All meetings during the year were held at the Warburg Institute and the President, Dr M.A.S. Blackburn, was in the chair throughout.

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25 JANUARY 2005. Katharine Alicia Teresa Eustace and Leigh Ann Gardner were elected to Ordinary Membership and the Museum of Reading to Institutional Membership. Mr Charles Farthing then read a paper entitled Stuart medals: a fateful decision.

22 FEBRUARY 2005. Mr David Ayling-Smith, Mrs Geraldine Chimirri-Russell (Canada) and Dr John Lines were elected by Council to Ordinary Membership and Liberalitas Antiques Ltd to Institutional Membership. Mr Timothy Crafter then read a paper entitled The Crescents-and-Pellets coinage of William the Lion.

22 MARCH 2005. The President announced the deaths of three members, all of whom had contributed significantly to numismatics: Mr I.R. Buck, Miss Elizabeth Pirie and Mr J.H. Remick (Canada). He announced the decision of Council to rename the Council Prize in memory of Christopher Blunt. Dr Richard Hobbs then read a paper entitled Precious metal ‘hoarding hotspots’ in late Roman Britain.

25 OCTOBER 2005. Ian Berryman, Brett Hammond, Mrs Lorraine Ring and John Thomas Turner were elected to Ordinary Membership. Professor Barry Cunliffe then read the 9th Howard Linecar Memorial Lecture entitled Boundaries and territories in late Iron Age Britain: evidence from coins.

22 NOVEMBER 2005. The 60th anniversary of the election of Dr C.S.S. Lyon, and the 50th anniversary of the election of Mr J. Porteous, were acknowledged by the President. Messrs Gordon England Cawthorne, Albert Chandler (Denmark), Robert Bryan Cooper, Richard Dennett, Richard Edward Dodd, Sanford J. Durst (USA), Luciano Garli, Graham Edward Garner, Robert Garnett, Frank Hulett, Peter Kurz, Francis William Mason, Gregg Moore (USA), Geoffrey Leonard Riddle, Simon David Rawlings Sheppard, and Drs Allan Chapman, Guy Louis Graff (Belgium), John Eric Haselden and Charles Wander were elected to Ordinary Membership. The result of the ballot for the Sanford Saltus Medal for 2005 was announced, it being awarded to Mr P. Woodhead. The following Officers and Council were elected for 2006:

President: M.A.S. Blackburn
Director: K. Clancy
Treasurer: P.H. Mernick
Librarian: A.J. Holmes
Secretary: Elina M. Screen
Membership Secretary: C.R.S. Farthing

Council’s proposal that the subscription should remain unchanged at £32 for Ordinary Members and £15 for members under age 21 or in full-time education was approved. The President, Dr M.A.S. Blackburn, then delivered his second Presidential Address, Currency under the Vikings: 2. The two Scandinavian kingdoms of the Danelaw, c. 895–954 and was thanked, on behalf of the membership, by Mr P. Woodhead. Members present then attended a champagne party sponsored by Mr J. Porteous in celebration of his 50 years of membership.

26 APRIL 2005. Professor Svein Harald Gullbekk (Norway) and Mr Kenneth James John Elks were elected to Ordinary Membership. Dr Julian Baker then read a paper entitled Lost change: recording and interpreting medieval and early modern stray coin finds.

24 MAY 2005. Messrs John Richard Chatwin, Jonathan Morris and John P. Wall (USA) were elected to Ordinary Membership. The President announced the award of the first Blunt Prize (formerly the Council Prize) to Dr Shailendra Bhandare, and invited Mr Simon Blunt, the son of the late Christopher Evelyn Blunt, to make the presentation. Dr Bhandare then read a paper entitled The East India Mint at Bombay: Early Years 1672 – 1715.

28 JUNE 2005. The 50th anniversary of the election of Rev. K.V. Hewitt was acknowledged by the President. Rev. Hewitt had generously donated his numismatic library to young scholars some years ago. Professor George Selgin then read a paper entitled Matthew Boulton and the reform of Great Britain’s coinage: myths and reality.

27 SEPTEMBER 2005. The President announced the death of Mr D.A. Chapman. Messrs Trevor Charles Legg, Bradley Scott Shepherd and Richard James Shipley were elected to Ordinary Membership and the Numismatic Association of Australia to Institutional Membership. Dr Veronica Smart then read a paper entitled The hidden invaders: continental moneymen in tenth-century England.
EXHIBITIONS

January:
By C.R.S. Farthing.
Rev. Bell of Carlisle Cathedral, 1745.
This medal is similar to the only other known example, which differs in having the Duke of Cumberland’s titles inscribed on the obverse.

September:
By H.E. Pagan.

SUMMER MEETING
The Summer Meeting of the Society, Bullion and Money: The Influence on British Coinage of Discoveries and Flows of Bullion, was held at the Music Hall in Shrewsbury on Saturday 9 July 2005, with the President in the chair. During the morning session, papers were read by Professor Peter Spufford, From Mines to Currency, 1150 to 1750: Dr Glyn Redworth, New World Gold and the Tudor Coinage; and Mr Timothy Green, The Accidental Gold Standard. In the afternoon, papers were read by Dr Catherine Eagleton, Silver Currencies of British East Africa; Mr John Casey, Roman Britain: Monetizing a Third World Economy; and Professor Michael Metcalf, Anglo-Saxon Bullion Flows and the Balance of Payments.

REVISED RULES FOR THE JOHN SANFORD SALTUS MEDAL
The following revised rules for the John Sanford Saltus Medal were adopted by Council on 24 May 2005. In consequence a new reverse die will be prepared by Spink for striking the 2005 Medal for presentation in May 2006.

1. The obverse of the medal shall bear a device representing Britannia on the seashore, surrounded by the legend THE BRITISH NUMISMATIC SOCIETY. The reverse shall bear the legend THE JOHN SANFORD SALTUS MEDAL AWARDED TO ........... FOR SCHOLARLY CONTRIBUTIONS TO BRITISH NUMISMATICS ............ (the name of the recipient and date of the award being engraved in spaces left for that purpose).

2. In case such device and legend, other than the name of Mr John Sanford Saltus, shall from constitutional changes or other unforeseen circumstances become inappropriate or obsolete, they may be changed or varied by resolution of the Society’s Council.

3. The John Sanford Saltus Medal shall normally be awarded every third year.

4. The medal shall be awarded to the person, being a member of the Society or not, who shall receive the highest number of votes from the Members as having in their opinion made the scholarly contribution to British numismatics most deserving of such recognition, as evidenced by published work or works, whether in the British Numismatic Journal or elsewhere.

5. A successful candidate shall not again be eligible for the award.

6. The award shall be by ballot, and a form for this purpose shall be sent out together with the voting papers for the election of President, Officers and Council, and shall be returnable and counted with them at the Anniversary Meeting in each year in which the medal is to be awarded. Such a form shall include the words ‘I vote for the award of the John Sanford Saltus Medal to …’, with a space left for the Member’s signature. It shall also contain the names of those previous recipients who are therefore no longer eligible for the award.

7. Council, acting on the advice of a committee of such disinterested persons (normally being previous recipients of the medal) as in its absolute discretion it shall have appointed for the purpose, shall on every such occasion distribute to Members a list of such persons who are considered as particularly well-qualified for the award, together with a note of their principal publication or publications relating to British numismatics. Council shall also advise Members
that publications of joint authorship should be considered as part of the total contribution by any of the individuals concerned, but should not by themselves be regarded as sufficient to qualify those individuals for the award.

8. Any canvassing by or on behalf of a candidate shall render his or her success inoperative, and the decision of Council shall be absolute on this head, nor need Council express any reasons for such a decision.

9. The result of the ballot shall be announced by the President or Chairman at the Anniversary Meeting in the year concerned.

10. The medal shall, if circumstances permit, be presented by the President or chairman to the successful candidate in person at a subsequent Ordinary or Anniversary Meeting of the Society. On this occasion he shall use the formula ‘You have been awarded the John Sanford Saltus Medal of the British Numismatic Society for the year … , by the vote of the Members of the British Numismatic Society, for your scholarly contributions to British numismatics’.

11. Council may in exceptional circumstances propose to Members that a special award of the medal be made to a distinguished scholar whose work has had an important bearing on the study of British numismatics.

12. The foregoing rules shall, so far as is possible, evolve with and upon any constitutional changes in the Society, but it shall be open to the Society’s Council to make such alterations to them, or authorise such temporary procedural variations, as shall from time to time be required.