

Narbeth, Colin

(1929-2020)



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Biographical and Other Notes

A collector of many things from a young age, including fossils, banknotes, and coins he had a first job as a cub reporter for the East Essex Gazette and also as a schoolboy worked at Tring Museum. In his 20s he signed up for seven years in the Royal Navy and then returned as a reporter at the East Essex Gazette. A pioneer collector of banknotes, in 1961 he founded the International Banknote Society and edited its journal, with an initial circulation of 20! From 1966 he wrote over 20 books. In the late 60s he helped launch Stamp Weekly and after a few years left to become director of Stanley Gibbons International and started Stanley Gibbons Currency Ltd. He went independent in 1981, in Charing Cross Arches and then to premises in Cecil Court with his son Simon in 1987.

Sources and References

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