

TALK about History Groups - 20th January 2018

TDCS started 2018 with a stimulating talk by Margaret Henley, founder Chairman of Polesworth History Project Group, entitled "What does a history group do? What can it do within a civic society?".

Margaret was well-qualified on this subject due to her parallel role for many years chairing a civic society - The Polesworth Society (which Tamworth Civic Society's then Chairman, Norman Biggs, helped Margaret found in 1983, but which sadly closed at the end of 2017 after 34 years). She also has a Master of Arts degree in history and is keenly interested in historical research.

We met, appropriately, in the historic surroundings of St. George's Chapel, within Tamworth Parish Church.

We were delighted to also have Phil Shanahan present. As author of *The Real Enigma Heroes*, he exemplifies what historical research can produce. To have Phil there, signing and selling copies of his work to interested attendees, was also TDCS's further way of honouring the 75th anniversary on 30th October 2017 of Colin Grazier's death..

The meeting generated interest to shortly afterwards create a sub-group for TDCS members to share and discuss historical interests with each other. One sub-group member then quickly submitted an article to our TDCS Blog about his research into an ancestor found in rare WW1 records at Staffordshire Record Office. How the TDCS History Group operates and develops will be down to the members involved.

(Photographs copyright: Susan Biggs): TDCS Chairman David Biggs welcomes Margaret Henley and Phil Shanahan to our first meeting of 2018.

