

BIRMINGHAM MEDAL SOCIETY MEETING - GARDEN HOUSE THURSDAY 5th MARCH 2015

The President welcomed everyone and noted that it was his last meeting in post as a new President would be appointed at the AGM in April.

Apologies were received and recorded.

The President noted that member Mick BROWN had passed away in January and that a minutes silence had been held at the February meeting. Since then another long standing member and former President of the Society Paul FABER had also passed on. A minutes silence was held in his memory. Secretary Philip Wilson advised members who had been present at his funeral.

A new member was present, Matthew BROADBRIDGE, who briefly introduced himself. He was welcomed by the President.

The President advised that nomination forms were available for the appointment of committee members and needed to be completed in time for the AGM in April.

A list was circulated asking members to suggest or volunteer to undertake talks or presentations during the 2015-16 year. Final list was taken by the Secretary.

The President reminded all that the next meeting on 2 Apr 15 was the AGM and also entries for the President's Cup were sought.

This evening's main talk was **Military Research on the Internet – by Dave Seeney.**

Dave presented a very informative talk on various methods and ways of researching via the internet.

Ancestry.UK He gave tips to get better results covering WWI Medal Index Cards and went through a list of records available.

Forces War Records Useful to see which conflict people served in and if veteran was still living. However nothing original on the site and all linked to other sites, but the initial search is free.

DNW Search of past catalogues, useful for split lots and checking history and provenance of groups.

Find My Past Another useful way of checking records which are clustered together and it is a slightly better search engine than Ancestry.

International Red Cross A free site that requires the persons name to acquire World War I details.

Amazon Useful reference on a particular book or reference to an organisation. Dave gave the example of the Danish Resistance to illustrate his point.

Google Army lists. Harts, put in name searching for, or enter 'All books'.

Library of Scotland Web Site can search lists for WW I and download.

A debate followed which included reference to the following useful sites:

Internet Archive.org.uk

Project Gutenberg

Absent Voters List

Who was Who

The National Gallery

Peerage.com

Next meeting: Thursday 2nd April 2014 1930h. Annual General Meeting