All meetings were held at the Warburg Institute, the President, Mr. Woodhead being in the chair, except at the meetings in April and November.

On 24 January, a paper by Mr. Marvin Lessen, entitled ‘The Cromwell Lord Protector Medal by Simon’ was read on his behalf by Mr. Linecar.

On 28 February Mr. John Alexander and Mr. Allan Paul Hawkins were elected to Ordinary Membership. Mr. John Brand read a paper entitled ‘The Exchange and the Mint’.

On 30 March Mr. Robin Baker, Mr. John Burton, Mr. Derek Jobbins, Mr. U. Rosales, and Mr. S. L. Whipple were elected to Ordinary Membership. Mr. Baker was formally admitted to Ordinary Membership. The programme was devoted to exhibitions and short papers relating to tokens and jettons. Mr. Robert Thompson read a paper on initials on seventeenth-century tokens; a paper by Miss Archibald and Mr. Thompson on a rare contemporary catalogue of eighteenth-century tokens was read by Mr. Thompson; Mr. Morley read a paper entitled ‘Jettons and the Spanish Armada’; Mr. Mernick read a paper on the Central European group of Jettons; and Mr. Rigold read a paper on the Coventry find of Nuremburg Jettons.

On 25 April Mr. Blunt, Vice-President in the chair, Mr. Edvard Remy Duncan Elias was elected to Ordinary Membership. Mr. Davis read a paper on the Long Cross coinage of King Henry III.

On 23 May Mr. J. Eaglen and Dr. Patrice Josset were elected to Ordinary Membership. The President presented the Sanford Saltus Medal for 1977 to Mr. Stuart Rigold. Dr. Kent read a paper on the Waltham St. Lawrence hoard of Ancient British Coins.

On 27 June Professor Martin Biddle, Dr. J. Conte, and Mr. J. Zoehout were elected to Ordinary Membership. Dr. Pauline Stafford read a paper entitled ‘Some Historical Implications of Regional Production of dies under Aethelread II’.

On 26 September Mr. J. Greenaway and Mr. Frank Millward were elected to Ordinary Membership. A paper on the striking of proof and pattern coins in the eighteenth century by Mr. Dyer and Professor Gaspar was read by Mr. Dyer.

On 24 October Council’s proposals for Officers and Council for 1978–9 were read out together with their proposals for subscription rates for 1979. Mr. David P. McBride, Mr. Robert Sadler, Dr. Irving Schneider, and Mr. Gerald G. Sommerville were elected to Ordinary Membership. Mr. Julian Metcalfe was elected to Junior Membership. Mr. Wood read a paper on the Edwardian pence of Fox group X.

At the 75th Anniversary Meeting on 28 November, Mr. Blunt, Vice-President in the chair, the following Officers and Council were elected for 1979.

President: P. Woodhead, F.S.A.
Director: J. Brand.
Treasurer: R. J. Seaman, F.I.B.
Secretary: W. Slayter.
Librarian: R. H. Thompson, A.L.A.
Editors: Mrs. M. Delmé-Radcliffe; N. J. Mayhew, M.A.

The proposals of Council that the annual subscriptions for 1979 should remain unchanged were approved.

In the unavoidable absence of the President, his Presidential Address was read by the Director.

Our Honorary Member, Mr. Elmore-Jones was presented with a specially bound copy of Vol. XLVII of our Journal, which we had dedicated to him. The Secretary, Mr. Slayter, was presented with a special casting of our 75th Anniversary Medal by the Royal Mint, having a leopard on the reverse, instead of floral emblems.

EXHIBITIONS

March
By Mr. Nigel Clark. Sixteenth- and seventeenth-century tokens.
1. Lead token of the sixteenth- or early seventeenth-century.
2. Photograph of unpublished(?) token of William Wright of Stone, Staffs (?).


5. a. ‘Normal’ token of John Brenn of Ipswich (Suffolk W164, Cranbrook 164a) showing him to be married to M... in 1659.
b. ‘Unpublished’ token by the same issuer also dated 1659 on the same side as that indicating him to be unmarried/divorced etc. (?)

6. a. ‘Normal’ token of Jeffery Willison of Newton (Lancs. W88 of Cambs. W166, but now firmly attributed to Bucks.).
b. Another piece struck for same issuer but over (or under) a token of a hitherto indescernible issuer.

7. Token of Humphrey Bodicott of Oxford (Oxon. W124) struck over (or under) one of William Selby and Richard Rands of Northampton (Northants W74 var.).

8. a. Token of Stephen Carr of Attercliffe, Yorks., similar to that described as Yorks W9 but of very crude workmanship, possibly of ‘local’ manufacture or a contemporary(?) forgery, being spelt ATTERCLIFE (possibly an error by Fewster), having inverted Ns and with the initials S and C being (unusually) above the wife.
b. ‘Unpublished’ token of the same issuer being a 4d instead of a ½d bearing several of the same characteristics of the 4d displayed.

9. Token of Edw. Nourse of Bishopsgate, London (London W247) being the only one(?) of the series to contain a full weight of metal for its face value.

10. Token issued by B.A.R. at the Harpe in the Strand (London W3002) said to be struck in facsimile of the (Royal) tokens of the largest size which were also current at this period and said to be the only token of the series to resemble them.

11. Token issued by William Gilbert of Coventry (Warwicks. W76) which is one of two tokens of which William Gilbert (of Essex Tokens and Unpublished Seventeenth-Century Tokens renown) wrote ‘No ancient coin, however, that I possess (Beautiful and interesting as many of them are), can have the same human appeal to me of the token of... or that of...; each of which was issued by an ancestor of my own.

12. Reverse Brockage of the token of Robert Coarson of Darlington (Durham W18). These tokens seemed prone to the same manufacturing faults as current coins.

13. Token issued by Joseph Knibb of the famous clockmaking family of Oxford. (Oxon. W151). Knibbs clocks were of better manufacture than his token, having 12 numerals on the face instead of 11!

14. A strange brass ‘token’ of Joseph Philipps of Stratford-upon-Avon (cf. Warwicks. W153) apparently faithful in detail to Taylor’s description of the original tokens but being larger(?) and thicker(?) in the flan and apparently later, and in no way manufactured to deceive either the local public of the time or subsequent token collectors. Its purpose remains a mystery.

By Mr. G. Berry
A seventeenth-century token of Watford struck in leather.

By Mr. C. Brunel

By Mr. R. N. P. Hawkins
Nürnberg Counters for England.

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12. William Hall

‘PAINES BRINGS GAINES’

By Mr. G. Berry and Mr. P. Mernick

16. Unclassified late medieval reckoning counters.

By Mr. Gavin Scott
An 1819 shilling engraved HE/Royal/Charter 26th Oct. 1859 on obverse. Refers to the wreck of the steamship Royal Charter off Anglesey when returning from Australia to Liverpool. Among the very few survivors was a seaman with these initials. The story is described from contemporary sources in the April 1978 issue of Seaby’s Coin and Medal Bulletin.
By Mr. W. Slayter


2. A similar token in white metal. On the reverse, the words ‘AND SIXPENCE’ have been hammered out, to convert the token to a two-shilling piece. D & H 2a.


4. A 1787 Wilkinson Token, similar to the half-penny token, D & H 336, but struck in silver, and inscribed ‘FINE SILVER’ on reverse. Current for 3s. 6d. D & H 337.

5. Gold token for 40 shillings issued in Reading in 1812 by John Berkeley Monck. Davis 29 1. Photograph of the portrait of John Berkeley Monck in Reading Museum and Art Gallery.

May

By courtesy of Messrs. Baldwin, to illustrate the paper by Dr. Kent.

Ancient British coins similar to those in the Waltham St. Lawrence Hoard. They are said to have been found on the Thames foreshore near Kew Bridge.

By Major C. W. Lister

Gallo-Belgic Coins
1. A Stater (Ambiani)
2. A quarter Stater
3. B defaced dies
4. C
5. D
6. E
7. F found at Pagham, Sussex.
9. Addedomaros, found near Chelmsford.
10. Addedomaros.

By Mr. A. Merson

A medallion of Sir Isaac Newton.

By Dr. J. P. C. Kent, on behalf of the artist

A bronze medal, the work of Mr. K. A. Howes, commemorating the centenary of the Epping Forest Act. The obverse depicts Queen Elizabeth’s Hunting Lodge, Chingford; the reverse is moulded from the bark of a beech, a typical tree of the Forest.

June

By Mr. C. S. S. Lyon

A. Western die-cutting styles in Aethelred’s last Small Cross Type.
1. South-Western Style, Exeter, Moneyer Aelfnoth.

2. West Mercian Style, Gloucester, Moneyer Leofgine.
3. Early Mid-Wessex Style (‘Southern B’) Wareham Moneyer Aelfgar.
4. Late Mid-Wessex Style (‘Southern A’) Winchester Moneyer Oda.

B. Unique (?) use by a North-Western moneyer of an obverse die of late Mid-Wessex style. Chester, Moneyer Sween.

By Mr. H. E. Pagan

A copy of Sir John Spelman’s Aelfredi Magni Anglorum regis invictissimi vita, Oxford, 1678.

This edition of Sir John Spelman’s Life of Alfred, published exactly three hundred years ago this Autumn, includes five engraved plates illustrating 117 Anglo-Saxon and similar coins. 35 of these had been illustrated previously in Speed’s ‘History of Great Britain’, 1611, and a further 33, all from the Harkirke hoard, had also been illustrated before; but the remaining 49 coins are here illustrated for the first time.

The plates and the accompanying text were produced under the care of Obadiah Walker, Master of University College, Oxford, and a well-known scholar and writer. Walker was also responsible for the plates of Anglo-Saxon coins which appear in the 1695 edition of Camden’s Britannia, and a comparison of the plates in his edition of Spelman and his contribution to the 1695 Camden show that the four plates in the Camden three simply repeat the plates in Spelman—the coins on them are arranged in a different order but there is no other difference—and only one of the plates (the last) illustrates new material.

Spelman’s life of Alfred is thus a source of equal importance to the 1695 edition of Camden for the state of Anglo-Saxon numismatics in the second half of the seventeenth century. The coins repeated from Speed and the coins from the Harkirke hoard will be found on plates numbered III, IV, and V, and the new material on plates VI and VII (the text says that the coins on plates VI and VII derive partly from the Bodleian Library collection, partly from the private collection of Walker himself and of Elias Ashmole, and partly from material communicated to Walker by Nicholas Johnston, a medical practitioner in Pontefract).

By Mr. R. H. Thompson on behalf of Mr. George Hunter


Obv. from an altered Bermuda penny die by J. P. Droz.
Rev. from a die by C. H. Küchler. Edge plain, bronzed. Recorded by Peck in aluminium only (P. 1018). Mr. Hunter was given this piece about fifty years ago.

November
By Mr. C. S. S. Lyon


Obv. Coastline of S.W. Lancashire and Wirral peninsula, with ship, rose (for Lancashire), and wheatsheaf, the gerb of Chester. 'Merseyside Numismatic Society'.