



**Welcome to the March 2021 issue of BNS E-NEWS, which circulates in the week prior to each Society meeting to all members who have provided the Society with an email address.**

**For the present, because of government restrictions enforced due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Society is meeting online via Zoom.**

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## ***Minutes of the February meeting***

*Minutes of the Meeting of the British Numismatic Society, held online via Zoom on Tuesday, 23 February 2021, Dr Clancy, President, being in the chair and 55 other people present.*

**NOMINATIONS:** Ho Cheung Chan (Berkshire) and Dr David John Naylor (Gloucestershire) were nominated for Ordinary Membership.

**ELECTIONS:** Damian Dawber (Greater Manchester), Nigel Harcourt-Brown (North Yorkshire), Gary Paul Jagger (Devon), Amal Nazem Rasheed Hassan Khreishah (Somerset) and Maciej Zatorski (Gloucestershire) were elected to Ordinary Membership.

Tristan Griffin then read a paper entitled *Early modern British and Irish obsidional coinage in its European context*.

The President then announced the date of the next meeting and closed the meeting.



***'More widely known by his works than any other living artist': William Wyon's career is the subject of our next meeting***

The Society's third meeting of the year takes place one week from today, Tuesday 23 March, the time 6pm London GMT. The speaker is Sir Mark Jones and his paper is entitled *'More widely known by his works than any other living artist': William Wyon RA (1795-1851)*.

Capacity is limited, so members are asked to register in advance. To join the meeting, please use the following registration link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_ocA9bDqURw6EQ7x36Kgtlw](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ocA9bDqURw6EQ7x36Kgtlw)

Those who register will be sent log-in details via email. If you are using the desktop version of Zoom, please ensure that you are using the most up-to-date version before joining the webinar. The meeting itself will commence with formal business from 6pm and Sir Mark's lecture will begin immediately after that.

The works of William Wyon have long been admired wherever in the world coins and medals have been collected and studied. If you are a fan of his work, then this is a webinar not to be missed.

*Images courtesy of Spink.*

### **Our lecture on 23 March**

William Wyon's work aroused much controversy and comment. This paper looks at the market for medals and coins, the impact of his work on contemporaries and the reputation that it created for him and the Royal Mint during his lifetime. Sir Mark Jones, a former curator of medals at the British Museum, a former director of the National Museums of Scotland and of the Victoria & Albert Museum and a former Master of St John College, Oxford, is Chair of the National Trust for Scotland, the Pilgrim Trust and Hospitalfield and owner of Golden Hare Books.

## ***The Society's new-look website***

The Society's Website Officer, Robert Page, has been busy during the winter months, among other things introducing a new menu structure and a new online version of hyperlinks to directly access articles of choice by subject, whether they have been published in *BNJ* up to and including *BNJ* 87, or on the Society's Blog. The latter continues to attract new contributions by the week, the latest including a fascinating review of mid-17th century numismatic references associated with the 'sly and dangerous' goldsmith Thomas Violet, a valuable contribution on false Edward VI fine issue shillings and, for those of an earlier persuasion, a very useful guide and schematic covering the various varieties of the extensive Crux issue of Æthelred II.

Keep in contact with this Society initiative by clicking on [britnumsoc.blog](http://britnumsoc.blog) and sign up for email notifications of new posts.

## ***Money and Medals online training events open to members***

To draw the current period of Arts Council England-funded activity to a close, the Money and Medals Network is holding an online conference this Thursday, 18 March, from 10am to 1.30pm, with an emphasis on numismatic research and display projects. This half-day event will open with a summary of MMN under lockdown and will be followed by four talks given by ladies associated with various MMN-related initiatives, namely Dr Olivia Webster (British Museum), Emily Tilley (York Museums Trust), Kimberly Day (REME Museum) and Elizabeth Montgomery (Grosvenor Museum, Chester). If you are interested to

learn more about these fascinating projects, or if you would like some useful tips on the display of numismatics, please email [mmn@britishmuseum.org](mailto:mmn@britishmuseum.org) stating your name and the institution you will be representing and you will be welcome to join in the activity on the day.

The Network's final training event for the present time will focus on the conservation of coins, medals and banknotes, how best to document numismatic objects on a museum database, and ideas on making use of numismatics in museum education projects. A half-day Zoom event on Friday 26 March, from 10am to 2pm, it will feature talks by Julia Tubman (Gunnersbury Park Museum), Sarah Tyley (Royal Mint Museum) and Doug MacBeath (Museum on the Mound, Edinburgh). Attendance is open to anyone working or volunteering with museum numismatic collections. Booking is essential – please email the address given above.

## ***Dates for your diary***

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March 18. Abramson Collection, Parts I and II (London). [spink.com](http://spink.com)

March 18. Money and Medals Online Research Conference (Online)

March 23. Society meeting (Online).

March 26. Money and Medals Training: Conservation, Documentation and Education (Online).

April 16 to 18. British Association of Numismatic Societies Congress (Southsea). CANCELLED. [virginia.porter@royalmint.com](mailto:virginia.porter@royalmint.com)

April 21. Dauer Collection, Banknotes (London). [spink.com](http://spink.com)

April 27. Society meeting (Online).

July 10. BNS/RNS Summer meeting (Oxford). More details to follow.

July 10. Historical Medallion Congress (Warwick). TO BE CONFIRMED. [andrewwager07@btinternet.com](mailto:andrewwager07@btinternet.com)

September 10-12. British Association of Numismatic Societies Autumn Weekend (Stratford-upon-Avon). TO BE CONFIRMED. [virginia.porter@royalmint.com](mailto:virginia.porter@royalmint.com)

September 24-25. COINEX (London). TO BE CONFIRMED. [bnta.net](http://bnta.net)

September 24-25. Orders & Medals Research Society Convention (London). TO BE

CONFIRMED. [omrs.org](https://www.omrs.org)

October 1-2. 50th World Paper Money Fair (London). TO BE CONFIRMED  
[wpmf.info](https://www.wpmf.info)

October 1 to 3. Annual Token Congress (Northampton). [johnnewman1@sky.com](mailto:johnnewman1@sky.com)

December 1 to 4. FIDEM Congress (Tokyo). [fidem2020.tokyo](https://www.fidem2020.tokyo)

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September 11 to 16. International Numismatic Congress (Warsaw).  
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