

**Birmingham Medal Society Meeting – The Garden House, Hagley Road Birmingham.
Thursday 1st May 2014.**

The President welcomed everyone to meeting, although numbers were a little low on this occasion.

Apologies were received from: Roy Painter, Su & Paul Handford, Mick Atkinson, Geoff Taylor.

The President reminded everyone that the dinner would be held on Friday 6 Jun 14 immediately prior to the mini convention on 7 Jun.

The Convention was also discussed and a handful more members indicated their intention to attend.

The President announced that June Done, founder member of the BMS and a former President and Secretary had agreed to be appointed as the Society Patron vice Dr Llwellyn Lloyd who died earlier in the year. June had indicated she would be attending the convention and would be formally enthroned on that occasion. The President will arrange a suitably framed certificate.

A number of research questions were asked and once these had been discussed the meeting moved on to the subject for the evening.

20th Century Re-visited – Martin Harrison

Martin had already shown this presentation to the BMS about 10 years ago, but explained that it was always worth a re-visit as there is so much we forget, and of course there had been a lot of developments during the last decade.

The power point led presentation began in 1900 when Queen Victoria was still on the throne and covered every year up until the morning of this evenings meeting!

A brief selection of some of the key points during the audio visual feast were:

- Sinking of Titanic
- World War I & Armistice
- Suffragette movement
- Discovery of Tutakhamen's Tomb
- The General Strike
- Appointment of Adolf Hitler as Chancellor of Germany
- Hindenburg Disaster
- World War II
- First Atomic Bomb
- Death of George Orwell
- Coronation of Elizabeth II
- First 4 minute mile
- Che Guevarra & Castro
- James Bond, Assassination of Kennedy, Dr Who, the Beatles.
- First man on the moon
- Apollo 13 disaster
- Viet Nam
- Star Wars & Silver Jubilee
- The Three Popes
- Neil Kinnock, Mikael Gorbachev, Bill Clinton, Margaret Thatcher & John Major
- Fred & Rosemary West
- Death of Princess Diana
- Dr Harold Shipman
- 9/11
- Diamond Jubilee
- Sadaam Hussein
- Death of Michael Jackson
- Arab Spring
- Japanese Tsunami
- Olympics 2012
- Pope Francis I
- Death of Stormin Norman
- Death of Margaret Thatcher
- Edward Snowden
- Ukranian crisis
- South Korean Ferry disaster
- Flight MH370
- Death of Bob Hoskins

Plus many more long forgotten, and some more recently forgotten events that make up an interesting 114 years!