



Dr John Rainey donating the Max Rainey Memorial Medal to the Armagh Public Library

Our News

To keep our knowledge up-to-date, we conduct research, share observations and contribute to the events. Here are some highlights of our recent news:

- **Dr John F. Rainey**, MBE, was elevated to the Vice-President of BANS and chaired the BANS Annual Congress 2019, the Isle of Man.
- **Mr Alan Dunlop** won the NSI Annual Coin Display Competition 2019 in Dublin, RoI.
- **Dr Nicholas L. Wright** communicated the article "Money Talks: Defaced Coinage as a Snapshot of Dissent in Ireland", to appear in the *Archaeology Ireland* magazine.

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Who We Are

About Us

The Numismatic Society of Ireland (Northern Branch) first met in 1963 as a group of local enthusiasts and scholars to share their interest in the history and art of world coinage. For over 55 years our Society has been promoting the hobby and coin studies locally and across Ireland and the UK. We meet regularly to exchange news, showcase recent acquisitions and raise awareness of emerging market trends, discoveries and opportunities. **JOIN US** to find out for yourself the joy and challenge of coin collecting! **YOUNG MEMBERS** with various interest in coins, tokens and medals are particularly welcome and will benefit the most of our expertise and support!

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Collecting and Studying Irish and World Coins from the Biblical Times to Present and Beyond



Visiting medieval mint towns, museums and coin galleries, meeting local experts and fellow enthusiasts – these are the examples of our activities aimed to explore the Irish history, both factually and emotionally, through coins and medals.

Events

For the past 55 years we have been involved in organising and running major events on Irish and British numismatics, including the BANS Congress in 2002 and 2015, Belfast Coin Fair and a number of local activities. We are committed to introducing the public to numismatics by inviting reputable dealers and experts to meet local enthusiasts in Belfast. Our web-site www.numsocirelandnb.com provides a platform for communications, creative writing and research. **JOIN US** to learn how you can contribute to our events aimed at promoting coin collecting, history, arts and scholarship among young and experienced hobbyists.

Invite an Expert

We are experts on Irish, British and World coins and medals who will be delighted to present an educational talk or a workshop to help your audience fully appreciate the history and arts in coins and medals, as well as receive advice on acquisitions and collection management. **CONTACT US** to discuss your ideas.

Ethical Collector

In the complex world that we live in today, our personal actions can have far-reaching effects. Collecting ancient coins is a pleasure, which requires our effort to be preserved from stigmas of the black antique markets and unfair trade. Here are some highlights of our commitments and advice on the collector's ethics.

- Buy coins from reputable dealers, avoid buying from metal-detectorists unless a PAS record, or equivalent, is provided, observe the international custom laws.
- Keep detailed up-to-the-date record of your purchases and sales.
- Catalogue and insure your collection.
- Clean coins professionally, do not allow them to deteriorate. Treat each coin as potential investment and research opportunity.
- Share what you learn with fellow hobbyists.
- Do not pass fake coins over, even at your personal expense. Report the fakes and their sellers using the dedicated web-sites.

JOIN US to learn more on how you can contribute to the ethics of coin collecting and trade.



“Time is the coin of your life. It is the only coin you have, and only you can determine how it will be spent.”



Lord Stewartby (1935-2018), pre-eminent expert on Scottish and British coinage, bequeathed his collection to the Hunterian Museum. The book “The Scottish Coinage” that he wrote at the age of 15 still constitutes a major numismatic reference.

Why Collect Coins?

Every hobbyist has a story on how they came in the hobby. Often, they contract the bug from enthusiastic collectors and dealers. Sometimes people start collecting naturally, when they develop interest in certain things and memories, and their search for new items becomes addictive and entertaining at once. What a true collector is certainly not is a magpie, for a genuine collection is a live piece of research. Those thinking that “numismatics is a pursuit involving a veneer of scholarship hiding a core of greed” are not true collectors either. Collecting coins opens a window to our mind on the human history, psychology and arts. A small shiny roundel in your hand might have witnessed events and characters that changed the past, inviting you to touch the history and earn knowledge by research. Each collection has a unique character of its owner, and when the owner departs, their coins will also return to the elements to nurture the bodies of other collections, academic and investment alike. We do not really own coins, but we are the keepers self-appointed to keep the history alive. **JOIN US** to learn to speak with your coins and communicate discoveries with passion and rigour.