

Remembrance origins and its beginnings

The Chairman then introduced Eddie Menday who gave a short talk on remembrance origins and its beginnings, particularly the main causal event the assassination Arch Duke Ferdinand. Ed covered the early aspects of the war and our [Britain's] entry which was Winston Churchill's decision whilst at the Spithead Naval review. Britain was under obligation through a Treat of 1839 to protect Belgium – Churchill issued an ultimatum to Germany to withdraw – or we would be at war with “a phrase used again in 1939”

Ed continued by describing the many war cemeteries both here and around the world; giving particular note on Menin Gate and Thiepval Memorial and of course our Cenotaph in Whitehall. Feltham's War Memorial is a replica, albeit smaller in representation In this image can be seen Cllr Walter Miles (behind and to the right) of the wreath layer.

Eddie Menday

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