

OBITUARY: CLIFFORD HUBERT ALLEN

The death of Mr. Clifford Allen, Treasurer of the Society, was reported as this volume went to Press, and the Secretary has contributed the following appreciation of him:

Clifford Allen died on 13 March 1973, at the age of 68, after a very short illness. He joined the Society in 1957. Previously he was one of the first members of the London Coin Club, of which he was the President for several years. He did important work in building up the Club in its early years. Mr. Allen's numismatic interests lay chiefly in coins of the west-country mints, and tokens from the same area, particularly from Somerset. He was first elected to Council in 1960. As a Chartered Accountant, Mr. Allen took a keen interest in our financial affairs, and he always took a leading part in the discussions on this subject. Therefore, it is not surprising that he was elected Treasurer in 1967, and held this office until his death. Mr. Allen's professional skill, combined with his great kindness, and his constant desire to help made him an outstanding Treasurer. The statements that he presented to Council and to members at the general meeting were most lucid, and we always thought that our financial affairs were safe in his hands.

As the Secretary, I worked in close association with Mr. Allen. Liaison between the Treasurer and the Secretary is essential for the smooth running of the Society, and I can only say that he always gave me all possible assistance, and did more to help me than I could reasonably expect.

The loss of Clifford Allen will be a great blow to the Society.

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