

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BRITISH NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, 2012

PRESIDENTS OF THE SOCIETY

1903–08	P.W.P. Carlyon-Britton, DL, FSA
1909	W.J. Andrew, FSA
1910–14	P.W.P. Carlyon-Britton, DL, FSA
1915–19	Lt-Col. H.W. Morrieson, RA, FSA
1920–21	F.A. Walters, FSA
1922 (until 22 June)	J. Sanford Saltus
1922 (from 28 June)	G.R. Francis
1923–25	G.R. Francis, FSA
1926–27	Major W.J. Freer, VD, DL, FSA
1928 (until 20 February)	Major P.W.P. Carlyon-Britton, DL, FSA
1928 (from 22 February)	Lt-Col. H.W. Morrieson, RA, FSA
1929–32	Lt-Col. H.W. Morrieson, RA, FSA
1933–37	V.B. Crowther-Beynon, MBE, MA, FSA
1938–45	H.W. Taffs, MBE
1946–50	C.E. Blunt, OBE, FSA
1951–54	E.J. Winstanley, LDS
1955–58	H.H. King, MA
1959–63	D.F. Allen, BA, FBA, FSA
1964–65	C.W. Peck, FPS, FSA
1966–70	C.S.S. Lyon, MA, FIA
1971–75	S.E. Rigold, MA, FSA
1976–80	P. Woodhead, FSA
1981–83	J.D. Brand, MA, FCA
1984–88	H.E. Pagan, MA, FSA
1989–93	C.E. Challis, BA, PhD, FSA, FRHistS
1994–98	G.P. Dyer, BSc(Econ), DGA
1999–2003	D.W. Dykes, MA, PhD, FSA, FRHistS
2004–08	M.A.S. Blackburn, PhD, FSA
2008–11	R.J. Eaglen, MA, LL.M., PhD, FSA
2011–	R.F. Bland, OBE, BA, PhD, FSA

JOHN SANFORD SALTUS MEDAL

This medal is awarded triennially 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 public recognition, as evidenced by published work or works, whether in the *British Numismatic Journal* or elsewhere', by ballot of all the members.

The medal was founded by the late John Sanford Saltus, Officer de la Légion d'Honneur, a President of the Society, by gift of £200 in the year 1910.

Medallists:

1910	P.W.P. Carlyon-Britton	1932	C. Winter
1911	Helen Farquhar	1935	R. Carlyon-Britton
1914	W.J. Andrew	1938	W.C. Wells
1917	L.A. Lawrence	1941	C.A. Whitton
1920	Lt-Col. H.W. Morrieson	1944	(not awarded)
1923	H.A. Parsons	1947	R.C. Lockett
1926	G.R. Francis	1950	C.E. Blunt
1929	J.S. Shirley-Fox	1953	D.F. Allen
		1956	F. Elmore Jones
		1959	R.H.M. Dolley
		1962	H.H. King
		1965	H. Schneider
		1968	E.J. Winstanley
		1968	C.W. Peck (posthumous award)
		1971	B.H.I.H. Stewart (later Lord Stewartby)
		1974	C.S.S. Lyon
		1978	S.E. Rigold
		1981	Marion M Archibald
		1984	D.M. Metcalf
		1987	Joan E.L. Murray
		1990	H.E. Pagan
		1993	C.E. Challis
		1996	J.J. North
		1997	P. Grierson (special award)

1999	R.H. Thompson
2002	E.M. Besly
2005	P. Woodhead
2008	M.A.S. Blackburn
2011	M.R. Allen

BLUNT PRIZE

This prize was instituted in 1986 as the Council Prize but its name was changed in 2005 to mark the outstanding contribution to the Society and to British Numismatics made by Christopher Evelyn Blunt (1904–87). The prize takes the form of a triennial cash award to an individual, whether a member of the Society or not, who has made a recent significant contribution to the study of numismatics which falls within the Society's remit. Its purpose is principally to encourage younger scholars, and therefore preference is given to suitable candidates under 35 years of age.

Recipients:

1987	M.A.S. Blackburn
1990	E.M. Besly
1993	B.J. Cook
1996	M.R. Allen
1999	P. de Jersey
2002	K. Clancy
2005	S. Bhandare
2008	T. Crafter
2011	R.G.R. Naismith

NORTH BOOK PRIZE

The North Book Prize, established in 2006 with a generous donation by Jeffrey North, is awarded every two years for the best book on British Numismatics.

Books eligible for consideration for the prize are those published during the current or three preceding calendar years, copies of which have been received by the joint library of the British Numismatic Society and the Royal Numismatic Society for review.

Recipients:

2006	M.R. Allen for <i>The Durham Mint</i> (London, 2003)
2008	R.J. Eaglen for <i>The Abbey and Mint of Bury St Edmunds to 1279</i> (London, 2006)
2010	Lord Stewartby for <i>English Coins 1180–1551</i> (London, 2009)
2012	D.W. Dykes for <i>Coinage and Currency in Eighteenth-century Britain: The Provincial Coinage</i> (London, 2011)

JEFFREY NORTH MEDAL FOR SERVICES TO NUMISMATICS

The Jeffrey North Medal for exceptional services to British Numismatics was established with a generous gift from Jeffrey North in 2008. It is awarded by Council 'to members of the Society or others in recognition of

outstanding services to British numismatics, whether in the UK or overseas'.

Recipients:

2008	J. Bispham
2008	M.J. Bonser
2008	C.R.S. Farthing
2008	A.J. Holmes
2010	K. Sugden
2010	P. and Bente R. Withers

PROCEEDINGS 2012

All meetings from January to October were held at the Warburg Institute. The November meeting was held at Messrs. Spink. The President, Dr Roger Bland, was in the chair for all meetings except that in April, when the chair was taken by Dr Stewart Lyon.

(For Officers and Council for 2012, see Volume 82)

24 JANUARY 2012. Sebastien Delcampe, Kishor B. Parekh and Mrs Etsuko Zakoji were elected by Council to Ordinary Membership. The President announced that Dr Andrew Burnett, Deputy Director of the British Museum, had been made a CBE in the New Years Honours List. Graham Dyer then read a paper entitled *William John Hocking (1864–1953): curator and numismatist*.

28 FEBRUARY 2012. Eric Warren Schneckloth was elected by Council to Ordinary Membership. Jørgen Steen Jensen and Prof. Peter Spufford were elected to Honorary Membership. Dr Sam Moorhead then read a paper entitled *Renewed vigour for the British Empire – Carausius and the Frome hoard*.

27 MARCH 2012. Neil C. Middleton was elected by Council to Ordinary Membership. Yolanda Courtney tendered her resignation to Council. Jørgen Steen Jensen and Prof. Peter Spufford were formally admitted to Honorary Membership. Richard Cassidy then read a paper entitled *The Exchequer, the exchanges and the mints in the reign of Henry III*.

24 APRIL 2012. Ewan John Mordecai Frith, Claudio Patrucco and Andrew John Wide were elected by Council to Ordinary Membership. Council noted with regret the death of David Grenville Sellwood (7 April 2012, aged 86). Dr Martin Allen then read a paper entitled *Mints and money in Norman England*.

22 MAY 2012. Myrt Eugene Cribbs and Linda Daniella Anna Everaert were elected by Council to Ordinary Membership. In a change to the published programme, Frances Simmons then read a paper entitled *Much Wenlock to Hackney Marshes – the Olympic medal*. The meeting was followed by the Spring Reception for members and their guests, sponsored by Marion Archibald and Gavin Scott.

26 JUNE 2012. Council noted with regret the death of Laurence Brown (18 June 2012, aged 80). Dr Stephen Brogan then read a paper entitled *Restoration and Jacobite touch pieces: what does the numismatic evidence reveal about Stuart thaumaturgy?*

25 SEPTEMBER 2012. Stuart Bruce Gollidge and Keith David Pearshouse were elected by Council to Ordinary Membership. Dr Allan Chapman and Robert Ewbank tendered their resignations to Council. Council noted with regret the death of Michael Baruch Sharp (9 August 2012, aged 71). Dr Barrie Cook then read a paper entitled *'This is the very coinage of your brain': Shakespeare and coins revisited*.

23 OCTOBER 2012. Ioannis Andronikou, Peter Michael Barber, Trevor David Brown and Hendrik Jozef Leopold van Caelenberghe were elected by Council to Ordinary Membership. The President said that, no alternative nominations having been received, Council's list of Officers and Council members circulated during the month would be adopted at the AGM. Adam Daubney then read a paper entitled *Maurice Johnson (1688–1755), numismatist and founder of the Spalding Gentlemen's Society, Lincolnshire*.

27 NOVEMBER 2012. Reinhard Carsten, Charles Alexander Geddes and Barry Murphy were elected by Council to Ordinary Membership. Council noted with regret the death of Dr Peter Berghaus (16 November 2012, aged 92). The Secretary declared that 13 members were amoved under By-Law IV.6. The President awarded the North Book Prize for 2012 to Dr David Dykes for his volume *Coinage and Currency in Eighteenth-century Britain: The Provincial Coinage*, and presented the Sanford Saltus Medal for 2011 to Dr Martin Allen. Frances Simmons and Richard Gladdle were appointed scrutators for the ballot. The following Officers and Council were declared elected for 2013:

President:	Dr Roger Bland
Vice-Presidents:	Graham Dyer, Dr David Dykes Dr Stewart Lyon, Peter Mitchell, Hugh Pagan, Lord Stewartby
Director:	Ian Leins
Treasurer:	Philip Mernick
Secretary:	Peter Preston-Morley
Membership Secretary:	Philip Skingley
Librarian:	Robert Thompson
Council:	Dr Martin Allen (<i>Editor</i>), Thomas Anstiss, Jeremy Cheek, Dr Robin Eaglen, Dr Megan Gooch (<i>Publicity Officer</i>), David Guest, Dr Sam Moorhead Dr Rory Naismith (<i>Website Officer</i>), John Rainey, Dr Elina Screen (<i>Editor</i>), Frances Simmons, Dr Paul Stevens, Andrew Woods (<i>Website Officer</i>).

The Corresponding Members of Council were announced as Professor Peter Gaspar (North America) and Colin Pitchfork (Australasia).

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 delivered the annual address, the first part devoted to a Review of the Society's activities in 2012, followed by his Presidential Address, *Hoarding in Britain: an overview*. On completion and on behalf of the membership, Hugh Pagan thanked the President for his endeavours on behalf of the Society in the first year of his Presidency. The President then invited members and their guests to attend a reception generously sponsored by Dr Robin Eaglen.

EXHIBITIONS

May:

By Frances Simmons:

A 1908 Olympic Games bronze prize medal designed by Bertrand Mackennal, a 1908 referees' medal in plated bronze by Mackennal, a 1948 torch relay souvenir badge on card, a 1948 bronze participation medal by Mackennal and Pinches, a 1948 souvenir tea caddy spoon, a 1948 *Daily Telegraph* guide to the Olympic Games and London, four limited edition pin badges for the 2012 Games and a 2012 torch relay souvenir on card.

October:

By Hugh Pagan:

[Rev. William Moore], *The Gentlemen's Society at Spalding: its origin and progress*, London, 1851, with inscription from Rev. John Howard Marsden (1803–91), an honorary member of the Society and a member of the Numismatic Society of London from 1863.

By the Secretary, on behalf of the executors of the late David Griffiths:

Three Lincolnshire seventeenth-century tokens, being duplicates from the Spalding Gentlemen's Society collection sold at auction in April 1987: BW. 69, 119 and 128.

SUMMER MEETING

The Summer Meeting of the Society, *Anniversaries and Jubilees*, was held jointly with the Royal Numismatic Society at Worcester College, Oxford, on Saturday 7 July 2012. The meeting was opened by Professor Nick Mayhew, President of the Royal Numismatic Society, and closed by the President. During the morning session, papers were read by Dr Andrew Burnett, *Roman anniversaries*; Alexandra Kim, *Crowning glory – the celebration of royal jubilees*; and Thomas Hockenull, *Jubilee and commerce*. In the afternoon, papers were read by Graham Dyer, *The silver jubilee crown of 1935*; Quin Cao, *From coin-shaped charms to commemorative coins – jubilee celebrations in China*; and Shailendra Bhandare, *Indian jubilees*.

PRESENTATION OF THE JOHN SANFORD SALTUS MEDAL FOR 2011 TO DR MARTIN ALLEN

In making the presentation to Dr Allen on 27 November 2012 the President, Dr Roger Bland, said:

It is now my great pleasure to award the Sanford Saltus medal to our joint Editor, Dr Martin Allen. The John Sanford Saltus Medal is the Society's premier distinction, awarded triennially, on the vote of Members, for the recipient's scholarly contributions to British Numismatics. Although the award was initially based on publications in the *British Numismatic Journal*, the regulations have now been widened to take account of an author's entire publications in the field.

Martin, you are so well known to members that you scarcely need introduction, but I propose to do just that. You have been a member of staff of the Fitzwilliam Museum since 1997 and a Senior Assistant Keeper since 2008. While most of us are content with one or perhaps two degrees, you have no fewer than four, besides having qualified as an Associate of the Library Association. Amongst many other honours you are a Research Associate of Wolfson College, Cambridge, an Affiliated Lecturer in Cambridge University's Faculty of History, a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries and the Royal Historical Society, and a Freeman of the Company of Arts Scholars, Dealers and Collectors. You are a member of the British Academy's Sylloge Committee and have served on our Council three times and have been co-editor of our journal since 2010.

You were awarded the Society's Council Prize (which is now the Blunt Prize) in 1996. You completed your PhD thesis on the mint of Durham in 1999 and it was published as our Special Publication no. 4 in 2003, and in 2006 we awarded it the North Book Prize. Your first paper was on 'The Carlisle and Durham mints in the Short Cross period' in *British Numismatic Journal* for 1979 and since then you have contributed no fewer than thirty other articles and notes to our *Journal*, besides another twenty significant contributions in other journals and edited volumes.

You first established yourself as a leading authority on the prolific coinage of the Short Cross period but your interests have expanded to encompass the whole medieval period, and you have combined the study of the surviving coinage with mint records to great effect to give us a much better idea of the size of coin production throughout the medieval period. Your work on coin finds and coin hoards is also of the greatest importance and you worked closely with Mark Blackburn on maintaining the Early Medieval Corpus of Coin Finds (EMC) database, a pioneering web-based resource, and in editing the Coin Register in the *British Numismatic Journal*. However, without doubt your crowning achievement to date – we hope and confidently expect to see many more – is the monumental volume published by Cambridge University Press earlier this year on *Mints and Money in Medieval England*. This is a masterly synthesis of the subject and, it would be fair to say, only you could have written it.

Martin, you have been selected by the membership of this Society as worthy of its premier award, the John Sanford Saltus medal, and it is with great pleasure that I present it to you. Not only that, but you have the honour of receiving the first striking from newly-repaired dies!

In reply Dr Allen said:

PRESIDENT, fellow members and friends, it is an enormous honour to receive this award from a Society that has had an important part in my life in numismatics for many years. Thank you also, Roger, for your very kind remarks.

I am acutely aware of the fact that the last person to receive this medal, in 2008, was my great friend and mentor Dr Mark Blackburn, whose tragically early death last year we still all mourn. My career in numismatics really began with a phone call from Mark back in 1997, when he asked whether I might be interested in a job in Cambridge, running the newly established EMC

database. I must admit that I was very doubtful at first, as this would involve exchanging the apparent certainties of a permanent job in local government for the uncertainties of a short-term contract in academia, but circumstances favoured us and in due course I was able to join the Department of Coins and Medals at the Fitzwilliam Museum as a permanent member of staff. Under Mark's wise and inspirational leadership the Coin Room at the 'Fitz' had become one of the best places in the world to work with coins, and I have never regretted my decision to take the plunge into museum and academic life for one moment. In this most of favourable of situations I was able to bring the PhD thesis I had begun with Durham University to a successful conclusion and my output of publications swiftly rose to a high (and some would say excessive) level. The culmination of this work was the publication of my second book earlier this year, which was dedicated to Mark's memory.

When I received the call from Mark to join to his team at the Fitzwilliam I had already been a member of this Society for twenty years, and it had been of fundamental importance to my development from a young collector to a numismatic scholar. It has always been one of the great glories of this Society that it nurtures the interests of people who study numismatics simply for the love of the subject, and I still count myself in the ranks of such 'amateurs' although Cambridge University rather misguidedly pays me to do work with coins I would do for nothing. It has been a great privilege and a pleasure to serve the Society on its Council and latterly as an Editor, and a great honour to be nominated for this Medal and to receive it. It is only a pity that two other nominees just as worthy of the award could not be successful in the vote of the Members this time.

PRESENTATION OF THE NORTH BOOK PRIZE FOR 2012 TO DR DAVID DYKES

In making the presentation to Dr Dykes on 27 November 2012 the President, Dr Roger Bland, said:

It is now my pleasure to present the North Book Prize, awarded every two years for the book that represents, in the opinion of Council, the best contribution to British numismatics. Council established a subcommittee to recommend a candidate for this prize, which was chaired by our Senior Vice-President Dr Stewart Lyon. We had a very extensive and distinguished field of publications to consider, but, having regard to the balance between the depth of an author's study of the political and economic background to a book's subject and the presentation of the numismatic artefacts themselves, we unanimously agreed that the North Book Prize for 2012 should be awarded to Dr David Dykes for his comprehensive, very readable and attractively presented book on *Coinage and Currency in Eighteenth-century Britain: The Provincial Coinage*.