

# Olympics, Cowboys and Knights Templar

Three interesting papers were presented to the Buckinghamshire Association for Masonic Research, held at the Aylesbury Centre earlier this year.

Ken Wooton, Burnham Lecturer 2011 - 2012, presented a paper on 'The Influence of Free-masonry on the Development of the Modern Olympic Movement – Lord Desborough and the 1908 London Games'.

Amongst the organisers of the first London Games in 1908 were a large number of prominent Freemasons. One of the foremost of these was Lord Desborough, together with William Henry Grenfell,



*BAMR chairman David Peck (centre) with (left) Stuart Henderson and Ken Wooton*

a founder of both Grenfell Lodge and Bucks Masters.

Stuart Henderson's contribution was on 'Knights Templar – An Entertainment',

covering the founding of the Order to the seizure of the Templars on Friday, 13th October, together with evidence of their presence well after the dissolution in 1312.

Bob Lacey spoke on 'Cowboy Freemasonry', the early pioneers and frontiersmen who brought their masonry with them to the Wild West, and the film actors who later portrayed them on screen.

David Peck was re-elected chairman and Bob Chevin secretary. Go to [www.bamr.co.uk](http://www.bamr.co.uk) for more information.