

Leather, Christopher ‘Chris’

(1950-2021)



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Biographical and Other Notes

Chris was born in Shipley, near Bradford in Yorkshire. His father was an engineer whose job meant the family moved to different parts of England in Chris's formative years. He attended Haywards Heath grammar school in Sussex, where he achieved A-levels before enrolling on an electrical engineering course at the *Cable & Wireless* company's training facility in Porthcurno, Cornwall. After qualifying he joined their company's overseas division and his work in this section meant he travelled and worked in the Caribbean, Bahrain, Middle East, Far East and finally in Romania where he helped set up that country's internet and telecommunications system. Chris worked for *Cable & Wireless* for over thirty years before taking early retirement in 2001.

After the death of his father Chris moved to Southport to live with his widowed mother (Elsie Leather) and soon involved himself in numerous local charities and

societies, looking after the IT and giving many excellent talks covering anything from ancient to modern, foreign to tokens and medallions. Over the years Chris had built an impressive collection of Roman Gallic Empire antoniniani and also an equally comprehensive collection of the various issues of Matthew Boulton's Soho Mint.

His collections were sold in 368 lots at Elstob & Elstob (Ripon, Yorkshire) on 8 April 2022.

Sources and References

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