

## Birmingham Medal Society Mini Convention

The Birmingham Medal Society held its bi-annual mini convention in Knowle on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2012. 32 members and guests attended what turned out to be an enjoyable and interesting day, which was opened by a welcome from the President Martin Harrison, who gave a brief history of the Society for the benefit of non society guests who were present.

There were a good number of entries and displays for the President's Cup, a total of nine members put together some very interesting and comprehensive exhibits. The winner of the coveted President's Cup was a display titled Alice and the King.



**Society President Martin Harrison opens the Convention**

For a more detailed overview of the various displays take a look on the Members Page.

The main speaker was member Mick Atkinson who as always gave an illuminating talk on Elizabethan Medals which Gave a detailed overview of all campaign medals issued during the reign of Her Majesty.

As usual Mick was fluent and able to draw upon his experiences of working in the

former Army Medal Office.

Dealers Ian Laidler & Sunset Militara were also in attendance with, as always, a good stock of material for sale and following a buffet lunch and raffle, the afternoon session was fully subscribed with members 10 minute presentations. Short and snappy talks on a range of subjects that included

- A B Hunt RN HMS Penelope
- Reflections
- Like Uncle like Nephew
- Brother Eric
- Tanga 1914 – Another classic British disaster
- Two extremely rare 1914 trios
- Portland Hospital in the Boer War

Convention organiser and Society President Martin Harrison said *“A successful event and a great way to relax and enjoy a day spent in the company of like minded Ordecomedologists and to indulge in medals and medallic subjects”*



For more details and pictures of the day go to **Members Page** (BMS Members only).

**President's Cup Winner 2012  
Alice & The King**