

# PROCEEDINGS OF THE BRITISH NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, 2013

## 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	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, FSA
1923–25	G.R. Francis, FSA
1926–27	W.J. Freer, VD, DL, FSA
1928 (until 20 February)	P.W.P. Carlyon-Britton, DL, FSA
1928 (from 22 February)	H.W. Morrieson, RA, FSA
1929–32	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, LLM, 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
1911	Helen Farquhar
1914	W.J. Andrew
1917	L.A. Lawrence
1920	H.W. Morrieson
1923	H.A. Parsons
1926	G.R. Francis
1929	J.S. Shirley-Fox

1932	C. Winter
1935	R. Carlyon-Britton
1938	W.C. Wells
1941	C.A. Whitton
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
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 2013

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 March, when the chair was occupied by Dr Stewart Lyon.

(For Officers and Council for 2013, see Volume 83)

**22 JANUARY 2013.** Steven James Lamb was elected by Council to Ordinary Membership. Gregg Moore and Randy Weir tendered their resignations to Council. Dr Philippa Walton then read a paper entitled *Where, when and what for? Thinking about coin use in Roman Britain*.

**26 FEBRUARY 2013.** Ben Dray, John Paul Eldridge and Hamish Alexander Horseman Sewell were elected by Council to Ordinary Membership. Richard Kelleher then read a paper entitled *Pilgrims, pennies and the ploughzone: folded coins in later medieval Britain*.

**26 MARCH 2013.** Christopher Finch Hatton and Robert Lawson Lee were elected by Council to Ordinary Membership. Council noted with regret the death of Michael Bonser (1 March 2013, aged 73) and the Chairman read part of an appreciation of the late Mr Bonser, taken from the latest issue of the Yorkshire Numismatic Society newsletter. Barbara Burman then read a paper entitled '*Jingling in her pockets: the everyday life of coins in Britain in the long eighteenth century*'.

**23 APRIL 2013.** Quentin David Ross Archer, Fredrik Bernsel and Dr Mark Whittow were elected by Council to Ordinary Membership. Council noted with regret the death of Ross George Blakey (7 April 2013, aged 66). Dr Paul Stevens then read a paper entitled *Recent research into the coinage of the Bombay Presidency*.

**28 MAY 2013.** Geoffrey Hobson, Daniel Lazarczyk, Natasha Dorothy Helen McIntosh, Susan Catherine Stewart and Charles Howard John Wood were elected by Council to Ordinary Membership. Council noted with regret the death of Michael Ian Hamilton Ewing (8 May 2013, aged 86). The President congratulated David Sealy, elected to the Society in May 1953, on his 60th anniversary of membership. Andrew Woods then read a paper entitled *Reconsidering the coinage of Viking-age Ireland*. The meeting was followed by the Spring Reception for members and their guests, sponsored by Hugh Pagan.

**25 JUNE 2013.** Tara Mundy was elected by Council to Ordinary Membership. David Ayling-Smith, James Davis King, Claudio Patrucco, Stephen Pradier and Nigel Patrick Tooley tendered their resignations to Council. Council noted with regret the deaths of Dr Richard George Doty (2 June 2013, aged 71), and John Henry Timothy Hooke (4 November 2011, aged 66).

Dr Julia Farley then read a paper entitled *Striking silver: Iron Age coin production in the East Midlands*.

**24 SEPTEMBER 2013.** Murray Andrews and Dr Aaron John Jaffer were elected by Council to Ordinary Membership. Amelia Dowler then read a paper entitled *Greek and Roman provincial coin finds in Great Britain*.

**22 OCTOBER 2013.** Council noted with regret the death of Robert James Seaman (6 October 2013, aged 78). The President briefly mentioned the contribution of the late Mr Seaman, the Society's treasurer from 1973 to 1981, during his term of office. 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. Prof. Julian Hoppit delivered the Howard Linecar Memorial Lecture, entitled *Economical reform and the Mint, 1780-1815*.

**26 NOVEMBER 2013.** Eleanor Rachel Smith, Michol Stocco, Rachel Emma Wilkinson and Elizabeth Victoria Wyatt were elected by Council to Ordinary Membership. The Library and Information Service, Hereford, had tendered their resignation to Council. Council noted with regret the deaths of Brian Pybus (27 June 2013, aged 94) and Geoffrey Leonard Riddle (1 August 2012, aged 70). The Secretary declared that 13 members were amoved under By-Law IV.6. Thomas Anstiss and Nicholas Holmes were appointed scrutators for the ballot. The following Officers and Council were declared elected for 2014:

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: Philip Skingley  
 Secretary:  
 Librarian: Robert Thompson  
 Council: Dr Martin Allen (*Editor*), Thomas Anstiss, Marion Archibald, Jeremy Cheek, Dr Robin Eaglen, Ken Eckardt, David Guest, Dr Sam Moorhead, John Rainey, Bradley Shepherd, Dr Paul Stevens, Dr Andrew Woods (*Website Officer*).

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 2013, followed by his Presidential Address, *Coin hoards and hoarding in Britain (II)*. On completion and on behalf of the membership, Dr David Dykes thanked the President for his endeavours on behalf of the Society in the second year of his Presidency. The

President then invited members and their guests to attend a reception generously sponsored by Harrington Manville.

## EXHIBITIONS

February:

By Hugh Pagan:

A volume of publications by, or associated with, John Fenwick (1787–1867), solicitor, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, including *Treasure Trove in Northumberland*, 1851, containing an illustrated listing of the 1837 Thorngraston hoard of Roman *denarii* and *aurei*.

March:

By Barbara Burman:

A range of pockets to illustrate her paper.

April:

By Tony Holmes:

Twelve East India Company coins of the Bombay Presidency and of St Helena.

May:

By Hugh Pagan:

L.A. Lawrence's manuscript catalogue of his first collection of Anglo-Saxon, Norman and English coins, sold by him in 1903, partly in a Sotheby sale and partly by private treaty to Lord Grantley;

A copy of Lucia Travaini (ed.), Philip Grierson, *Irish Bulls and Numismatics*, Rome, 2011;

A copy of R.H. Dolley, *The Historical Significance of the Translation of St Lazarus from Kypros to Byzantion*, an offprint from *Byzantion*, vol. xix, 1949.

September:

By Dr Rory Naismith:

A bound volume containing correspondence from the Society to Liverpool Public Library, a former institutional member of the Society, spanning the period 1903–1927, which was subsequently presented to the Society's Library.

## SUMMER MEETING

The Summer Meeting of the Society, *Coin Hoards and Treasure Finds*, was held jointly with the Royal Numismatic Society at York Racecourse, York, on Saturday 20 July 2013. The meeting was opened by the President and closed by Prof. Nick Mayhew, President of the Royal Numismatic Society. During the morning session, papers were read by Dr Eleanor Ghey, *Studying hoards in the 21st century: the appliance of science to recent finds*; Dr Richard Abdy, *The Bath hoard*; Dr Sam Moorhead, *The Frome hoard and Carausius – three years on*; and Dr Philippa Walton, *Ritual river or military highway? Interpreting the coin assemblage from the votive deposit at Piercebridge, county Durham*. In the afternoon, papers were read by Dr Martin Allen, *Coin hoards and wealth in medieval England and Wales, c. 973 to 1544*; Edward Besly, *Hoards and hoarding in the English Civil War*; and Dr Stephen Briggs, *Better than metal detecting: numismatics from newsprint*.