

SUSSEX & KENT
17TH CENTURY TOKEN
COLLECTORS AND THEIR
TICKETS



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Sussex & Kent - 17th Century Tokens Collectors and their Tickets

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The following was initially prepared as an aid for the author in identifying collector's envelopes and tickets associated with 17th century tokens for Sussex and Kent. It is based on the author's own incomplete collection so should not be regarded as comprehensive. The collectors are presented in order of the date their collection was sold, otherwise date of death if not still living.

For a discussion on the history and relevance of tickets, readers should refer to:

Eaglen, R.J., Mitchell, P.D., Pagan, H.E. "Coin tickets in the British hammered series", British Numismatic Journal, Vol 71 (2001), pp. 136-157.

https://www.britnumsoc.org/publications/Digital%20BNJ/pdfs/2001_BNJ_71_13.pdf

1941 - Dr. Fred Bailey Penfold (1878 - 1941)



Dr. Fred Bailey Penfold MRCS LRCP was living at Leatherhead, Surrey when **he died in 1941**, aged 62 years. He left his collection of Sussex 17th century tokens to the Sussex Archaeological Society, comprising 139 tokens. An article by J.D. Caldecott in 1943 states that the collection was "probably the third or fourth best known".

Fred Penfold was born in 1878 at Marylebone, Middlesex and followed his father's occupation to become a registered dentist in 1901. In 1910 he appears to have been in practice with his father at 30 York St, Portman Square, London. His obituary in the British Numismatic Journal (1942) states that he was "of a somewhat reticent and retiring disposition"; had a lifelong interest in coins; and that his area of interest was chiefly Sussex. His bequest comprised the collection of Sussex 17th century tokens, a collection of Anglo-Saxon pennies and a library of books.

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"Obituaries: Dr F. B. Penfold, MRCS, LRCP" by J.B. Caldecott in British Numismatic Journal, Vol. 24 (1942-44), 56.

"The Penfold Bequest: Coins and Tokens" by J.B. Caldecott in Journal of the Sussex Archaeological Society, Vol. 83 (1943).

1946 - Col. Ranulphus John Carthew (1863 - 1943)



The large Carthew collection was **offered for sale in March 1946** at Seaby's, excluding his Suffolk collection. A number of counties were not mentioned & may well have been sold off en bloc without being listed (the Norfolks were later sold separately by Seaby). It is estimated that there were almost 5,800 pieces offered for sale and that the Suffolk collection may have comprised another 340 pieces. Many Carthew tickets have survived.

Carthew was born at Woodbridge Abbey, Suffolk. He was elected a member of the British Numismatic Society in 1905 and a Fellow of the Royal Numismatic Society in January 1905. He served in WW1 in France and died on 1 November 1943 at Woodbridge, aged 80 years.

References:

Oddie, Gary. "Col. Ranulphus John Carthew" in Token Corresponding Society Bulletin, Vol. 13 No 12, p. 583. (September 2022)

Seaby Coin and Medal Bulletin, No. 340, March 1946, pp.8-16

1961 - (Lieut) Ralph Augustus Nott (1883 - 1960)



Ralph Nott formed a collection of some 8,000 17th century tokens which was **bought by Spink in 1961** and sold en bloc to E.M.H & R.H. Norweb. Nott's tickets are usually found inside a Norweb envelope.

Ralph Nott was born in Brighton, Sussex in 1883. He had a career in the military, served in WW1 and later became a schoolmaster. He died in London in 1960, aged 78 years. He was known to have acquired parts of the Carthew collection (e.g. Hertfordshire en bloc).

1985 - V.J. (Nicky) Newbury (1909 - 1985)



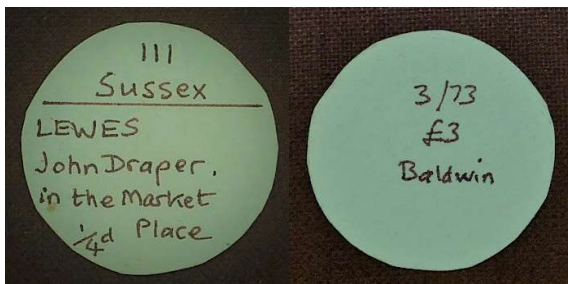
Nicky Newbury was an antiques dealer **who died in 1985** at Hollingbourne (near Maidstone), Kent, aged 75 years. Newbury had joined the Kent Numismatic Society during the war years and collected Kent 17th century tokens. His Kent collection may have been the finest ever as at the date of sale and contained over 500 specimens, most of which were in very fine condition. His green-ticketed pieces, without any provenances, were acquired en bloc post-mortem by Baldwin's, the London based dealer and auction house, and subsequently dispersed.

Viney James (Nicky) Newbury was born in 1909 at South Kensington to parents James and Alice Newbury. His unusual name, Viney, was his mother's maiden surname.

References:

"Obituary – Mr. V.J. Newbury", Token Corresponding Society Bulletin Vol. 4, No. 2, p.40. (Spring 1985)

1985 - Derek L. Smith (- c2020)



Derek's collection of 17th century tokens was **bought substantially by Nigel Clark in 1985**. His distinctive green tickets usually have source, date & cost (sometimes in code) on the back.

Derek L. Smith lived at Hazel Grove, a suburb of Stockport, Greater Manchester. He had pieces from most counties, but the strength of his collection was in Cheshire, Lancashire and London. The remnants of his collection, 200 or so pieces, were catalogued by Nigel and sold at Sotheby's in July, 1985. He later moved to Huddersfield to be close to his family.

Nigel wrote about the collection in TCS Bulletin (Autumn/Winter 1985/86):

Derek Smith spent over 20 years building his collection of 17th century tokens, the pursuit of which he finally relinquished in early 1985. His aim was not to complete any particular group of pieces, but to have representative tokens of the English counties, the

many varying arms and trades, town pieces, shapes and sizes, together with pieces from places of interest to him. Being a Northcountryman, some of the counties there were better represented than in many general collections. London was also strongly represented. He had an eye for a nice grade, attractive token, but was not servile to the “investment criteria” in coins, and many lower-grade tokens of considerable interest are to be found in the collection. In this he was consistent with most specialist collectors of the series.

References:

Clark, Nigel, “*The Derek L. Smith Collection of 17th Century Tokens*” in *Token Corresponding Society Bulletin*, Vol. 4. No. 4, p.28. (Autumn/Winter 1985/86)

1987 – Dr. Walter Winton (1917 - 2002)

Walter Winton was a physicist and former keeper of the Science Museum in London. He lived at Harefield near Uxbridge.

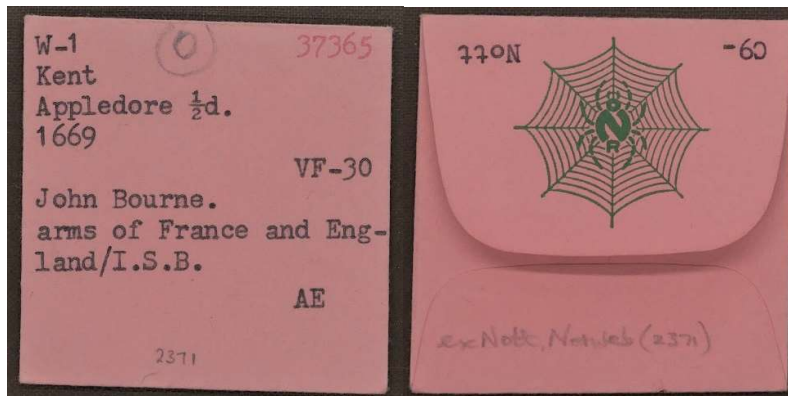
According to N. Clark, Winton’s collection specialised in three areas - town pieces; shapes (hearts, squares, octagonal, etc); and legends (e.g. “Good Morrow, Valentine”). Most counties were represented, including Sussex and Kent.

The auction was held at Glendinning’s on 18 February 1987 and comprised 84 lots, of which 40 lots were purchased by Nigel Clark. There would appear to have been no tickets or envelopes with the Winton pieces.

References:

Clark, Nigel, “*AUCTION REPORT Glendinning’s, 18th February 1987 - W. Winton Collection*” in *Token Corresponding Society Bulletin*, Vol. 4. No. 7, pp.30-31. (June 1987)

1988 - Raymond Henry Norweb (1895 - 1983) & Emery May Norweb (1896 - 1984)



The Norweb Collection of over 13,000 17th century English trade tokens was largest accumulation ever held in private hands. Mrs. Emery May Norweb had been the main collector of the tokens and she died in 1984 at Cleveland, Ohio, USA. The collection was documented and published as the Norweb Collection of Tokens of the British Isles, 1575-1750 in eight volumes in the *Syloges of Coins of the British Isles* series. Work on this had begun in 1974 with the first volume published in 1984 and the last in 2011.

The collection was sold in parts after each volume was completed. Parts 1 & 2 were sold by Spink after publication of the latter in 1988. The British Museum had first choice of any pieces it wanted and the rest were auctioned or sold through Spink, so the dispersal happened over many years thus allowing the market to absorb the large collection. Proceeds of the sales went towards the cost of the books.

While there are no tickets, Norweb's envelopes are very distinctive, almost all of which are neatly typed and contain the Norweb insignia on the back: (N, O, R } on a spider's web. The Norwebs had purchased the Ralph Nott collection en bloc in 1961 and many of the Norweb envelopes contain a Nott ticket.

The Norweb volumes, together with M.J. Dickinson's "Seventeenth Century Tokens of the British Isles and Their Values" published in 1986 and reprinted in 2004, are basic texts for all collectors.

1989 - John Lancaster Wetton (1911 - 1988)

John Wetton was born at Guildford, Surrey in 1911. He was one of the prime post-War collectors of 17th century tokens and died at Woking, Surrey on 1st August 1988, aged 77 years. While there are very few tickets written by John Wetton, he did write an envelope for every piece and some of these may survive. Many of his pieces have later tickets with "ex-J. Wetton" on them.

John's primary interests were Surrey, Kent, Southwark and London but he had big groups of other counties & representations of most. At its peak, his collection numbered some 3,500 pieces and he claimed that it was probably one of the largest in existence outside the British Museum and Norweb collections. In latter years, he concentrated his collecting to just Surrey (which remained intact at his death), Southwark, and London; other counties were either sold or exchanged. Wetton's London tokens were part-swapped by his son with Baldwins for Southwark tokens, the balance sold at Spink auction no. 74 in 1989.

John was a founding member of the Woking Numismatic Society in the 1960's, and its Secretary in 1978-79. He wrote the introductory booklet "Seventeenth Century Tradesmen's Tokens" as well as booklets on Surrey, Hampshire and Isle of Wight. He also left a substantial library, having collected published works on the subject of 17th century traders' tokens over his lifetime.

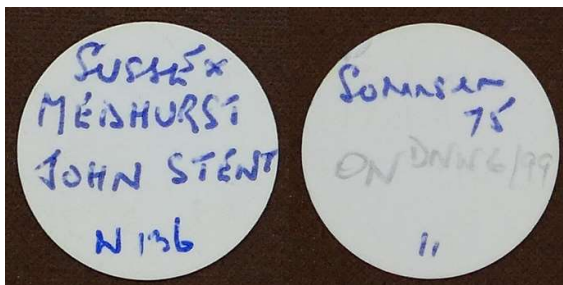
John Wetton was a collector in the grand style of Ralph Nott. With the passing of the Norwebs he was the last collector to build large collections for many counties.

References:

Clark, Nigel. "Obituaries: Impressions of John L. Wetton", in TCS Vol. 4 No. 10, p.17-19 (November 1989).

Wetton, Nicholas L., Introduction to "The J.L. Wetton Library Catalogue of Numismatic and Other Works Relating to Seventeenth-Century Tradesmen's Tokens", Squirrel Publishing Limited, ISBN 0 947604 03 0 (December 1989)

1999 - Mick Y Carter (- late 1990s)

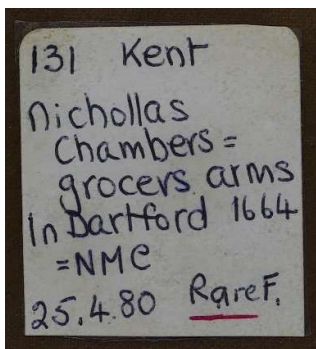


Mick Carter of Quebec, Canada, collected 17th century tokens and sourced most from Canadian dealers. He died suddenly in the late 1990s and his pieces were auctioned at Dix Noonan Webb (DNW) in London in **1999**. (Information provided by Nigel Clark)

2001 - Roger Alan Shuttlewood (1941 - 2000)

Roger A Shuttlewood was a close friend of Nigel Clark. His occupation was in stockbroking administration and he died in 2000 at Upminster in Essex. Roger's numismatic speciality was Tudor & Stuart silver coins. Virtually the whole of a **Spink Sale in 2001** was devoted to his Collections of Tudor Coins, 17th century tokens & James I & Charles I farthings. Many important copper (& probably silver) coins were also sold via the Spink Numismatic Circular (SNC) of similar date. He didn't collect 17th century tokens but did deal in them and what were sold in 2001 was what he had decided to keep or hadn't sold. (Information provided by Nigel Clark)

2002 - Dora Harris (- c2002)



The collection of London 17th century tokens formed by the late Mrs Dora Harris was sold on **11 December 2002** by Dix Noonan Webb.

Nigel Clark wrote a report on the auction in 2003:

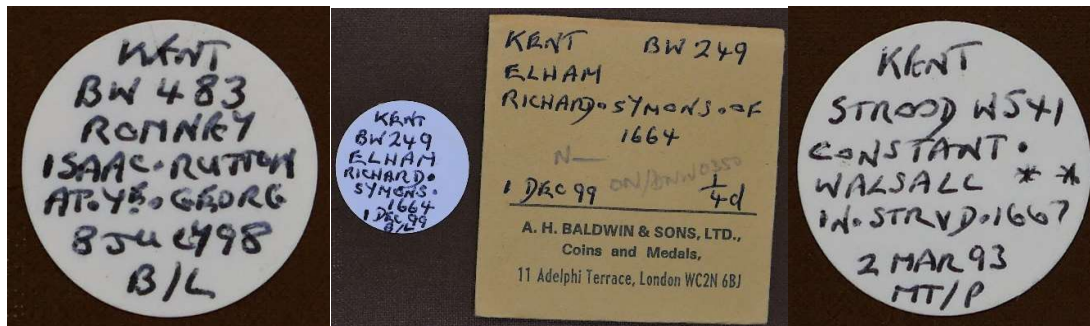
The interesting London collection formed by the wife of the noted numismatist, Eric Harris, was of similar size to the foregoing group [329 pieces], but of course provided but a glimpse of the range of the 4,000+ tokens of the capital. Many were from auction offerings of the last 25 years including Faulkner, Sedgwick and Wetton. Preston-Morley's cataloguing again added value to the collection but given that very few collectors have attempted to collect the whole London series, demand was always a bit difficult to

predict. In the event, a private collector sheltering behind the anonymity of the auctioneer, blew almost everyone away with some huge bids. What his ambitions are generally in the series will be interesting to see – if “he” is as determined a buyer as his bids here imply, he will need to employ the help of one or two specialist dealers; there simply isn’t enough flow of material through the auction houses. Notable prices for single pieces (often to maiden bids!) include £310 for John New of Chartreuse Lane, £270 for Mary Hanson of Trinity Lane, £260 (this to a bidder in the room) for Richard Butler of Bridewell, £230 for Joh. Sandivear of Love Lane, £220 for Edward Lloyd of St James’s, and £210 each for John Fishwick of Chick Lane and Will Needes of New King Street. The 329 pieces made a hammer total of £13,640 for a premium etc inclusive average price of £48.

Reference:

Clark, Nigel. “Auction Report: 17th Century Tokens at Dix Noonan Webb – 11th December 2002”, *Token Corresponding Society Bulletin*, Vol. 7, No. 6 (March 2003)

2005 - Robert Hogarth (1938 – 2003)



Robert Hogarth was born on 27 May 1938 at Brentford, Middlesex. He joined Her Majesty's Diplomatic Service with postings to the Sudan, the USA, South Korea, Israel, Botswana and Cameroon. After being posted back to London in 1968 he joined the Kent Numismatic Society and his attentions were soon directed towards Kentish hop tokens and other paranumismatica. The hop tokens were later disposed of in order to build up his series of the county's 17th century tokens. His collection of Kent 17th century tokens were auctioned by Dix Noonan Webb on **16 March 2005**.

His collection was described in the DNW catalogue (2005) as follows:

“... the best collection of Kent 17th century tokens to have been publicly dispersed since the holdings of Luther Clements, Williamson's sub-editor for Kent, were auctioned in May 1937. Totalling 561 different varieties, a smidgen short of the 567 (recte 566) collected by Clements and attributed to Kent at that time, this assemblage was only begun in 1991; yet in the space of 12 short years until his untimely death of a heart attack on 4 November 2003, Robert Hogarth assiduously put together what is the second most important collection of the county in existence. No less than 228 pieces derive from the holding formed by Viney James 'Nicky' Newbury (c. 1910-85), a local antiquary whose green-ticketed pieces, all regrettably without any provenances, were acquired en bloc post-mortem by Baldwin's. Other sources of note include Mrs Norweb, Col. Carthew, Philip Greenall, the barrister and philatelist Sir Geoffrey Edgar Duveen (1883-1975), William Gilbert and even Clements himself.”

Apart from numismatics Robert had many other interests, especially photography and railways. He died on 4 November 2003 at Canterbury, Kent, aged 65 years.

References:

“*The Collection of 17th Century Tokens of Kent formed by the Late Robert Hogarth*” in Dix Noonan Webb auction catalogue dated 16 March 2005. <https://www.noonans.co.uk/auctions/archive/past-catalogues/66/catalogue/>, accessed 4 November 2022. (Hogarth Collection starts at Lot 1106)

2005 - Harry Chambers (– c2005)

The Harry Chambers collection was auctioned post mortem at Simmons Gallery in London on 4th **October 2005**. Chambers “ticket” is a scrap of paper with basic reference number, etc. He is said to have had quite a mixed collection of tokens. He had a very rare London, South Mimms heart-shape token which sold at the 2005 auction to David Griffiths, and later to Nigel Clark for £340 plus commission

References:

“Tokens from the Late David Griffiths Collection”, DNW 7-8 December, 2015.

2009 - Derek Pinnock White (1930 – 2008)



Derek White’s collection was auctioned on **5th February 2009** at Stride & Son of Chichester, West Sussex. His tickets have the Williamson’s reference in red.

Derek was born at Kingston, Surrey in 1930. He collected a number of counties but Sussex was his main interest. He lived at Rusper in West Sussex and died there in 2008. His Sussex collection numbered 92 pieces but that included a small number of duplicates. Derek was a manager of a bookshop and became an ephemera expert and dealer and was a consultant to Stride & Son in that area. Many of his Sussex pieces were purchased at the auction by Nigel Clark.

2011 - Rev. Colin Ronald Stansby Harding (1932 – 2011)

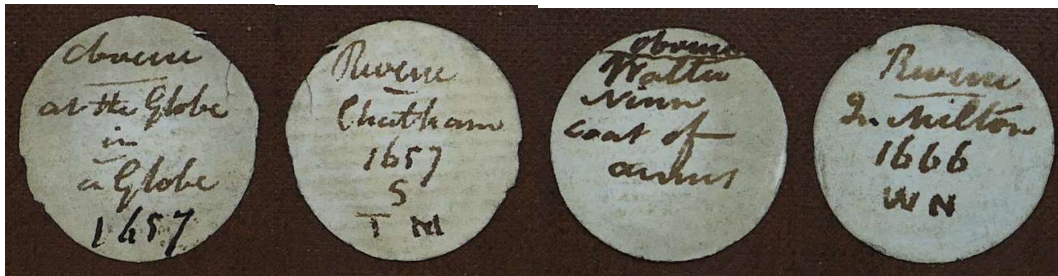
Colin Harding was a clergyman and local historian who lived at Barnham, West Sussex and died in December 2011, aged 79 years. After his death, his collection of 17th century tokens was handled by Ron Kerridge who retained some and arranged the sale of the rest. There are no known Harding tickets but some Kerridge pieces are stated as ex-C. Harding in the DNW catalogue for the sale of Ron Kerridge’s collection.

Colin had a significant photograph & postcard collection which was purchased by the West Sussex County Council Library Service in January 2012. The collection of 2,044 images comprised 9 albums of postcards (947 images) and 7 albums of photographs (1,097 images), very strong on Barnham & area, but covered other parts of West Sussex and beyond. It was purchased from his widow Mrs Annie L. (Louie) Harding.

References:

Dix Noonan Webb catalogue, "Coins, Tokens and Historical Medals, 1-2 December 2020 at 10am, Catalogue 185". <https://www.noonans.co.uk/auctions/archive/past-catalogues/574/catalogue/> accessed 3 Nov 2022. (Ron Kerridge Collection starts with Lot 1111).

2012 - Sir Charles Dalrymple-Fergusson (1800 - 1849)



Fifth Baronet of Kilkerran, Ayrshire in Scotland. He died at Inveresk, Scotland in 1849. The Fergusson collection comprised some 220 tokens of Kent along with some 120 other pieces along with many old tickets. The collection appeared at auction at Woolley & Wallis Auction (Salisbury), **24-25 April 2012**. A report on the auction written by Tim Everson was published in the TCS Bulletin, June 2012:

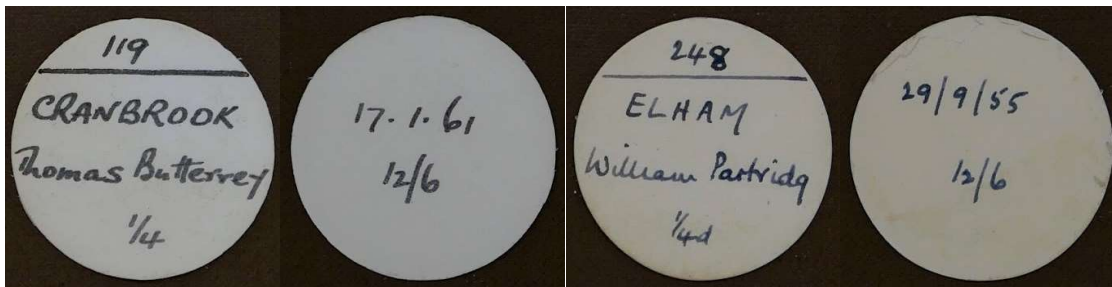
A fascinating little collection of 17th century tokens, mostly of Kent was featured at the end of the first day of Woolley & Wallis' Silver Sale on 24th April 2012. Woolley and Wallis are based in Salisbury and are renowned for their sales of silver, but not usually for tokens. Nevertheless, a few hardy tokeners had heard of the sale and duly turned up on the day or attached themselves to a telephone or the internet to bid. The collection seems to have been formed by Sir Charles Fergusson (died 1849) and comprised some 220 tokens of Kent along with some 120 other pieces and appears to date from the early 19th century. Old tickets were sometimes inscribed with interesting notes such as: 'found 1829', 'bt 1824' and 'found Gravesend 1847'. There were 13 lots of Kent pieces generally divided into large groups for various towns; a Canterbury Lot, a Maidstone Lot, etc. These generally sold for between £360 and £650 hammer. The two exceptions were a superb Gravesend group which had no less than six pieces not present in the Hogarth Collection (BW 289, 292, 293, 303, 305 & 309) and a group for Dartford, Deptford, Greenhithe, Greenwich and Woolwich which had two such pieces (BW 134 & 135). These lots were both knocked down for £1,600 which is £2,022.40 when the whopping 22% commission plus VAT are added. Another rare token featured in a lot of eight Faversham pieces; the square token of Phillip Butler which again was missing from Hogarth. This group fetched £550 hammer, £695.20 total and went to Nigel Clark, as had the Gravesend group. Two heart-shaped tokens for Milton-next-Gravesend, BW 414 & 418, fetched £442.40, whilst one for Maidstone (BW 396) went for £480.32 in total, the latter also to Nigel

Clark. Other lots went to anonymous telephone and internet bidders. The last three lots of the token collection each consisted of about 50-60 tokens. Lot 524 had 51 London tokens and four Southwark tokens. Estimated at a very modest £300-400, it was knocked down to Nigel Clark for £3,200. That's £4,044.80 in total, or just shy of £75 per token which seems a fair price for London pieces these days. The last lot of 60 pieces came from all over. It included some bashed Bristol City and other 'Town' tokens, but also some very rare pieces. I noticed a couple from Hereford and an apparently unpublished Wrexham piece. Also estimated at £300-400, this too sold to Nigel Clark for £4,200, or £5,308.80 total. The last lot had a Mic Wilson token of Dublin plus various other damaged tokens and some Royal and Rose farthings. Estimated at £30-50, these sold for a total of £480.32. The two large lots at the end helped push the total price for the sale to £16,500 (20,856) which I'm sure was a surprise to the vendor and goes to show that auction houses away from London are still a very useful source for rare tokens, although probably not for bargains.

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Everson, Tim. "A Sale of Kent Pieces at Wolley & Wallis", Tokens Corresponding Society Bulletin, Vol. 10, No. 7 (June 2012)
 Dictionary of National Biography, Oxford University Press; Volume: 06; Page: 1221.

2013 - Peter G.H. Mann (1932 – 2013)



Peter Mann's collection of Kent tokens was auctioned at Dix Noonan Webb on **2 October 2013**.

Peter George Hubert Mann was born on 30 May 1932 in Kuala Lumpur of colonial parents. He joined the junior King's School, Canterbury, in 1938 and was evacuated with the school to Cornwall to avoid the Blitz. During his time in Cornwall he formed an interest in collecting Kent tokens and at various times he travelled to London to spend his pocket money on them.

Peter joined the senior King's School in Canterbury in 1945 as a King's Scholar. He learned to fly with the R.A.F. and after completing his education at King's he deferred his university entrance and joined the RAF for his National Service as a Pilot Officer. After National Service Peter took up his deferred place at London University to train as a veterinary surgeon and eventually he had his own practice. He became President of the British Small Animal Veterinary Association and a member of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons Council. In later life he was the Veterinary Director of the P.D.S.A., the largest charitable veterinary practice in the World.

In retirement he maintained his interest in his profession, as well as in Kent tokens. He died on 27 February 2013 at Leatherhead, Surrey.

References:

“The Peter Mann Collection of Kent Tokens” in the Dix, Noonan Webb catalogue dated 2 October 2013. <https://www.noonans.co.uk/auctions/archive/past-catalogues/285/catalogue/> , accessed 4 November 2022.

2014 - Ronald E. Josland (- still living)

The Ronald Josland Collection of 17th century Kent tokens was auctioned on **16 December 2014** at St James's Auctions Ltd. His tokens are known for their distinctive envelopes which conveniently have his name on them, rather than tickets.

Ron wrote the following for the auction catalogue:

I have been building this collection of 17th century tokens of Kent and town pieces over the past 30 years or more, greatly helped by my 45 year membership of the Kent Numismatic Society, where for 25 years I have acted as secretary. I have engaged in detailed research on great number of the issuers of Kent, culminating in an extensive archive which I hope I will be able to publish at some stage.

After taking early retirement in 1990 from a managerial position with British Telecom, I joined the museum service at Maidstone Museum and Art Gallery. During my time there I took on the task of assessing and re-packaging some of the tokens housed in the museum. This included three collections put together by the Rev. Ackworth: his hop tokens, love tokens and 17th century tokens. After this I continued my work on the various 17th century collections held in the museum's archive and was pleased to have had an essay titled “A Group of Seventeenth Century Tokens in Maidstone Museum”, published in the Kent annual publication “Archaeologia Cantiana” (Vol CXVI 1996). On retirement from the museum I continued in this task as a volunteer, the project lasting in total over six years.

I continue as a keen numismatic collector but having taken the 17th century collection as far as I could, I am now taking a new direction in my collecting field. I hope that the future owners of my tokens will derive as much pleasure from them as I have over the years. Ron Josland B.A. Dip. Kent History Cert. Arch.

Reference:

<http://www.auction-net.co.uk/viewAuction.php?id=2033&offset=300> , accessed 4 Nov 2022.

2016 - Tim Everson (1963 - still living)



Tim Everson's Sussex collection comprising about 120(?) pieces was sold at auction on **12-13 December 2016** and included tickets. He has had a number of collections over the years which he has sold but has retained a collection for Surrey & Southwark.

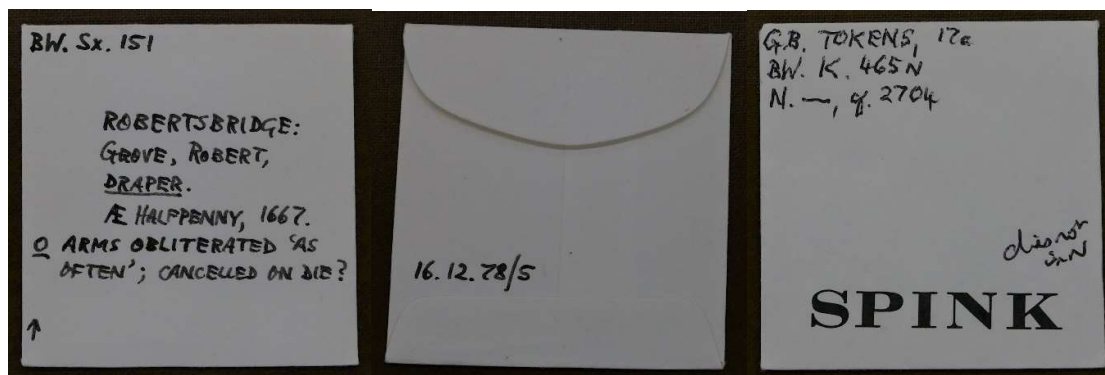
Tim has authored a number of books including "Seventeenth Century Trading Tokens of Surrey and Southwark" and "The Galata Guide to the Farthing Tokens of James I and Charles I". He is a co-author of "Gloucestershire Seventeenth-Century Tokens". Tim is a regular contributor to the TCS Bulletin.

Reference:

Dix Noonan Webb: "*The Collection of Sussex 17th Century Tokens Formed by Tim Everson*", sold on 12 & 13 December 2016.

https://www.noonans.co.uk/auctions/calendar/443/catalogue/?specialcollectionpart_id=680/, accessed 3 November 2022. (The Collection starts at Lot 3035).

2017 - Robert H. Thompson (1944 - 2017)



Robert Thompson died in 2017, aged 73 years, and his collection was subsequently dispersed at various auctions.

Robert is well known for his work with M.J. Dickinson in publishing the Norweb Collection of Tokens of the British Isles, 1575-1750 - the largest privately owned collection - in eight volumes in the Sylloge of Coins of the British Isles series. He began examining and recording this collection in 1974 and the eight volumes were published between 1984-2011, with Michael Dickinson joining the project in 1990 and co-authoring Vol III onwards.

Although "Norweb" will be seen as his greatest achievement, Robert also made many contributions to journals and publications over his lifetime. One of his important articles was

'Central or local production of seventeenth-century tokens', published in the British Numismatic Journal of 1989, in which he successfully established that the vast majority of these were struck in London, most of them by engravers and coiners working at the Tower Mint. Robert became Librarian of the Royal Numismatic Society in 2010, and in the following year also for the British Numismatic Society, serving both societies in this capacity until his death. He had been Librarian for the British Numismatic Society from 1966 to 1981, and was awarded that society's Sanford Saltus Gold Medal for 1999. Robert also had an interest in the local history of Hackney and Harrow - places where he lived and worked.

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"Robert Thompson, FRNS, MCLIP, FSA (1944-2017)" on Royal Numismatic Society website at <https://numismatics.org.uk/2017/11/11/robert-thompson-frns-mclip-fsa-1944-2017/>, accessed 1 November 2022.

Dickinson, Michael, "*An Appreciation Of Robert Thompson*" in Token Corresponding Society Bulletin, Vol. 12, No. 5, p. 193-195. (December 2017)

2020 - John Rose (- still living)

John Rose's collection was auctioned by Dix Noonan Webb on **17 November 2020**. It was London centric but contained a number of Kent tokens. The following summary is based on the biographical notes in the sale catalogue:

Originally from London where John's interest in tokens developed, he moved to Manchester in 1977 to take a position in the city's Medical School. His collection was broad in its scope, but understandably London-centric and particularly so for the 17th century tokens, which was his chief focus throughout his collecting years. Apart from contributing notes on his new and unpublished acquisitions to the Token Corresponding Society's Bulletin, John was an important contributor to Tim Everson's recent standard reference on the Southwark series.

The Rose collection of Southwark tokens stands alongside those of Danehower, Archer and Hayward, all sold by DNW.

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Preston-Morley, Peter. J. "*John Rose*", DNW Catalogue, 17 November 2020.

2020 - Ronald (Ron) G. P. Kerridge (1938 – 2013)

Ron Kerridge's collection of Sussex tokens was auctioned at Dix Noonan Webb on **1-2 December 2020** along with other items he had collected. No tickets or envelopes were included. However, those who own an ex-Ron Kerridge token for West Sussex may find a photograph of it in his book.

Ron was born in 1938 at Southwick, West Sussex and died at Worthing in 2013, aged 75 years. He is well known as co-author of the book "Tokens, Tickets, Checks and Passes of West Sussex, 1650-1950", an essential text for Sussex collectors. He began his collection of Sussex 17th century tokens in 1974 which eventually numbered 131 pieces.

Ron acquired a number of his pieces from his local historian friend Rev. Colin Harding after he died in December 2011. Although there would appear to be no surviving tickets of Kerridge's or Harding's, the connection to Harding is recorded in the DNW catalogue, presumably based on some documentation existing at the time.

The following is an extract from his obituary in the TCS Bulletin, September 2013, written by Rob de Ruiter:

Ron was a founder member of the Worthing and District Numismatic Society of which he was president at the time of his death. In 2007 Ron and I joined forces to fashion his research notes and my photographs into "The Tokens, Metallic Tickets, Checks and Passes of West Sussex, 1650-1950" which we published in 2009.

Ron's interest in local history led him to write or co-write books on the history of Lancing, Worthing, Broadwater and Ferring and, more recently, the history of Worthing Football Club. He also delved into archaeology and geology and became an authority on flint tools.

It all culminated in Ron gaining a Master of Arts degree in regional history from Brighton Polytechnic.

Ron's collecting interests went beyond tokens and included a Sussex-related collection of medals comprising some 350 pieces, and an outstanding collection of 'curious currency' or barter currencies from around the world. His collection included unique items such as beads, spears, knives and manillas (slave trade money).

A more detailed biography is available in the Dix Noonan Webb catalogue.

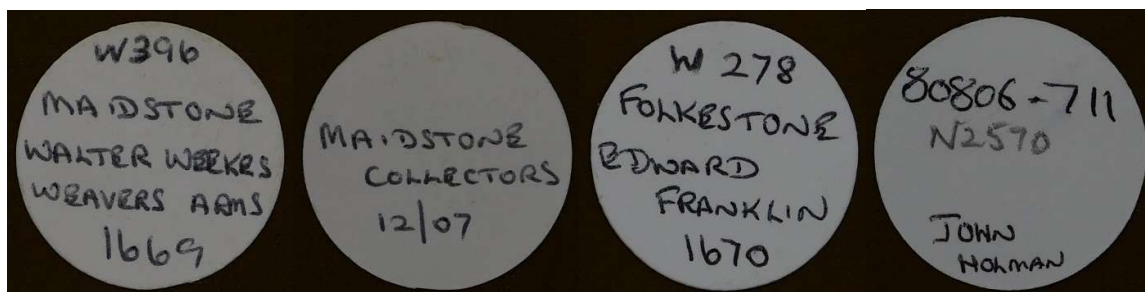
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2021 - Roger Green (- still living)



Roger Green was a dealer who lived in SE London but later moved to Dorset. His collection contained about 360 tokens from Kent and was sold by Hansons Auctioneers at Etwell, Derbyshire on **21-22 May 2021**.

The following is summarised from an article in the Daily Mail on 5 May 2021:

Roger Green, who is from Kent, spent 35 years collecting the tokens on the muddy banks of the River Thames. Mr Green said: “I started collecting coins but gradually moved to tokens. I find them more interesting as they're personal to the people who issued and used them”.

“I joined the Society of Thames Mudlarks and Antiquarians in 1985. River digging opened a whole new area and over the years I managed to find quite a few tokens, mostly from London and Southwark but also from other areas of the country. Tokens from the river are usually in good condition as they're in a sealed layer of silt which preserves them from the ravages of time”.

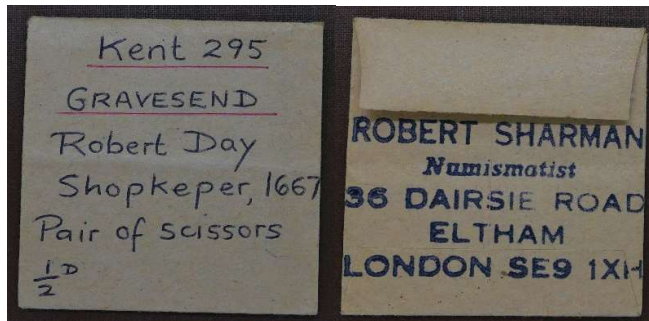
“Now I've decided it's time to let my collection go. I'm getting older and have fewer opportunities to add new pieces. Also, as I now live in Dorset, the draw of Kent pieces is not so strong”.

Not all the tokens in the collection were from mudlarking as shown by W278 above (Edward Franklin of Folkestone). This had come from the dealer John Holman and included his label.

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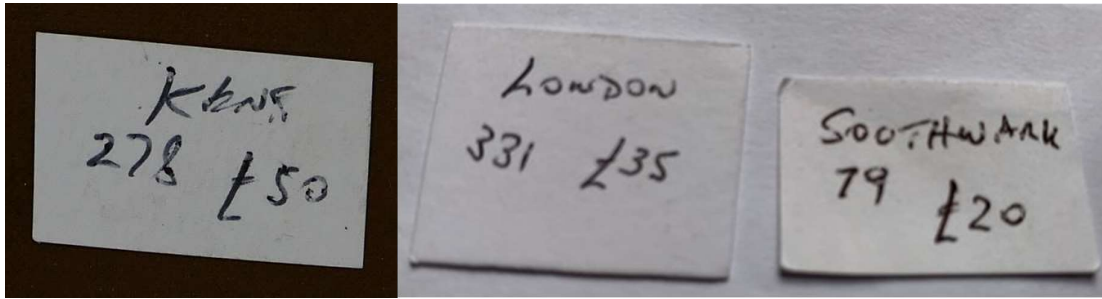
Daily Mail, 5 May 2021, “Great Fire Sale of London: Collection of trading tokens - including ones minted in year of famous 1666 blaze - are set to fetch £20,000 at auction” by Harry Howard for MailOnline. <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-9544661/Collection-trading-tokens-including-ones-minted-year-famous-1666-blaze-fetch-20-000.html> visited 1 Nov 2022.

Robert Scott Sharman (– still living)



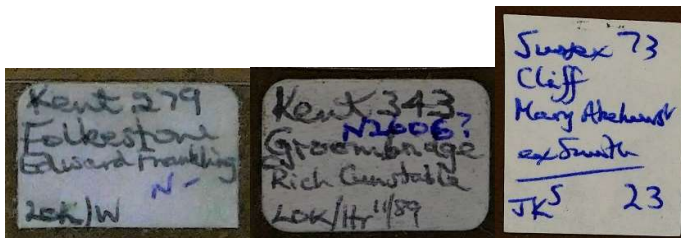
Robert Sharman was a B.A. Seaby employee 1962-82, who subsequently became an independent dealer. He was Treasurer of the Token Corresponding Society in the 1980s. He had a small collection of Romney Marsh area (incl. Hythe) & Eltham area (incl. Dartford, Gravesend) 17th century tokens - since sold. Many Seaby and later tickets are in his hand.

John Holman (- still living)



John Holman is a London based dealer who used to put out big lists of over 1000 17th century tokens but who has now largely sold off all his 17th century token stock. While not a collector, his price tickets can sometimes be found in envelopes and other collector's tickets sometimes show him as the source.

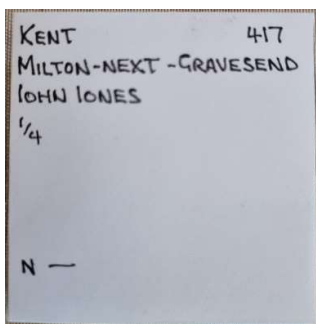
Nigel Clark (1946 - still living)



Nigel Clark is an active dealer and collector in Blackheath, London. Although he no longer writes tickets there are a number that survive from his early days.

Nigel's earlier career was in finance as a bond trader (one of 3 separate careers in the investment industry in the City of London) from which he retired in 2006. He started collecting and dealing in the mid 1970s. His numismatic collecting interests are farthings (initially all, but his extant collection is now Richard II to George I) and 17th Century Tokens of Cheshire, Cumberland, Durham, Essex, Lancashire, Northumberland, Suffolk, Sussex, Westmorland, all Heart-shapes, & Eltham, Greenwich, Lewisham & Woolwich in Kent.

Glen Ward (- still living)



Glen is a dealer and collector in Ledbury, Herefordshire who runs the website “Rare Coins and Tokens”. He collects 17th century tokens for Herefordshire, Worcestershire & much of Gloucestershire, and any within a 30 mile radius of Ledbury. He also has interests in Lycian, Roman and Charles I coinages.

While he is not a Sussex or Kent collector, Glen has sold many of these tokens via his website, and they usually come with an envelope written out by him in addition to tickets and envelopes from previous collectors. A sample of his envelopes is shown above as it can be useful to identify tokens that have been acquired from Glen, in which case more information may be available at his website archive.

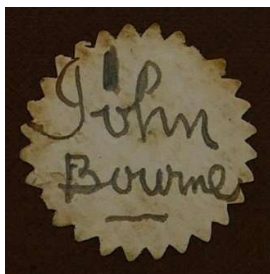
Mark Reed (- still living)



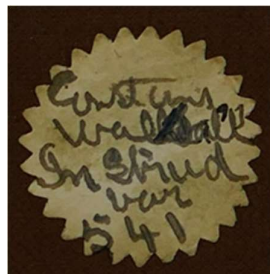
Mark Reed lives in Metheringham, Lincolnshire. He was a collector of Kent 17th century tokens until 2023 when he decided to sell so he could spend more time adding to his Iceni and Anglo Saxon coin collections. His collection totalled 92 tokens and was largely sold on eBay and via the Facebook group “17th Century Traders' Tokens”.

Unknown 1

Kent W1



Kent W541



Unknown 2

Kent W358

Kent W284

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