The President, Mr G.P. Dyer, was in the chair at all meetings, which were held at the Warburg Institute.

27 JANUARY 1998. Mr S. Freeman was elected to Ordinary Membership. Mrs V. Porter read a paper entitled ‘Treasure from the sea: Moroccan gold from the Devon coast’.

24 FEBRUARY 1998. Messrs B. Arthur, J. Cribb and D. Tisbury were elected to Ordinary Membership. Dr J.M. Kleeberg read a paper entitled ‘The international circulation of Spanish American coinage and the financing of the Napoleonic Wars’.

24 MARCH 1998. Messrs A. Nichol, J. Perry and D. Wilson were elected to Ordinary Membership. Dr B. Cook read a paper entitled ‘The bezant in Angevin England’.

29 APRIL 1998. Messrs D.G. Loulakakis and S.M. Miller were elected to Ordinary Membership. Mr N.M. McQ. Holmes read a paper entitled ‘Base metal coinage in Scotland c. 1400–1750’.

26 MAY 1998. Messrs J-C. Bedel, A. Owen, G.A. Peakall, G.F. Snelling and D.R. Wilkinson were elected to Ordinary Membership, and Mr T. Merson was presented with an inscribed silver Membership Medal in appreciation of his work as Honorary Auditor. Mr G. Williams read a paper entitled ‘Land assessment and the silver economy in Norse Scotland c. 900–1266’.

23 JUNE 1998. Mr P. Lewis was elected to Ordinary Membership. The President announced that the recent introduction of the Charities Act 1993 necessitated changes to the Bye-Laws, and the following changes to Section XIX were proposed for adoption at an Extraordinary Meeting to be convened in October.

(1) The Society shall at each Anniversary Meeting appoint an Independent Examiner to examine the accounts of the Society during the ensuing year in accordance with Section 43(3)(a) of the Charities Act 1993 and any directions of the Charity Commissioners and any regulations made by the Secretary of State in connection with that examination.

(2) The report of the Independent Examiner shall be incorporated in the accounts presented by the Treasurer at the Anniversary Meeting.

It was further proposed to change Section XVI.2 thus: ‘Any proposal for an expenditure, other than the publication of The British Numismatic Journal and any volume in the Special Publication series, exceeding one thousand pounds shall be laid before the Society . . .’

Mr H. Williams read a paper entitled ‘The production and chronology of the bronze coinage of Carausius’.

22 SEPTEMBER 1998. Messrs P.D. Coyte, P. Higginson, J. Lamont, P.E. Phillips, A.C.L. Rennie and C. Smith were elected to Ordinary Membership. The President read out the proposed changes to the Bye-Laws a second time, and then Mr P. Preston-Morley read a paper entitled ‘John Symonds Udal and his collection of Dorset tokens’.


24 NOVEMBER 1998. Messrs R. Hatch, J.Y. de Montfalcon and S.L. Skellern were elected to Ordinary Membership. The following officers and Council were elected for 1999:

President: D.W. Dykes
Director: E.M. Besly
Treasurer: T.G. Webb Ware
Librarian: A.J. Holmes
Secretary: C.R.S. Farthing

Council’s proposal that the subscription for 1999 should remain unchanged at £24 for Ordinary Members and £10 for Junior Members was approved. The President, Mr G.P. Dyer, then delivered his final Presidential Address, and was thanked, on behalf of the membership, by Mr C.S.S. Lyon. Dr D.W. Dykes then took the chair.