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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:

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1923 H.A. Parsons
1926 G.R. Francis
1929 J.S. Shirley-Fox
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1935 R. Carlyon-Britton
1938 W.C. Wells
1941 C.A. Whotton
1944 (not awarded)
1947 R.C. Lockett
1950 C.E. Blunt
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

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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
2014 R.M. Kelleher
2014 Philippa Walton

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:

2008 R.J. Eaglen for The Abbey and Mint of Bury St Edmunds to 1279 (London, 2006)

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
2014 G. Chamberlain
2014 N. and A. Cox
2014 J.G. Scott

PROCEEDINGS 2014

The May and November meetings were held at Messrs Spink. All other meetings were held at the Warburg Institute. The President, Dr Roger Bland, was in the chair for all meetings except that in May, when the chair was occupied by Hugh Pagan.

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28 JANUARY 2014. Alistair Campbell, Henry Fairbairn, John Goddard, Bernd Mader, Nigel Prevost and Michael Whitty tendered their resignations to Council. Those present congratulated Dr David Dykes, elected to the Society in January 1954, on his 60th anniversary of membership. Dr Barrie Cook then read a paper entitled Coins and literature in early modern England: two case studies.

25 FEBRUARY 2014. Kieran John Hughes and Dr Christoph Kyritsis were elected by Council to Ordinary Membership. Dr Susan Tungate tendered her resignation to Council. Those present congratulated Robert Thompson, elected to the Society in February 1964, on his 50th anniversary of membership. Julian Bowsher then read a paper entitled Recent numismatic finds from London excavations.

25 MARCH 2014. Emma Morris was elected by Council to Ordinary Membership. Council noted with regret the death of Sir David Dupree, Bt (29 June 2013, aged 83). Robert Rock then read a paper entitled Criminal skill: the counterfeiter’s craft in the long eighteenth century.

29 APRIL 2014. James Ashworth, Alex Stephen Marshall Fallows, Jonathan Paul Hawkins and Yi Wu were elected by Council to Ordinary Membership. Dr Rory Naismith then read a paper entitled Virgins, bishops and silver: the Forum Hoard of Anglo-Saxon coins.

27 MAY 2014. Darren Burgess was elected by Council to Ordinary Membership. Frank Hulett tendered his resignation to Council. The Chairman presented one of the Society’s two 2014 Blunt Prizes to Dr Richard Kelleher. Those present congratulated Peter Mitchell, elected to the Society in March 1954, on his 60th anniversary of membership. Dr David Dykes then read a paper entitled Through a glass darkly: the enigmas of Dr
24 JUNE 2014. Peter Jones and John Spring tendered their resignations to Council. Council noted with regret the deaths of Yvonne Harvey (7 June 2015, aged 85), and Stephen Patrick Raeside (4 May 2015, aged 55). The President presented one of the Society’s two 2014 Blunt Prizes to Dr Philippa Walton. Peter Preston-Morley then read a paper entitled Knighted for services to numismatics: Edward Stanley Robinson.

23 SEPTEMBER 2014. Lawrence Chard, David James Kirk, Julie Morgan Lecoindre and Michael Roberts were elected by Council to Ordinary Membership. David Terence Bailey and Bruce Lorich tendered their resignations to Council. Dr Martin Allen then read a paper entitled The English crown and the coinage, 1399–1485.

28 OCTOBER 2014. Neil Beaton, Christopher Graham Faulkner, Edgardo Ferrario, David Neil Holt, Gerry Patrick Slevin, James Edward Tout, Richelle Treves and Edouard Wyngaard were elected by Council to Ordinary Membership. Council noted with regret the deaths of honorary member Dr Gay van der Meer (9 August 2014, aged 90) and Frank Milward (1 October 2014, aged 72). 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 Anniversary Meeting. Joseph Payne then read a paper entitled Die-making at the Royal Mint, 1760–1840.

25 NOVEMBER 2014. Ian Graham Dickson, Dr Robert Frederick Ernest Kenyon and Joseph Payne were elected by Council to Ordinary Membership. Peter Smith had tendered his resignation to Council. The Secretary declared that 24 members were amoved under By-Law IV.6. Jeremy Cheek and Nicholas Holmes were appointed scrutators for the ballot. The President awarded the North Book Prize for 2014 to Dr Martin Allen for his Mints and Money in Medieval England, and North Medals for Services to Numismatics to Grenville Chamberlain, Gavin Scott, and jointly to Noël and Alan Cox. The following Officers and Council were declared elected for 2015:

President: Dr Roger Bland
Vice-Presidents: Graham Dyer, Dr David Dykes, Dr Robin Eaglen, Dr Stewart Lyon, Hugh Pagan, Lord Stewartby
Director: Dr Ian Leins
Treasurer: Philip Mernick
Secretary: Peter Preston-Morley
Membership: Philip Skingley
Secretary: Robert Thompson
Councillors: Dr Martin Allen (Editor), Thomas Anstiss, Marion Archibald, Dr Andrew Burnett, Jeremy Cheek, Ken Eckardt, Tim Everson, David Guest (Publicity Officer), Anthony Gilbert, Dr Sam Moorhead, (Education Officer) John Rainey, Bradley Shepherd, Dr Andrew Woods (Website Officer).

The Corresponding Members of Council were announced as Prof. Peter Gaspar (North America) and Dr 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 announced that the winner of the Sanford Saltus Medal for 2014 was Prof. Nicholas Mayhew. The President delivered the annual address, the first part devoted to a Review of the Society’s activities in 2014, followed by his Presidential Address, Coin hoards and hoarding in Britain (III). The President then invited members and their guests to attend the Anniversary Reception, sponsored by Robert Thompson and Dr Robin Eaglen.

EXHIBITIONS
April:
By Hugh Pagan:

June:
By Peter Preston-Morley:

September:
By Hugh Pagan:
1. An offprint of H. Mattingly and E.S.G. Robinson, The Date of the Roman Denarius, ex libris Robin Hamilton Dundas, with an enclosed autograph letter from Robinson.

SUMMER MEETING
The Summer Meeting of the Society, Coin Hoards and Treasure Finds, was held jointly with the Royal Numismatic Society at Abbey Baptist Church, Reading, on Saturday 12 July 2014. The meeting was opened by the President and closed by Dr Andrew Burnett, President of the Royal Numismatic Society. During the morning session, papers were read by Dr Sam Moorhead, Feeding the Rhineland? The coinage of the house of Valentinian in the Thames Valley region; Dr John Naylor, Using coins in the medieval Thames Valley: an archaeological perspective; and Robert Thompson, Tradesmen and courtiers: the testimony of Berkshire tokens. In the afternoon, papers were read by Maurice Bull, The Oxford Mint during the Civil War 1642–1646; Paul Withers, Tokens of Berkshire; and Peter Preston-Morley, Meandering down the Thames: private banks and their issues.