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Members enjoyed a series of very informative and well presented talks about Religions and local Churches,

Two of the speakers spoke about religions that were not of their own beliefs, The Baptists, Salvation Army, both of which are very active in our local area; explaining both the religious history and beliefs.

Two members spoke of their own religious beliefs, being members of The Roman Catholic faith and the Society of Friends, The Quaker Movement. We heard about the commitment of those two religions as well as hearing about the history of St Ambrose Church and of Bewdley's Quaker Meeting House. Both very active in our local area.

Pauline brought in a selection of Sunday School attendance medals dating from 1893 thro till 1906, issued by St John the Baptist church, Bewdley road. Along with the person's name the inscription read "Never absent Never late" They had belong to her grandmother, Nellie Powell and her father's brothers the local Anderson family.

Sue spoke about the famous preacher Richard Baxter, who lived in Kidderminster. During his life time he did much to promote the spread of Christianity. His preaching must have been amazing as new galleries had to be installed in St. Mary's Church to accommodate the crowds. He preached with conviction and many lives were touched.

Kidderminster has always been blessed with many places of worship, that are still thriving today. Within 50 yards of each other you can find Baxter Church, The New Meeting Hall and the Parish church of St Mary's and All Saints. In the north of Kidderminster, the Anglican church of St Georges is situated opposite St Ambrose Roman Catholic church. In Bewdley on High street you will find a Baptist church alongside a Catholic church, opposite a Methodist church; all a stones throw away from the Quaker Meeting House, St Anne's and the Elim Pentecostal Hall.

Finally our resident storyteller brought together the fiction and facts of the life of an early Knight with connections to St John the Baptist Church in Wolverley, mesmerising as usual. Thank you to all of the speakers, a great afternoon.