry presents us with many puzzles, as does our "Heraldist Leader"

The second set of puzzles was contained in a fascinating sub-group activity in December, based on five copies (*all, no doubt, acquired for "only a pahnd" each by an esteemed market haggler and K&D U3A Official in the group*) of a pictorial heraldic map of London, which the whole group enjoyed very much ...

... and so did Clare, with her London map!



To sustain us after this unusual exercise of the little grey cells, we all departed, with spouses and friends making 19 of us, to The Nevile Arms at Kinoulton for a very enjoyable annual Christmas Lunch, the biggest gathering of our wider group for our ventures out since we started in 2011.

We unfortunately had to miss the usual January meeting because of Vic's piling-up of commitments, but this was more than made up for by a packed and highly varied presentation in

February by four members, which comprised presentations on: a trip to Great Yarmouth by Jack, Stephanie and grand-children; an exploration of Bunny Church and Hall by Jodi; the “Cathedral of the Peaks” at Tideswell by Dave, and ...



Jack's
Fishy
Tale



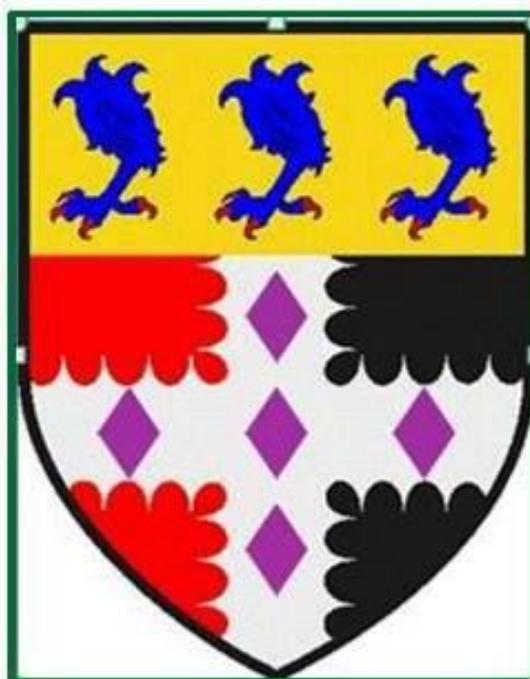
Thos. Parkin preparing
a Bunny-hug (above)

Can you spot some wiggly arms
for a Wigley man (left)?

... the sorting-out of a puzzle presented by Mike, even before any alcohol had been consumed on his trips to Cheshire, by a pub-sign at Mackworth, near Derby:



Are those shapes birds,
acorns, ... ?



"Azure, three eagle's legs erased
à-la-quoise" = eagle drumsticks!

To conclude, here below, in the Two-&-Nines, most of our Interest Group all enjoy a laugh at Jack's sea-sidy presentation, while the Leader takes the photo:

**Our feignies Room
Session
February 2017**



**Jack doing his
warm-up act
on codfish**

*Thanks to everyone for all the plans, ideas, images, interest, and FUN,
in these slides and in all our sessions.*

Vic Taylor, Group Leader

[A slightly shorter version of this article will be found in the K&D U3A March Newsletter]