

K&D U3A EXPLORING HERALDRY GROUP

Final 2013 Session, 20th December



Anoraks at Play - Xmas Lunch in 'The Sal', Members and their Loyal Supporters

As you might tell from this picture, the group puts into practice the dictum of a “healthy mind in a healthy body”, as we stocked up on the calories expended in the previous two hours of hard work in the Feignies Room, some of us in the hands of our Carers.

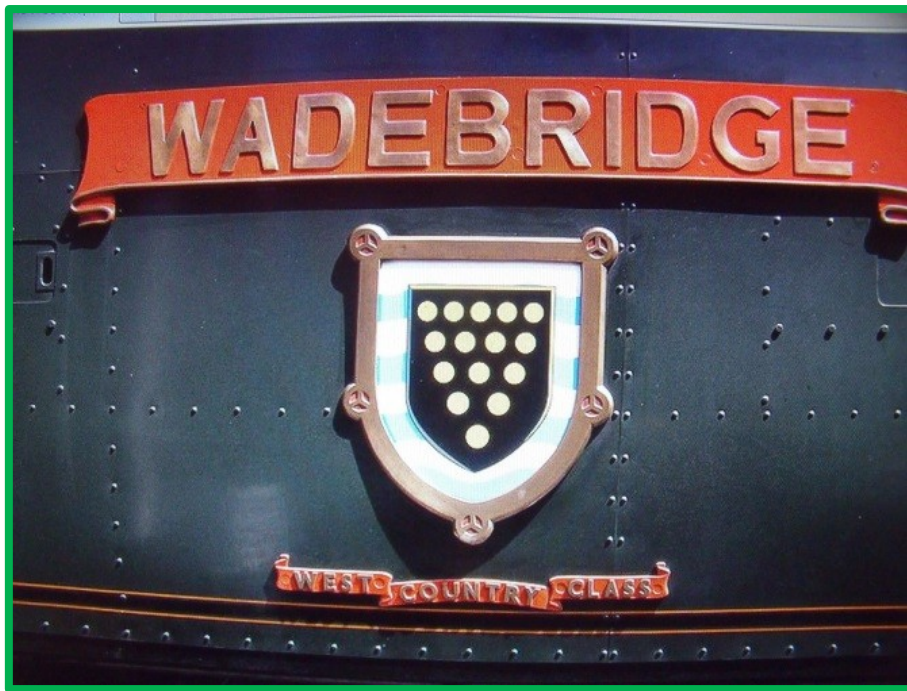
A great session on Railway Heraldry, run by Alan, was sandwiched between images that our Leader used first to back up Mike’s previous captivating session, on The “Great Twelve” Worshipful Companies, and lead in to Alan; with, then, after our rail-trip, pictures to lead in to Clare’s opening session of 2014 on the Canadian Provinces in January.



The Badge in Ironwork of the Great Western Railway

Alan went spectacularly beyond the expectation of a mere train-spotter, and showed himself as very much an expert railway enthusiast, in practical roles as well as a historian and observer, with a great sequence of shots - from the London Underground logos to veteran and antique engine-armorials, from history of the British Railways to fascinating examples of station architecture. Alan thus earns the dual title of Railway and Heraldry Buff, so now can sport two crests on his Anorak of Arms.

The Leader’s obsessiveness about the *fleur-de-lys* was rewarded with his own anorak collar-pin-badge fashioned in the shape of that very ancient object: like given to like! A nice little gift at our Christmas lunch, though – thanks to all the group for a great first “term” to continue our smashing third year as a consistently highly-involved group.



Spot the Coat of Arms in the Middle of the Watery Shield?

Images from Mike and Alan; text by Vic