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Numismatic Society of Ireland

Programme September 2024 – May 2025

8 Ely Place, Dublin 2 and Online, via Zoom



September	Friday 20th 7:45 pm Prompt Start.	Ely House & Online via Zoom	Members' Night Show & Tell
October	Friday 18th 7:45 pm Prompt Start.	Ely House & Online via Zoom	TBC
November	Friday 15th 7:30 pm	Ely House & Online via Zoom	AGM 7:30 – 8:00 An Overview of Hiberno Norse Coinage <i>Alan Keogh (Member)</i>
December	Friday 6th 7:00 pm	Ely House & Online via Zoom	Annual Society Auction Viewing from 5:30pm at Ely House
January	Friday 17th 7:45 pm Prompt Start.	Ely House & Online via Zoom	Society Annual Display Competition. Cheese and Wine
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March	Friday 21st 7:45 pm Prompt Start.	Ely House & Online via Zoom	TBC
April	Friday 25th 7:45 pm Prompt Start.	Ely House & Online via Zoom	The Pre-Confederation Coinage of Canada <i>Robert Smith (Member)</i>
May	Friday 16th 7:45 pm Prompt Start.	Ely House & Online via Zoom	Speakers on Books and Catalogues <i>Speakers to be confirmed</i>

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Coin Fairs & Calendar:

October Coin Fair

Saturday, 19 October 2024, at RDS

Irish International Coin Fair

To be confirmed, February 2025

BANS Spring Congress 2025

Orchard Hotel & Restaurant, Nottingham Friday 11 to Sunday 13 April 2025

Society Summer Outing 2025

To be decided.





Obituary

Philip Timmins

By Ronan Fitzpatrick

Phil Timmins made contact with the Numismatic Society of Ireland in October 2016 at which time he asked to join the Society. It would be the following April meeting in 2017 that he and his wife Sheila would attend their first NSI meeting at Ely House. At that time, he mentioned that he had been studying Gunmoney for many years and was wondering if there would be an opportunity to publish his work in book form (he had a manuscript of what he had written with him). At that time the Society had already published IRISH TAVERN TOKENS by Fr. Gerry Rice, the first in an Irish collector series of numismatic books, and a book on Gunmoney was a very attractive second publication for that series.

So, during the summer of 2017 the society's Hon Editor and Hon Secretary worked with Phil to craft a wonderful collector's fully illustrated reference to the Irish Gunmoney series of coins in the context of a month-by-month chronology of the campaign. Phil's book GUNMONEY: The emergency coinage of 1689-1691 for the Irish campaign of James II, was published by NSI in hardback, December 2017, the second in the Society's Irish collector series. The Society's pre-publication offer with the subscribers' medallion was very well received and the initial printing run soon sold out. Updated editions have since been published.

Phil was an engineer who travelled overseas for his work, and he would spend many spare hours in the evenings examining and studying physical specimens of Gunmoney. Over the years he amassed a fine collection which he supplemented with an extensive collection of Gunmoney photographs from all manner of internet sites. During these travels he would visit museums where he could take even more photographs and in recent years, through the good offices of NSI, he was given access to specimens at the National Museum of Ireland. All of this resulted in a rich store of knowledge which formed the bases of his book and other publications. He has combined this knowledge with his professional engineering career to bring an informed perspective to the discussion table. Understanding the metal content of Gunmoney and how that can be interpreted is of particular interest to him and in that study he has had many pieces laboratory analysed for metal content. His interest brought a whole new perspective to the study of a special part of the Irish coinage series, a perspective uncommon among numismatists.

Phil was born in England and in retirement settled in Ireland. In order to further promote study and interest in Gunmoney, he had many collectors involved in online discussions, sharing information and posting photographs of Gunmoney pieces. He was a regular attendee at Irish coin fairs and attended the Society's online monthly Zoom meetings both North and South. He was a contributor to both our Occasional Papers and our Bulletins. May he rest in Peace.





Obituary

John O'Toole

Contributions by Ronan Fitzpatrick, Garry
Byrne & Alan Keogh

One strong memory of John is his strong welcoming handshake. John was a long standing member of the NSI. He had a great interest in local history and contributed to an Occasional Paper on Irish Military Buttons from the Loughlinstown camp. He also had a strong interest in European gold and silver and always had a desire to talk about his recent acquisitions. John was involved in some important finds, such as an Elizabeth hoard of coins found nearby his home and the Rathdown hoards 1 and 2.

John worked for Wicklow County Council and was a frequent sight at the Bray Carboot sale. He was very knowledgeable about history and numismatics and loved to share his wisdom with anyone who wished to listen.

John's funeral took place at Mount Jerome Crematorium in Harold's Cross, Dublin. A nice touch prior to the funeral was that John left a basket of coins at the door of the funeral home and asked attendees to select one in memory.

May he rest in Peace.

***Royal Mint abandons
£4m worth of
unwanted copper coins
by Greg Carley***



"Surplus 1p and 2p pennies stored indefinitely in warehouses exceeds those in circulation"

The Royal Mint has left millions of unwanted 1p and 2p coins abandoned in warehouses across Britain as speculation over the future of copper coins grows.

Roughly 260m surplus copper coins worth around £4m are piling up after being stored indefinitely in cash centres across the country, industry data shows. This includes roughly 150m – or two thirds – of all the 225m 2p coins in the UK as well as 110m of the 200m 1p coins that have been minted. The amount of surplus cash is now so large that the total volume is the equivalent of more than 2,000 washing machine-sized cages – each weighing a tonne – filled with coins. It also means that more copper coins are stored in these warehouses than are in circulation."

"This article appeared in the Daily Telegraph on the 25th August 2024. Unfortunately for the Royal Mint, most of these 2,000 tonnes of 1p and 2p coins are neither copper nor bronze (with a scrap value of some €8,000 per tonne - or some €16 million in total). They are mainly copper plated steel worth a mere €200/tonne or less than half a million. Fortunately in Ireland, our similar 1p and 2p coins were phased out back in 1971 when we changed over to the Euro. Likewise our much smaller 1 cent and 2 cent coins were withdrawn from circulation in 2015 when we started rounding to the nearest 5 cent. Accordingly any of us in Ireland, North or South or in GB holding on to supplies of English "copper" should cash them in quick, while they are still legal tender.

Surveys suggest that more than half of 1p and 2p coins that enter circulation are used once before ending up in a jam jar or storage, while one in 12 are thrown in the bin.

The Royal Mint, the official maker of British coins, has not recycled or melted down surplus coins since it closed its smelting facility more than a decade ago.

Unlike the Bank of England, which swaps damaged or mutilated banknotes from the general public, the Royal Mint only accepts damaged coins collected by banks.

The Treasury has not instructed the Royal Mint to make any coins this year amid reports that it did not expect to order any new 1p and 2p coins to be minted for the next few years.

It has previously said it has "no plans" to change the mix of UK coins in the system, of which there are estimated to be 27bn in circulation.

Royal Mint data show 30m 1p coins were minted in 2022 and none in 2023. There have been no 2 pence pieces minted since 2021. By contrast, more than a billion pennies were minted in 2000.

UK Finance declined to comment on the coin data but a spokesman said: "The industry is committed to the sustained use of cash. However, we really need to make sure that we have the right type of notes and coins that people want to use. And we should be thinking about how we might recycle some of the current coins in circulation.

A spokesman for The Royal Mint said: “The Royal Mint only accepts damaged circulating coins. These are processed to ensure the value of the metal can be recovered.”

Previous chancellors have considered scrapping copper coins. Philip Hammond launched a consultation in 2018 about the mix of coins in circulation after branding copper coins “obsolete”. The Treasury’s consultation cited data showing around two thirds of coins issued by the Royal Mint were not in active circulation. Many were taken overseas or stored in jam jars or piggy banks. A survey suggests 8pc were discarded.

In 2019, the Treasury estimated that the Royal Mint needed to issue over 500 million 1p and 2p coins each year to replace those falling out of circulation.

Mr Hammond later backed down, stressing that consumer choice remained a big factor. George Osborne also wanted to scrap coppers but was overruled by former prime minister Lord Cameron. Those who support the continuing use of copper coins argue that scrapping them could push prices up as retailers would round prices up to the nearest 5p.

Cash also remains the second-most-popular payment method, after debit cards – with an estimated 3m people still relying on it.

The penny was first produced in the 8th century and is the oldest British denomination still in use today.



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The launch is at the Central Bank of Ireland, North Wall Quay, on Monday the 7th October 2024.

The retail price will be €65 and the issue limit will be 2,000.



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Favourites from the MEDAL CABINET



MASONIC FEMALE ORPHAN SCHOOL of IRELAND - School Medal - by Ronan Fitzpatrick

The orphanage has origins dating to the 1790s when a number of Irish brethren agreed to be responsible for school fees for girls. The girls had to be daughters of masons who had fallen on hard times or were orphans. They had to be between the ages of 6 to 10 years. The school had several locations before the newly built school as modelled on the obverse of this medal was opened in 1881. The building is now the Clayton Hotel, Ballsbridge and the floor at the entrance still displays masonic symbols.



IRELAND, MASONIC FEMALE ORPHAN SCHOOL: School Medal, 1890,
silver prize medal

Obverse: Three-quarters front elevation of the masonic school, Legend MASONIC FEMALE ORPHAN SCHOOL, in exergue OF IRELAND. Initials J W.

Reverse: Olive branches, ribboned at stems, forming a wreath, inscribed within, Awarded / To / Josephine / Wellesley Calcott / for / Vocal Music / 1890.

Diameter: 39mm; Metal: Silver.

Artist: J. Woodhouse.

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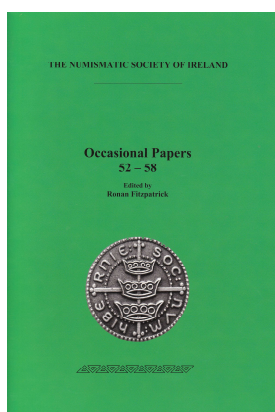
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O'Reilly's Auctions Dublin, Further Tavern Tokens Fr. Rice's Collection

By Garry Byrne

O'Reilly's Auctions Dublin, Further Tavern Tokens Fr. Rice's Collection

Three further auctions of Fr. Rice's tavern tokens collection took place in O'Reilly's. All were sold in multiples, the numbers involved are in brackets. Rice numbers were not provided in the lot descriptions and are given below. Photos of the obverses only were shown, along with laconic descriptions, sometimes inaccurate. While the reverses are often blank, it would be good to be aware of their condition. However, again, very strong prices were achieved, the commission was 22%, * = illustrated. The archive only covers auctions in 2024 and so sales, as detailed in previous bulletins are not available to view.

13 December 2023

A total of 51 tokens were on offer in eight lots. **Lot 388:** R171, R229, R353, R340*, R363, R380 (6) €1,200. **Lot 389:** R76/77, R139, R216, R259, R270*, R309 (6) €4,000. **Lot 390:** R97, R147-149, R200, R205, R235, R241* (6) €650. **Lot 391:** R147-149*, R179/180, R181, R196, R197, R206, R234 (7) €600.



Lot 392: R26, R60-61, R62-63, R153?, R372*, R378*, R386 (7) €500. **Lot 393:** R7, R81, R249, R357/8 and two non TTs (6) €600. **Lot 394:** R1, R3/4*, R11*, R13, R56, R66, R92*, R107 (8) €800. **Lot 395:** R109, R116, R117*, R130, R173*, R307, R322, R385 (8) €850.



17 July 2024

A total of 55 tokens were on offer in six lots. **Lot 340:** Dining tokens R47, R177*, R334, R336, Red Rank Sister Store *sic* (4) €450. **Lot 341:** R45, R69, R79*, R260, R280 (4) €180. **Lot 342:** Three pence tokens R135, R225, R293, R318, R347*, 384 (6) €725. **Lot 343:** Three Cork R95, R227, R388 – Victoria Cross 2d, rev. Parkes V, 1876-88. Not in Rice as Cork, but where there is a Victoria Cross, Enniscorthy R37, Mullingar R359, Newbridge R233, Bray R361 (7) €900.



Lot 344: R146, R162, R194, R198 (Dundalk), R324/5, R393 (6) €200. **Lot 345:** Poor condition generally, Lambeg Stores, R12, R15, R17, R52, R59, R72, R82, R83, R89, R131/131A, R137, R144, R152, R166, R172, R215* (Navan), R269, R274, R282, R283-86 (1), R301, R308, R327, R346, R352* (Limerick, not illustrated in Rice), R364, R366 (28) €950.

28 August 2024

A total of 90 tokens were on offer in ten lots. **Lot 378:** some attractive tokens, R39*, R110, R186, R199*, R210, R223, R253 (7) €450. **Lot 379:** somewhat worn and corroded, R44, R65, R75, R232, R257, R266, R346, (7) €200. **Lot 380:** fair – fine condition R44, R140, R143, R159, R164, R383 (6) €200. **Lot 381:** about fine, with some corrosion R93, R96, R127, R151, R258, R261*, R390 (7) €250.



Lot 382: generally worn, with even toning R19, R123, R191, R239, R344, R399, French 84*, Pontack Inn, Liverpool, see Bulletin 61, (7) €1,000. **Lot 383:** about fine, some corrosion R101, R125, R169, R276, R342, R348 (6) €300. **Lot 384:** some well worn, others with even tones R80, R83, R84, R237, R312, R338, R341 (7) €450.

Lot 385: well worn, some pitting and corrosion, but some attractive pieces R16, R18, R40, R94, R99, R111, R121, R141, R155, R182, R190, R208, R217, R250/51, R265, R354, R357, R367, R373, N/A 2 PENCE (20) €150. **Lot 386:** 26 mixed items, including Brian Boru crown, (probably aluminium, Lot 377 is silver), R223, R244-7 [1], R250/1, R281 (4 TTs) €450. **Lot 387:** R58, R88, R98, R106, R118, R161, R192, R244-7 [1], R389 (9) €1,300.



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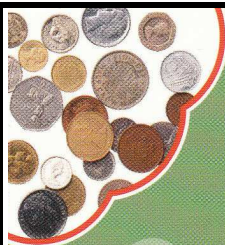
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What's going on in the market place?

By Alan Keogh

During the last while, I have been afforded the opportunity to visit London, Bristol, Exeter amongst other places and spend more recreational time seeking out new bargains as I go. I had gotten a little cynical and believed bargains had all but disappeared.

However I was to be proved wrong by the discovery of the Oxfam chain of charity shops.

At a particular Oxfam shop in Bristol, I stumbled upon a treasure trove of stamps, postcards, banknotes, and coins, all for sale to Joe public. It was even more surprising that the manager of the shop, once he knew my interest, proceeded to supply me with a seemingly endless lot of numismatic items from the shop storeroom also.

Needless to say that several hours were spent perusing the stock the shop had to offer. At one point in time the shop convenience was even made available to me, as nature called.

A number of nice inexpensive Irish free state coins were purchased along with a good example of a 1929 Lundy one penny bronze piece.

So, with my purchases for the day I could now visit one of Bristol's famous drinking establishments known as the Hatchet Inn for a pint of the local renowned cider.

NUMISMATIC NOTES...

*Why are coins (almost)
always round*

Derek Kerins

Why in the western world in the present era and in the ancient past, coins are virtually always round.

I have been asked this question through the years by people who are aware of my interest in Numismatics.

The first coins minted in the western world were round or almost circular, struck by hand, not all were actually round as the ability of the person striking could have a bearing on the resulting shape. One theory suggested is it is the least damaging when carried in a pocket or a purse with no sharp corners and that seems a reasonable idea. One of the disadvantages of round coins is the fact they can roll and so can be easier lost.

If coins were struck as a square piece it would possibly cause problems in the minting process as it appears that the corners of a square coin might ‘hang up’ in the die. Square coins have been issued in the past by such countries as India and Afghanistan. An advantage of square coins is the fact they can be stacked in a smaller space as they would utilize space better than round coins. In the past, Byzantine copper/bronze coins ‘Scyphates’, were dish shaped and could stack into each other even though they were round. These coins would not roll because of this feature although this may not be the reason for this design.

It is perhaps possible that in earlier times silver, gold and bronze/copper material was produced in rods as a production method. This would have the benefit of being able to produce the flan by a simple slicing of the rod which of course had to be of the correct diameter. In Sicily however it is known that some coins were produced from spherical flans and on the finished coins you can see they are different with a slight tang projecting diametrically opposite. The idea of spherical flans lends itself to finishing up with a round finished coin and so this may have been the origin of round coins.

The earliest coins appear to have been struck on blobs of metal and were often quite mis-shaped as a result. As time passed minting methods improved and more care in producing the flan of a regular shape produced the round shape we are familiar with. Flans could be cast, and were sometimes cast and using a circular shaped mould which would make it easier to remove the casting from the mould.

At this point the thought occurs as to how did the ancient minters produce consistent weight for each coin struck.

So, why are coins round? More to follow hopefully.





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Orchard Hotel & Restaurant is located in University Park, Nottingham. This venue is set in 330 acres of the University of Nottingham parkland. Nottingham is the birthplace of D.H. Lawrence and the legend of Robin Hood. The city is served by frequent rail and bus links and East Midlands airport is less than 15 miles away.

Please keep these dates free. Further information will follow.



CLONMEL MILITARIA FAIR
Talbot Hotel, Clonmel
Sunday 28th April 2024

Alan Keogh



The Militaria fair took place at the Talbot Hotel in the Clonmel, Co. Tipperary.

This fair was held in association with the Medal Society of Ireland and took place between 12pm and 5pm on Sunday, the 28th of April.

Amongst the various militaria dealers present, were stands representing philatelic, numismatic and ephemera items.

As a visitor arriving to the Talbot hotel Clonmel, I observed very friendly staff who promptly checked me in and then a hive of activity was evident within the main exhibition room. The lighting was excellent and added to the atmosphere. The display tables were well spaced out and there was plenty of room for the many visitors who graced the fair. People from all over the surrounding area of south Tipperary and beyond came to explore what this militaria fair had to offer.

Personally, speaking I found great appeal with a stand that had a variety of weapons from the years of World War one to World War two. It brought back memories of my old FCA days, using the mark four Lee Enfield bolt action rifle.

In relation to the subject of numismatics, which is my main collection focus, some stands had exactly what I wanted in relation to some Irish banknotes and tokens.

The catering facilities were second to none with tea and coffee available in the adjoining room. In regards to footfall, it is hard to speculate a figure, but in my opinion in excess of 350 people

would not be far off the mark.

In summary, my short time at the fair was very enjoyable and informative. Despite the many strong temptations to get involved in collecting militaria, I managed to stay focused on my numismatic hobby.-

To note this article has also been offered for publishing within the bulletin of the MSOI Medal Society of Ireland also.



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60th Anniversary Medal

Numismatic Society of Ireland Northern Branch



Obverse



Reverse



Design by Fattorini Diameter 40mm

Keith Mawhinney of the Northern Branch writes,

The Northern Branch is looking to commission a medal to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Society. Denroy have very generously provided sponsorship which has allowed us to reduce the pricing on the medals to £40 for the bronze medal and £155

for the silver medal. Whilst the final details of the medal design remain to be confirmed it will be substantially as in the images attached. Can you see if any of the NSI members would also like to purchase one so we can finalise on the order numbers.

Keith Mawhinney, Secretary, NSI Northern Branch
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The Michael J. McKeever Collection of Irish Coins Noonans 9 May 2024

Garry Byrne

This auction featured 99 coins from all periods of issue from a seller in the USA. While some high prices were achieved, in general they were quite low, even for better quality material. Some prices, especially for hammered groats went for prices of 20 or even 25 years ago. Coins were generally in 'collectable' condition or better and many were sold in multiples, numbers are shown in brackets. The buyer's premium was 24%, * = illustrated.

Hiberno-Norse, many slabbed, Phase I long cross, £2,600, £2,400 (London), £1,500*, £600 (Winchester) and u/s. Phase II £1,300*, £700, £650 (Stengr) and £600. Phase III £750, £600 (twice), £460, £420 and £380 (twice) and Phase VI £180, 0.20g with multiple perforations.



John Dominus halfpennies, Type 1b, £340 (Huge of Dublin)*, £300, £190 and £160 resale History in Coins £385, same for two of £360 (3), £120 (3). John 3rd Coinage Dublin penny £240*, three Dublin pennies and two halfpennies £280 (5), Edward I two pennies and two halfpennies £300 (4), two Dublin pennies and halfpenny £240 (3), penny, halfpenny and farthing £160 (3), mixed lot £220 (11).



Edward IV Anonymous groats, 2.88g, a high weight, £1,900*, £1,500 twice, £1,200 and £480 pierced, c/m CL on obv. Slabbed Heavy groat £200, Light groats £460, (Drogheda) £320 (Waterford), £110 (twice, one Drogheda*).



Three-Crown groats, Richard III* £2,400, Henry VII £320 (Fitzgerald arms), £260 (3), £220 (2), £190 and £170, large fraction, EF. Late portrait type £460*, £180, £110 and £75. Henry VIII First Harp Issue HA £400 (resale History in Coins £745) and £300, HI £240 and £220, HK £550, HK and WS (2) £150. Posthumous sixpence £90 (2), threepences £80 and £70. Philip & Mary shilling 1555 £260 and £140, with two groats 1556 and 1557 (3).



Elizabeth I 1561 shilling £260 and £85, groat* £140, Third issue shilling £200. Ormonde crowns £900 and £700, halfcrown £420, shilling* £280, Sixpence £170, groat £140, halfgroat with one groat £440 (2) and two groats £360 (3).



Gunmoney, Timmins references were used, crown £170 (3), 1689 halfcrown (5) £300, mixed values £320 (14). Limerick 1691 £60 and £160 (4). Bank of Ireland various silver tokens, £100 (11). Penny 1805 EF £140.


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Auctions and Sales Round-up

April - August 2024

Garry Byrne

Information on Auctions are on the coin dealers' websites and on Sixbid and NumisBids. Buyer's premium in brackets, Auction World (11%), Künker (17.5%), Ranieri (18%), Artemide, CNG, Stephen Album (20%), O'Reilly's, (22%), Chaponnière & Firmenich, Spink, Noonans, Christoph Gärtner [+ €2 per lot] (23.8%). Heidrun Höhn, Dr. Busso Peus (25%), Noble (27%), Fonsie Mealy (28.69%). Euro equivalents outside EU, except UK (€1.20) and USA (€1.11), * = coins illustrated. The market was generally quiet, but with a few interesting medals on offer. In some cases, the effects of grades awarded by slabbing companies is evident.

April

Noonans sold two 1763 Northumberland shillings for £700 and £1,000. Numismatica Ranieri in Italy sold four medals by W. Mossop, awarded at the RDS Dublin Horse Show to Graziano Mancinelli, silver, first prize 1963 and 1965 for €100 each and bronze, second prize 1961* and 1967, €30 each. Noble in Australia sold a lot of two silver medals awarded by TCD to James Rynd in 1834 for French and for Italian in 1835 for €1,055.



Artemide in Italy sold an Austrian copper medal*, awarded to Maximilian Karl Lamoral Graf O'Donnell (1812-1895) for saving the Emperor Franz Joseph from an assassination attempt in February 1853. Auction World in Japan sold a copper proof 1805 penny for €555 and two 1804 six shilling Bank tokens for €456 and €890.



May

Heritage Auctions sold an 1804 silver proof six shilling token*, NGC PR64 Cameo, for \$5,500. Chaponnière & Firmenich in Switzerland sold similar, PGCS PR63, for €2,787, a Henry VIII 4th harp issue groat*, with very clear initial mark lis* for €217 and a gold 1990 50 Ecu, NGC PR69 Ultra Cameo for €975.



CNG sold an Edward V groat of Drogheda* for \$4,500 and two 'cities of refuges' copper farthings. The first is unrecorded, from Bandon*, which sold for \$3,000, though doubts as to its authenticity have been raised. The other was a Kinsale one, which sold for \$1,400.



June

CNG sold a John as King farthing*, Roberd, 0.47g, for \$475, Edward IV penny*, large rose on reverse, 0.55g, \$400 (resale History in Coin £850), Henry VII portrait groat, Type 1a, 2.1g, \$650, a 1690 pewter halfpenny, \$300 and a 1690 crown \$200, all Dublin.



Christoph Gärtner in Germany sold a silver Italian Mostra Avicola medal*, 30.1g, blackened reverse, for €460. Only recorded in bronze in NSI Occasional Paper 81, with one example, figure 32. Stephen Album sold a 1943 halfcrown, PCGS EF40, for \$600. Heritage sold a March 1690 shilling, NGC XF45 for \$260, a May 1690 halfcrown \$850 a 1690 crown, NGC AU58, \$700 and a 1775 halfpenny*, PCGS MS66 Red and Brown for \$1,500.



Künker sold a Phase VI Hiberno-Norse penny, 0.46g, for €850. Noonans sold two similar, 0.43g*, £320 and 0.36g, £170. Phase II made £550 and £750, Phase III £650*, £700 and £800.



July

Heritage Auctions sold a proof gilt copper farthing*, NGC PR66 for \$1,800. O'Reilly's sold a silver gunmoney shilling, May 1690 for €1,900. Three common halfcrowns in about gF made €600. Künker sold two Hiberno-Norse Phase III pennies in about fine for €220 and €160 and an 1804 six shillings Bank token in VF for €430. Fonsie Mealy in Kilkenny sold a 1985 20 pence trial piece* for €1,800.



A silver gilt medal*, the Apprentice Boys of Derry Club, by Mossop, dated 1688 and 1814 was sold by CNG for \$325. A bronze Italian Mostra Bovina medal*, type Obv.2/ Rev.3 Padua of NSI OP 81, sold on eBay for €120. It brings the number of this type identified to eight.



August

Heritage sold an unrecorded Morbiducci penny*, NGC PR64 Red and Brown for \$14,000. CNG sold a Limerick halfcrown, July 1690 in VF for \$250, an Ormonde sixpence for \$400 and a proof copper gilt halfpenny for \$600. O'Reilly's sold a gold one ounce gold TCD Spring Elections medal awarded to Jacob Morewood for €1,700 and a silver 1910 Brian Boru medal, with a Headford, Co. Meath tenants' medal for €350. Around 75 of the former were made in silver and 225 in aluminium, DF 650.



Old pound notes and coins cashed in as Central Bank calls for more...

By Grey Carley

I came across this recent report from Corkbeo.ie, which indicates there is still a big demand for pounds and pennies that are still out there, 22 years after Ireland's switch to Euro.

"We switched over to the Euro in February 2002 (some might say it's been all downhill from there) and people were supposed to exchange their money as soon as possible, as the new European coins and notes came in.

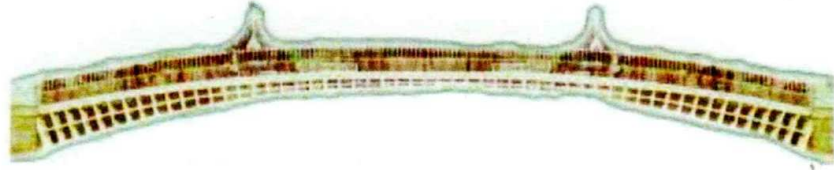
However, quite a lot of old money stayed out in the wild and is still being handed in today - RTE is reporting that the Central Bank has exchanged almost €1.5m worth of old pound notes and coins over the past three years alone, which is a lot to come out of old sock drawers and from under sofas. The old pound is still worth money - it can be exchanged (but only by the Central Bank) for €1.27. And it is not just coming in in dribs and drabs.

Over the past three years, the 20 highest enhances of old money have ranged from €9.313 to €25,000 - with the staff in the Bank hearing tales of elderly relatives dying and happy discoveries made under mattresses, in biscuit tins stashed in the hot press, or in old sock drawers.

The pace of old money being handed in has understandably slowed as we move further away from the changeover, according to Freedom of Information stats obtained by RTE.

In 2022, a total of €625,000 worth of euros given by the Central Bank in exchange for just over IRE492,000 in old notes and coins.

A year later, the full annual total had dropped to €533,028 or almost IRE420,000 in punts. The Central Bank says there will be no time limit on exchanging old money, but if there is some lying around the house, it might be an idea to collect it up and get it exchanged while you have it to hand."



DUBLIN COIN AUCTIONS

Banknotes : Coins : Medals : Tokens

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Philip Timmins

Numismatic Society of Ireland
Society Silver Medal
Annual Display Competition 2024 - 2025



Display Competition – In person at the society meeting

1. The Competition will take place at the January Meeting.
2. Members present will award points on each aspect of each entry based on four criteria - originality, research, educational quality, and presentation.
3. A minimum of three (3) entries will be required for the competition to take place.
4. The Committee will retain discretion to determine if the standard is acceptable and may decide to award a bronze medal or in certain circumstances no award.
5. In the event of a tie each winning exhibit will receive a medal.
6. The competition is open to all members including branch members.
7. Participants in the Visual Exhibit competition will be invited to exhibit their display at the International Coin Fair.

Display Competition – Online via Zoom

1. The competition will take place at the January meeting.
2. Members present will award points on each aspect of the entry, based on originality, presentation, research and educational qualities.
3. A minimum of three (3) entries will be required for the competition to take place.
4. The Committee will retain discretion to determine if the standard is acceptable and may decide to award a bronze medal or in certain circumstances no award.
5. In the event of a tie, each will receive a medal.
6. The competition is open to all members of at least six (6) months standing, including branch members.
7. Due to the competition being online, these are the criteria requested for entries:
 - Up to four (4) photographs per entry.
 - One text description of the entry, at 250 words maximum.
 - Each entry shall be presented as anonymous.
 - The entry photograph should be emailed to the host (Aidan Keady at akeady@gmail.com) at least 5 days in advance of the meeting, who will label them alphabetically with an entry label.
 - On the night, each entry photograph will be displayed by the host and its text description will be read over it by an independent narrator.
 - Votes will be submitted by Zoomers via the 'chat' facility to a designated tallyman for collating and counting.
 - Voting by 'chat' should be on a single line following the style 1 X, 2 Y, 3 Z where 1, 2, 3 are the ranking order and X, Y, Z are the appropriate choices of the voter.
 - The tallyman's decision is final.

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Competition Rules

Written Award

1. Competition entries must be received by **31st March** in year of competition and the winner will be announced at the April meeting.
2. The competition will be adjudicated on using the same criteria as the Visual Exhibit competition. However, the adjudication will be by a panel selected by the Committee. A bibliography or source references will enhance entries.
3. An entry should consist of no less than 800 eight hundred words (800 and must be typed) on any numismatic theme and must not have been previously published.
4. The competition is open to all members including branch members.
5. A minimum of three (3) entries will be required for the competition to take place.
6. The committee will retain discretion to determine if the standard is acceptable and may decide to award a bronze medal or in certain circumstances no award.
7. A condition of the Written Award competition is the right of the Society to publish any of the entries in the Society Bulletin or Occasional Papers with due acknowledgement. The written article will remain the intellectual property of the author.
8. An unsuccessful entrant may resubmit an entry for up to two subsequent years.

Entries should be posted to:

Honorary Secretary, Numismatic Society of Ireland, 8 Ely Place, Dublin 2, Ireland. Members may enter both competitions and are eligible to win both medals. Medals will be awarded for both competitions at the Society April meeting in Dublin.

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