

# PROCEEDINGS OF THE BRITISH NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, 2011

## 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)	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, MA, LittD, FSA, FRHistS
2008–11	R.J. Eaglen, MA, LL.M., PhD, FSA
2011–	R.F. Bland, 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)

### 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 2011

All meetings during the year were held at the Warburg Institute and the President, Dr Robin Eaglen, was in the chair throughout.

(For Officers and Council for 2011, see Volume 81)

**25 JANUARY 2011.** Richard Guy Hitchcock and Dr Georg-Wilhelm Ludwig were elected by Council to Ordinary Membership. Keith Ashman, Arthur Chater, Prof. Svein Gulbekk, Graham Parker and Dr Nicholas Weijer tendered their resignations to Council. The President presented the North Book Prize for 2010 to Lord Stewartby for his publication *English Coins 1180–1551*. George Molyneaux then read a paper entitled *Kings and Coins in the tenth-century English Kingdom*.

**22 FEBRUARY 2011.** Stephen Gregory Clackson, Jack Miller Lloyd Jr, Frank Martin, Paolo Trabucco and Edward John Wheatley were elected by Council to Ordinary Membership. Christopher Tasker and the Brotherton Library, University of Leeds, tendered their resignations to Council. Keith Cottrell then read a paper entitled *The evolution of today's global minting industry and the challenges ahead*.

**22 MARCH 2011.** Timothy Fuller Cleghorn, Andrew de Bertodano and Michael Norman Orford were elected by Council to Ordinary Membership. Angela Bolton tendered her resignation to Council. Council noted with regret the death of Eileen Atkinson (11 March 2011, aged 79). Dr Martin Allen then read a paper entitled *The Calais Mint, the wool trade and the Hundred Years War, 1349–c.1450*.

**28 APRIL 2011.** Richard Gladdle and D. Scott Van Horn were elected by Council to Ordinary Membership. Megan Gooch then read a paper entitled *Vikings and Churchmen: coinage in tenth-century York*.

**24 MAY 2011.** Prof. Richard Allan Christie was elected by Council to Ordinary Membership. The President presented the Blunt Prize for 2011 to Dr Rory Naismith. Rear-Admiral John Myres then read a paper entitled *Arctic and Polar Medals: rewards to the brave, the foolhardy and the shivering*. The meeting was followed by the Spring Reception for members and their guests, sponsored by Dix Noonan Webb.

**28 JUNE 2011.** Peter Gargett, Laura Elizabeth Kolb and Andrew Martin Roberts were elected by Council to Ordinary Membership. The Classical Numismatic Group was elected by Council to Institutional

Membership. Prof Paul Christensen and Barrington Eastick tendered their resignations to Council. Council noted with regret the death of Revd Roderick Palmer (6 June 2011, aged 77). Edward Besly then read a paper entitled *News from Wales: nummi and Normans*.

**27 SEPTEMBER 2011.** Council noted with regret the deaths of Dr Mark Blackburn (1 September 2011, aged 58), David Griffiths (3 September 2011, aged 70) and Nicholas Rhodes (6 July 2011, aged 65). The Linecar Lecture was delivered by Dr Richard Reece, entitled *Not lost for ever: understanding Roman coin finds over the past fifty years*.

**25 OCTOBER 2011.** 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. In a change to the published programme, Chris Salmon then read a paper entitled *Balancing security and aesthetics: the evolution of modern banknote design*.

**22 NOVEMBER 2011.** Dr Lee Edward Prosser and Kenneth Henry Sparkes were elected by Council to Ordinary Membership. The Secretary declared that 21 members were removed under By-Law IV.6. Frances Simmons and Tom Anstiss were appointed scrutators for the ballot. The following Officers and Council were declared elected for 2012:

President:	Dr Roger Bland
Vice-Presidents:	Graham Dyer, Dr David Dykes, Dr Stewart Lyon, Peter Mitchell, Hugh Pagan and 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> ), Dr Barrie Cook, Dr Robin Eaglen, Megan Gooch ( <i>Publicity Officer</i> ), David Guest, Dr Sam Moorhead, Dr Rory Naismith ( <i>Website Officer</i> ), 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 Prof 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 being a Review of the Society's activities in 2011, followed by his Presidential Address, *What is the point of numismatics?*. On completion and on behalf of the membership, Dr Stewart Lyon thanked the President for his endeavours on behalf of the Society in the final year of his Presidency. Dr Eaglen formally handed over the chair to the incoming President, Dr Roger Bland, who then invited members and their guests to attend a reception in the common room generously sponsored by Graham Dyer.

## EXHIBITIONS

May:

By Peter Mitchell, on behalf of Guy and Katie Leppard:

The Imperial Service Order and Polar Medal with Antarctic 1954–5 clasp awarded to Norman Leppard.

By Rear-Admiral John Myres:

A display case containing 13 Arctic and Polar Medals, and two groups containing such awards, spanning the period from 1818 to the present reign.

## SUMMER MEETING

The Summer Meeting of the Society, *The Value of Money*, was held jointly with the Royal Numismatic Society at the National Museum, Cardiff, on Saturday 2 July 2011. The meeting was opened by the President and closed by Prof Nicholas Mayhew, President of the Royal Numismatic Society. During the morning session, papers were read by Amelia Dowler, *The cost of living: Everyday life in Roman and Modern Britain*; Dr Robin Eaglen, *Thoughts on the coin market*; and Prof Peter Spufford, *Debasement, Prices and Wages in the 1480s in the Burgundian Netherlands*. In the afternoon, papers were read by Dr Anne Murphy, *Who's guarding 'the guardian of public credit? The protection of the Bank of England during the later eighteenth century*; and Matt Bonaccorsi, *Heads and tails: The evolution of coin design in a world of virtual value*.

PRESENTATION OF THE NORTH BOOK PRIZE  
FOR 2010 TO LORD STEWARTBY

*In presenting the North Book Prize for 2010 to Lord Stewartby on 25 January 2011, the President, Dr Robin Eaglen, said:*

This evening it is my privilege to present the third North Book Prize to Ian, Lord Stewartby. As you will all be aware, Ian has had a most distinguished career in banking and politics, holding various ministerial appointments in the Conservative governments of the 1980s. Tonight, however, we have the opportunity to celebrate his great talents as a numismatist, and recognize the publication of his *English Coins 1180 to 1551*, in a sense the summation of his lifelong love of medieval coinage.

Ian, like many of us, came to coins at a tender age. When I told Jeffrey North that the Society had decided to award the Book Prize to Ian, his delight was palpable. He recalled that he had come to know Ian as a schoolboy, as they sat opposite each other combing the so called junk trays at Spink in the fifties, hoping to spot an unrecognised gem.

Ian's precocity as an author is well-known. At the age of nineteen he published his handbook on *Scottish Coinage*. The intervening years have seen a steady flow of articles, mainly in the *British Numismatic Journal* and the *Numismatic Chronicle*, exploring all periods of medieval coinage.

His close study of numismatic developments over many decades, his keen analytical mind, his own contributions to numismatic research and his ability to write with unpretentious clarity, have resulted in a work of outstanding and lasting value. The Society is delighted to steal a small share in this success by awarding the North Book Prize to Ian, Lord Stewartby.