

Birmingham Medal Society Appoints New President

At the BMS Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 5th April 2012 Martin Harrison was elected as the Society's new President for a three year term.



**Reg Cook hands over the
Presidency of the BMS to Martin
Harrison Harrison**

Martin was presented with the Society's Jewell by retiring President Reg Cook who has been at the helm for the past four past years. Reg was thanked for his stalwart efforts as President by the Secretary Philip Wilson, who said,

"You have been highly regarded as President, you have been here, stood at the front and guided us all for the past four years"

A vote of thanks was recorded for Reg, who now becomes Vice-President for three years.

Martin, who has been a member of the BMS since August 1993 and is a Squadron Leader in the RAF VR(T) with the Air Training Corps said

"I don't want to be too gushing, but this appointment is a genuine honour. Within the larger hobby world, our hobby is a small cog in a massive wheel, but within the world of Ordecomedology (medal collecting) we are a much bigger cog and the BMS punches well above its weight in this field. Our hobby is quite unique and unlike coin or stamp collecting we collect things that belong to actual people; by researching them we are able to put the flesh back onto individuals and produce their life story for the sake of posterity, no matter how much or little that may be or how famous, infamous or humble they may have been. If we didn't do this they would more often than not be forgotten and consigned to the bin of history. It is for this reason that it is an honour to accept this appointment".