

Minutes BMS 1st December, 2022.

1. **Welcome**: by President Paul Handford. Members were reminded about registration of their vehicles at the hotel reception.
2. **Statistics**: Total present 27; 5 guests, 1 ZOOMer and 6 apologies received.
3. **No new members**: [Secretary's note: two guests have said they will be joining].
4. **Research questions**: None.
5. **Committee points**:

Hugh Vaugh has kindly volunteered to take up the final committee place.

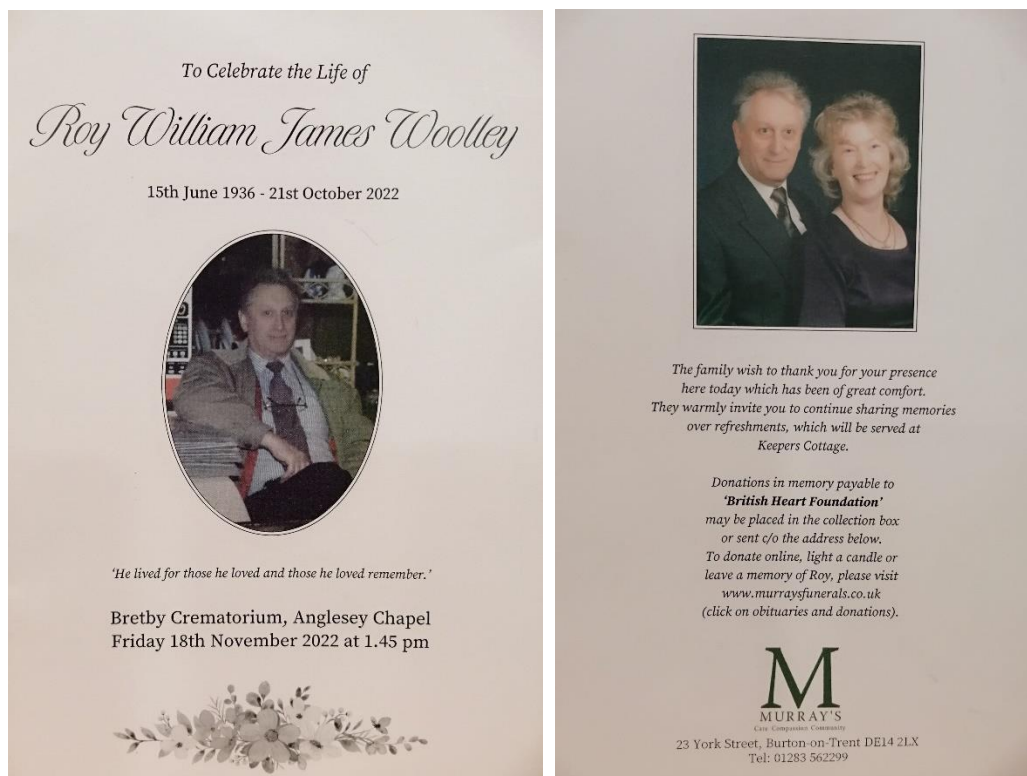
Miniconvention news: Please send your cheques to **Martin Harrison** – details are on the miniconvention flyer. Please could members advise of any short talks they are able to offer [Please liaise with President Paul Handford, speaker secretary Martin Harrison or secretary Chris Davies].

Overdue subscriptions: There are a few and those members will be contacted by email shortly.

Today's committee ZOOM discussion: A short summary of this discussion was presented at tonight's meeting of how 'ZOOM' and the BMS may interact in the future. [A short written summary will be sent to members in due course. In brief, Mr President emphasised he would like opinions about the following from the membership eg: should we continue with it? Is it beneficial to the society? How and who should manage it? A dedicated 'ZOOM' team with backup in the membership? The process of storing and recording? Editing and overview of any recording – how should this be done? Storage of the recording – on the cloud? Any copyright issues to do with use of photos, PP images, maps or other internet material? What equipment do we need? [Secretary's note: I will collate responses in due course for the February meeting].

Dave Seeney presented the latest news on the **Ukrainian Freedom Company 'Shoebbox' appeal**. As you know from recent emails, the first consignment of donations has been delivered and gratefully received. This also included kit and electricity generators. Further convoys are planned – I will keep you notified.

6. Here is the late **Roy Woolley's** Order of Service. [Secretary's note; a BMS donation has been made to the British heart Foundation in his memory].



7. **Forthcoming Events:** There is now a combined BMS/OMRS ZOOM event on the 3rd Sunday of the month. The timing of the ZOOM will vary to help international attendees.
8. **Reflection on last month's meeting:** 'Bablake's Last Casualty' Mr President reflected that research was the key to this interesting talk about the Private Beaufoy, the last Great War casualty of Bablake School Coventry KIA 8th, November, 1918.
9. **Tonight's meeting:** 'A Rare VAD Group with Foreign Awards' is to be given by Mr President himself!
10. **Next Meetings:** There is a BMS ZOOM on 5th January, 2023 'Recent Acquisitions' and on 2nd February, 2023, our talk is entitled 'The New Zealand Expeditionary Force in the Great War' by Ken Weston.

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Chris Davies BMS Secretary.