

**DR DAVID DYKES, KStJ, MA, FSA, FRHistS**



Dr David Dykes has been awarded the British Numismatic Society's Sanford Saltus Gold Medal for 2020 for outstanding scholarly contributions to British Numismatics.

Dr Dykes was admitted to the Welsh Livery Guild – as it then was – in April 1993, already being a liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Tin Plate Workers and a freeman of the City of London. Born in Swansea, he was educated at the Swansea Grammar School and Corpus Christi College, Oxford where he read modern history. After service in the Royal Navy he entered the civil service and then university administration, becoming deputy registrar of the University College of Swansea and subsequently registrar of the University of Warwick. In 1972 he moved back to Glamorgan on becoming secretary of the National Museum of Wales, retiring as the museum's director in 1989.

Dr Dykes began to take an interest in coins from a very early age having been given a halfpenny of George IV by a local farmer. Although working in a museum his interest in numismatics has always been as an amateur and over the years he has written many articles in historical and numismatic journals. In 1954, as an undergraduate, he won the Parkes Weber Prize of the Royal Numismatic Society and in 2012 the North Prize of the British Numismatic Society for the best book on British numismatics published over the preceding four years. Between 1999 and 2003 he was President of the British Numismatic Society. He also served as a member of the Treasure Valuation Committee (Department of Culture, Media and Sport) between 2010-14. Apart from coins his interests extend to historical cartoons and local history – publishing a history of the University college of Swansea in 1992 – and for a number of years he was closely involved with the Priory for Wales of the Order of St John, acting as the Priory's Chancellor (1991–98) and its Bailiff of St David's (1999–2002).

Although he moved to Dorset in 2002 Dr Dykes still maintains a deep interest in the activities of the Company.