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Editorial

It was considered fitting that a short supplement to the Bulletin be produced as a memento of Brian Edge (1932-2016) to be issued at the 2017 Token Congress.

The first entry is based on notes from a talk given by Brian at the 1997 Token Congress at the Forte Posthouse in Nottingham. Many thanks to Robert Thompson for providing the original typescript. These notes were made over 20 years ago and the original slides and displays have not been found. Where possible tables and figures have been recreated and material tracked down to fill in the gaps. Only minor edits have been made and the original present tense of the notes has been maintained, though sadly some of the people mentioned have passed away in the intervening years.

Thanks also to his daughter, Diane-Heather Edge-Robinson and Bill Myers for providing the remaining material.

The Token Congress – The First Fifteen Years

Brian Edge

About 1969, after collecting coins for nearly twenty-five years I found that I needed to find out more about the large number of mysterious oddments that I had accumulated. This led me to corresponding with Fritz Bingen, R.N.P. Hawkins, and Christopher Brunel, all now sadly departed. They were all so very helpful and as a result I became a good friend of Christopher Brunel.

I regularly went up to London on Saturdays and we would meet at Notting Hill Gate underground station from where we would do the rounds of the Portobello Road Antique Market. There were thousands of stalls selling almost everything but only a handful of stallholders handled coins. Most of these would have a small parcel ready for us along with a warm greeting when we arrived. We would look after a couple of stalls whilst the dealers went for a cup of tea.

After Chris and Jean White had founded the Token Corresponding Society in 1971 I began to solve many of my token mysteries with the help of articles in the Bulletin.

For some years, as a Club Secretary, I Attended B.A.N.S. Congresses and Lecture Courses. These meetings were at that time quite formal affairs, and it was not at all easy for a very ordinary collector like myself to find a slot amongst the many specialists who tended to form groups with those sharing similar interests and perhaps never emerge for the rest of the weekend. In retrospect I realise that this was perhaps only to be expected but as a newcomer I found it somewhat difficult as I often found myself wandering around aimlessly. However, as time went on I found myself a friend in Jeff Gardiner. We had similar interests and at subsequent congresses we joined forces. It was not long before Bill Kennett, Ken Banham, and Chris Brunel had joined us. By the time that I had persuaded the organiser of the 1977 Didsbury Lecture Course to let me give a talk on the subject of ‘Paranumismatica’ those members had increased even further.

This bound copy of the TCS Bulletin was signed by all those who attended that lecture. Prior to that there had just been a number of excellent lectures on 17th century tokens by George Berry, a useful exercise on die-linking Bristol (Ramage) farthings by Robert Thompson and the odd talk on co-op checks by Philip Meldrum.

At the Clacton Congress Chis Brunel brought with him this printed tent card which read “Paranumismatic Corner”. I recall looking at it and realising, to my dismay, that our group had developed into the very same scenario that had offended me some years earlier.

However, by producing the tent card as a joke Christopher had unwittingly created the seed which would eventually grow into the TOKEN CONGRESS. I spoke to a number of people about my idea to create an organisation to cater solely for the needs of those interested in what was then known as paranumismatica. Everyone I spoke to seemed to

think it a good idea but nobody wanted to take it on board, presumably because of the effect that such a decision may have had on the B.A.N.S. activities.

It was my view however that the B.A.N.S. had more than enough on its plate satisfying the needs of students and collectors of the world's coinage over the past 2500 years without having to worry about catering for all the avenues of paranumismatica as well.

So after careful thought I booked accommodation in the Crewe Arms Hotel for Saturday 30th October 1982. I called the event TOKEN DAY with the idea that it should be held annually. I advertised in the Numismatic Press and to my surprise 36 turned up. There would have been others if my publicity been better. One or two have said to me that they were sorry that they missed the first event. To those I can only apologise but the truth was that I didn't have the financial resources at the time to buy advertising space. Although the Crewe event catered for food and coffee for the day there were no arrangements for accommodation but I was surprised to find that one or two stayed either the Friday and or the Saturday night and suggestions were made during the first congress that the event would justify a full weekend.

I dedicated the first congress to the then late Francis Lavery J.P., a railway guard and a founder member of the now defunct Merseyside Numismatic Society for the help he gave me in 1948 with my unidentified tokens.

I went on to say that I hoped that the Congress and any other which may follow it would be quite informal affairs and that everyone would freely mix. I stressed that I didn't want to find anyone sitting alone in a corner and requested that my lead was taken up and urged delegates to get around and introduce themselves. I can now say that the response has been magnificent and I believe that we are a splendid gathering.

I told delegates that day and I quote "Let us get it out of our heads from today onwards that Tokens and Paranumismatica are the poor relations of Numismatics". I offered the view that our hobby offered far more opportunities for original research and furthermore that there was more than enough scope for everyone to work freely without treading on each other's toes.

I introduced the policy that there would be no committees, each organiser having a free hand to create the best weekend possible which has worked extremely well. Also the policy that there would be no speakers fees or expenses payable as I was sure that members of the congress would be delighted to have a platform to tell other collectors and students of what they had discovered during the year. That policy has also worked well with only a couple of cases of a prospective speaker feeling that his 40 minute talk entitled him to a free weekend. This of course has benefited everyone as it has helped to keep the congress fees down and to maintain a useful balance. Wise use of these balances by organisers for publications and Congress extras have helped to prevent the cash balance becoming an embarrassment to us and future organisers should continue in the vein, ensuring the balance never becomes excessive.

I introduced the Bourse to the first congress as I recognised that it was essential that there was a medium for the exchange of material. The idea has been a success and has been continued as a standard feature.

At the first congress Robbie Bell referred to this gathering as ‘the posse’. The dictionary meaning of the term being ‘a force or body established for some purpose’. I now know that Robbie’s term was an excellent one but at the time, and with Mr Bell being Canadian, I somehow envisaged armed men on horseback. Well I can now say that Robbie was 100% accurate in his use of the word as you lot have all galloped around so much in this past 16 years that you have rounded up virtually every existing token. [Slide 1. Followed by ten pictures taken at the Crewe Arms]

The first lecture given at a token congress was by Jeff Gardiner on Numismatic Aspects of the Great Northern Coalfield. [Slide 3. Congress venues]

	Year	Town	Venue	Organisers	Attendees
1	1982	Crewe	Crewe Arms Hotel	Brian Edge	36
2	1983	Birmingham	Lambert Court Hotel	John Cumbers	53
3	1984	Darlington	Blackwell Grange Moat House	Jeff Gardiner	59
4	1985	Manchester	University, Holly Royde	Bill Kennett	52
5	1986	London	Polytechnic, Central London	Tony Gilbert	70
6	1987	Cardiff	Cardiff Post House	Noel Cox	68
7	1988	Leeds	Polytechnic, Beckett Park	Peter Moffatt	60
8	1989	Manchester	University, Holly Royde	Bob Lyall	56
9	1990	Leicester	University, Beaumont Hall	Roy Rains	62
10	1991	South Woodford	Queen Mary & Westfield College	Stuart Adams Phil Mernick	67
11	1992	Winchester	King Alfred's College	Ralph Hayes	73
12	1993	Glasgow	University, Queen Margaret Hall	Tom Morrall Ronnie Breingan	67
13	1994	Exeter	University, St Luke's College	Mike Crew	55
14	1995	Birmingham	Forte Crest Hotel	Andrew Wager John Cumbers	71
15	1996	Northampton	Swallow Hotel	Peter Waddell Gary Oddie	85

Notes on Congress Venues

The Crewe Arms is an old railway hotel. Queen Victoria once stayed there and after a rare railway journey, entered the hotel from the tunnels beneath the station by a door against the fireplace in the room where our lectures were held.

Blackwell Grange is a stately home built in 1693 and converted into a posh hotel.

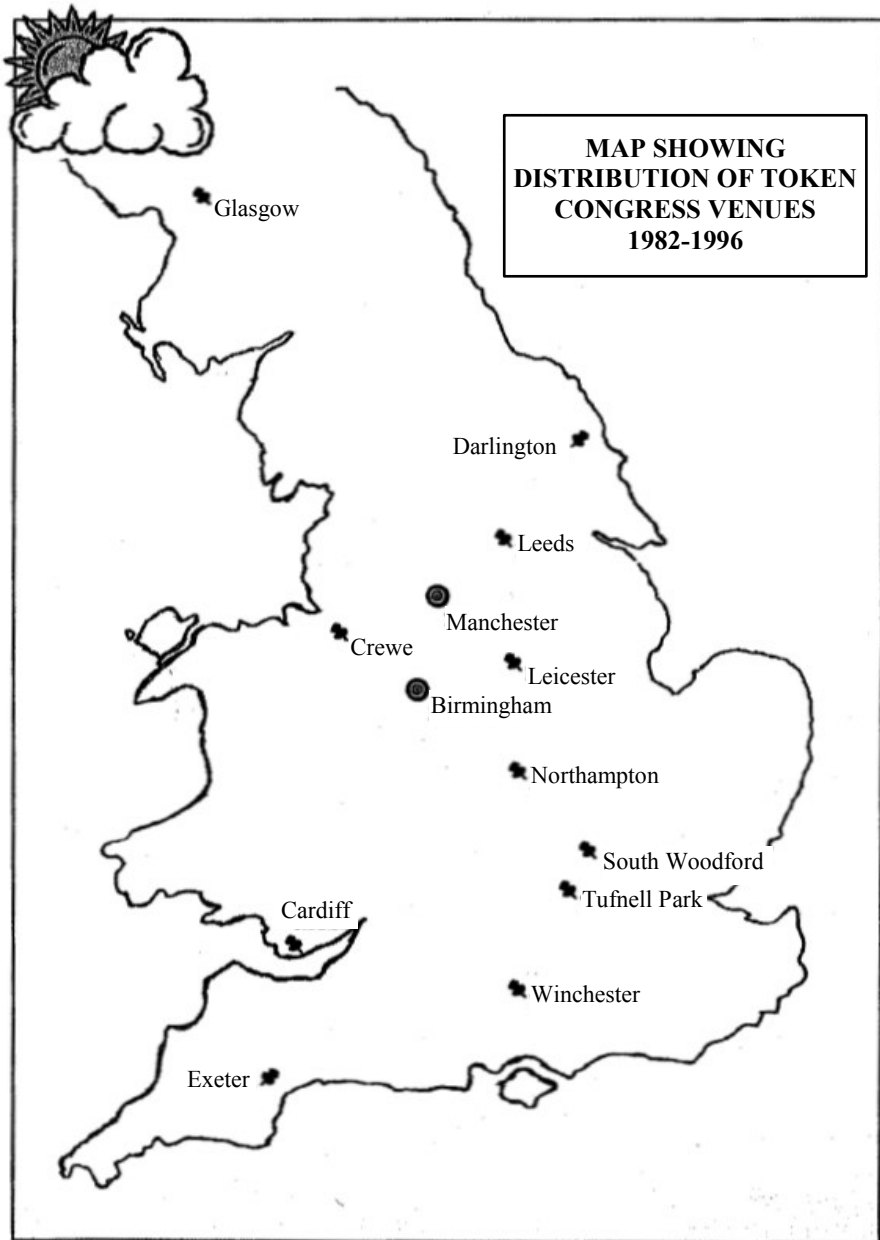
Holly Royde, Manchester, the only venue to be repeated, and it was not surprising for it had a wonderful lecture theatre, all in wood and with excellent acoustics. It was indeed something special to give a talk there. Holly Royde was the only place where we had a spot of bother. A certain dealer turned up for the Bourse without booking or paying and Congress Fees. The organiser, a certain Bob Lyall, promptly and rightly threw him out!

There was some frustration at the first Holly Royde, Ken Banham was in full flight with his talk on the Tokens and Commemorative Medals of Cheshire and had just got to an interesting bit when Bill Kennett leapt onto the stage and announced that it was the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month and called for three minutes silence. At the end of the three minutes poor Ken had forgotten where he was, and the gathering had forgotten what he was talking about.

At the Leeds Congress we saw the debut of a young man with long fair hair, a flashy tie and a blue baseball cap emblazoned "CAPTAIN" and he has been with us ever since. He goes under so many pseudonyms that one or two people have admitted that they are never sure of his real name. To put the record straight it is Alan Judd.

You will see that there has been two congresses in each of the three major cities together with one in Wales and one in Scotland.

This map shows the areas covered by the 15 congresses and may give someone some inspiration to organise a congress in their area. [Slide 4. Distribution of venues map]



I have often said and I am sure that many of you will also have said at the end of a Congress “Well that one will take a lot of beating” yet somehow or other the next organiser always seems to put on a great show. [Slide 5. Congress organisers, see above]

Notes on Congress Organisers;

Each of the above named laid on well organised, friendly congresses in pleasant surroundings, and there have been no disasters. None have made a loss in fact most made a slight profit.

Bill Kennett achieved an amazing coup in 1985 when he contacted Dr Richard Doty, numismatic author and at that time an official of the American Numismatic Society, and persuaded him to fly over to address our Congress at Holly Royde Manchester. The remarkable thing was that Dr Doty flew over specially, gave us his lecture on Anglesey Pennies, enjoyed the Congress dinner, and returned to the airport to fly back to New York. His fees and expenses amounted to nothing. Bill’s decision to provide this speaker with a free dinner was entirely justified!

If your name does not appear on this list then you may well consider the possibility of running a future Congress and so introduce us to your particular part of Britain. The ideal situation is for us to have the next two Congresses planned with a third pencilled in each year. A situation which I think was achieved last year. Running a Congress is by no means as difficult as it may appear, in fact Tony Gilbert organised the North London Congress single handed. It is recorded that an appreciative delegate thanked Tony at the end of the Congress advising him that his reward would be in heaven. [Slide 6. Congress Fees]

1982	Crewe	H	£11.50 ^x
1983	Birmingham	H	£29.35 ^y
1984	Darlington	H	£31 ^y
1985	Manchester	U	£45
1986	London	P	£35
1987	Cardiff	H	£75
1988	Leeds	U	£40
1989	Manchester	U	£55
1990	Leicester	U	£64
1991	South Woodford	U	£69
1992	Winchester	U	£72
1993	Glasgow	U	£78
1994	Exeter	U	£95
1995	Birmingham	H	£97
1996	Northampton	H	£100

U, C, P, H - University, College, Polytechnic, Hotel Accommodation
x - Accommodation booked individually by delegates at specially negotiated rates
y - Sunday meals extra

Notes on Congress fees;

Those with 100% attendance have spent about £860 over the years in Congress fees. When the Congress fees jumped from £31 to £45 in 1985 on paper something like a 48% increase I received an irate phone call from someone in this room. Although it was nothing to do with me at all I got all the flack and was told before the conversation reached its dramatic ending that the complainant would never darken our doorstep again. I am pleased to say that after two or three year's absence he came back, we are good friends and he wouldn't miss the event.

The table shows a steady rise in costs in line with inflation and of course we are enjoying some excellent accommodation lately. [Slides 7 and 8. Congress Attendance]

Notes on Token Congress Attendance

The figures reflect a hard core of enthusiasts. Excluding wives of Congress Members about 200 different people have attended the Congresses over the past 15 years. A small percentage have been collectors local to the Congress venues most of whom have not reattended.

I have not even a rough idea how many collectors there are of one series or another. It would be interesting to hear from John (Whitmore) and Alan (Judd) as to how many collectors buy tokens from them regularly who do not attend the Congress.

Little effort has been made over the years to publicise the event apart from dealer's lists and I am sure that this is due mainly to the fact that we do have a sound hard core and efforts to recruit could possibly lead to difficulties in finding suitable accommodation. Whilst this is certainly a problem perhaps we should have an eye on the future and try to recruit some younger token collectors.

We should certainly see that our Congresses are always publicised in the CCNB Newsletter if only to ensure that we do not double book our events and we should contribute to the publication too in order to keep tokens in the limelight.

Roll of honour

I would like now to quietly read out the names of our departed friends, who have over the years graced our congresses with their personalities and in many cases have left us and future generations, with written accounts of their studies.

It was a special privilege to have known these people. I know that others will read their work and perhaps wonder what sort of people they really were, well we have actually

known them. They came from all walks of life and professions; a dentist, a schoolmaster, a bank manager, a policeman, a coin dealer etc.; Christopher Brunel and Margaret Brunel, Roy N.P. Hawkins, Stan Bewley, George Chapman, Fred Thornton, Walter Allen, Phillip Greenall, Dennis Vorley, Mrs P. Bell, Jock Shaw, and Peter Moffatt.

We remember too many others whose demise has not been reported.

[Slide 9. Those who have attended every Congress]

Those who missed the first congress but have been ever present since are Anthony Gilbert, Barry Greenaway and Roy Rains.

There are of course many who have been ever present since their first attendance and so it will go on.

[Slide 10. Notes on overseas delegates]

Some of those attending the Congress from overseas 1982-1996; Pierre Dewitt (Belgium), Aime-Francois Schepers (Belgium), Jørgen Sømød (Denmark), Gunter Fritz (Germany), Gunter Struck (Germany), Henk A. Groenendijk 4× (Holland), Yosef Sa'ar 3× (Israel), Dr Neil B. Todd(3× (USA), Dr Richard Doty (USA), Lester Burzinski 2× (USA), and Harrington J. Manville 3× (USA)

Congress giveaways

At the 1990 Beaumont Hall Leicester Congress, Roy Rains issued a double sided spinner as a souvenir. [Slide 11, 12, 13]

Everyone attending the 1991 South Woodford Congress received an attractive Congress booklet, and by and large this practice has continued since. The booklets are nice souvenirs of the events. [Slide 14]

Additionally we received an attractive Market Tally struck by Neal especially for the Congress. [Slide 15]

As a result of Stuart Adams and company's negotiation with Peter and Robert Neal they secured permission to borrow Neals' rubbings book of tokens produced between 1948 and 1974. An excellent book was presented to delegates attending that Congress. [Slide 16]

At the Winchester Congress the following year two varieties of this souvenir piece were handed out. [Slide 17]

At Glasgow in 1993 we were all presented with a Communion token. [Slide 18]

At Exeter Mike Crew gave each member of the Congress a special edition of a Telephone card as a souvenir.

The following year John Whitmore spent a lot of effort producing the long awaited catalogue of Birmingham Smithfield Market tallies and each member received a personalised copy.

Northampton's Peter Waddell and Gary Oddie came up with the Troublesome Tokens idea and produced a printed copy of the exercise which was a most interesting exercise and one which will be very useful to most of us in years to come. This is an exercise worthy of being made a rolling programme.

These souvenirs are very nice to have and take home at the end of the congress as a reminder of very pleasant weekends.

At the first Token Congress I encouraged members to take on board the work of recording, with a view to eventual publication, tokens and/or commemorative medals of any particular theme. This could include those issued in a particular area, town or county. A list was distributed to all those who attended the Congress showing what work, so far as we were aware, was already in progress, along with its guardian. Members were asked to exchange information. This was done to avoid any duplication of effort. A number of those present accepted the challenge and the results of their labours have been published during the past 15 years. In fact our members have published no less than 30 books together with a mass of papers and pamphlets for the information of future collectors. A very creditable effort indeed and there is much more in the pipeline of course, as indeed there will always be as I trust this venture will roll on – ad infinitum.

I would like to have mentioned everyone's work individually here but that was not possible but I must congratulate Roy (Rains) on producing his work on Co-op Checks as I have been a friend of Roy for nearly 40 years. Well done Roy.

In the form of a trailer I can tell you to look forward to the publication of the Life and Death of Edward Frederick Herdman, a token specialist in days before most of us were born. Jeff Gardiner promises us that this will be available for the 1998 Congress. I can promise you a sensational story which will include a reprint of one of Herdman's rare works entitled Transport Tokens, Tickets, passes, Badges of Great Britain and Ireland, which was printed and published by Herdman in 1932. I urge you not to miss this one. There is one of us present who has not written a book at all, but has published perhaps the best work of all. Although his work is strictly a private venture, I personally view it as an organ of the Token Congress. You will realise that I am referring to the Token Corresponding Society Bulletin and its current editor Andrew D.N. Andison. As most of you will know that Andrew is the proprietor of the London and Newcastle Tea Company and as a busy man it is indeed generous of him giving up so much of his time editing the Bulletin which allows us a platform to ask questions of each other and publish items of interest to other token collectors. I think that we all agree that Andrew has done a splendid job and the Bulletin has improved considerably. As a true Scot Andrew has kept the price down to a very affordable level which we all appreciate. I

congratulate him on completing Volume 5 with index and I would like to say on your behalf a big thankyou to Andrew for not only taking on the task of editor and for doing such a splendid job of it.

Whilst Andrew doesn't relish the idea of being editor for ever you will be pleased to know that he has told me that he is happy to continue until the end of volume six.

The Bulletin certainly keeps the pot boiling nicely between congresses and long may it continue to do so. Whilst on this subject we mustn't forget to thank too Andrew's predecessor as Editor, our very faithful supporter Tony Gilbert. Tony rescued the Bulletin from obscurity after Christopher (Brunell), allowed it to lapse as a result of him falling in love with Margaret. So I know that you will agree that Tony deserves a ripple too for his contribution without which we may well not have had our Bulletin today.

Looking back over the 15 years I think the best moment for me was in 1982 when I met Norrie Brodie for the first time in the Crewe Arms. From that moment on I knew that I would not be holding the first Congress on my own.

The lecture which I remember enjoying the most was that given by the late Jock Shaw at Holly Royde on the arms of the livery companies featured on 17thC tokens. This was illustrated by shields drawn by Jock, a real artist in every respect. Jock was so adroit that he could manufacture an ancient coin and even the experts couldn't tell the difference.

The proudest moment was when I was presented with a bound copy of Herdman signed by the Delegates at Darlington more so when Jeff, a keen book collector, gave me his only example of this scarce book.

The worst disaster was at South Woodford when Bill Kennett went for a drink at the pub just outside the campus and promptly had his wallet and passport stolen. This was particularly distressing to Bill as he hadn't got round to buying any tokens by that time. Fortunately his wallet and passport were discovered on the other side of the city but strangely enough the money was missing.

The best laugh for me was Barry Greenaway's holiday on Madeira. His friend told him that the word for token in Portuguese was Ficha. What Barry didn't know was that Ficha was also Portuguese for budgerigar and it seems that at the end of his holiday Barry had the best collection of budgerigars on the island.

So there it is folks 15 years of successful Congresses behind us and what looks like being another great Congress just beginning. Hopefully there will be many more in the future that I will be able to attend when I will meet again all my friends and I will certainly look at the 'posse' with considerable pride knowing that I played, just a little part, in bringing them all together. Thank you.



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20th October 1982.

TOKEN DAY '82.

At last I am able to send you final details of the TOKEN DAY '82 congress.

I am pleased to be able to tell you that the response has been excellent and approximately 40 will be attending. I am confident that the event will be a most rewarding and enjoyable experience. One will certainly meet interesting personalities, renew old friendships and glean much valuable information. No doubt, by the end of the congress some of your long standing token queries may well have been solved!

Please do try to introduce yourself to as many Congress Members as possible in the limited time available and wear your congress badge at all times. You will find that token collectors are very friendly and helpful people who will be delighted to meet you and hear about your own specialist interests. It will surprise you what you have in common interest with other collectors.

I have attached a list of congress members together with a brief synopsis of their individual interests, as supplied by them on their booking forms. I am certain that these are far from being complete as most collectors interests diversify considerably, but it will be of considerable help nevertheless. In keeping with general practice in numismatic circles I have not published members addresses. These may be mutually exchanged whenever appropriate during the congress.

You will be given a printed programme of events upon arrival. These are basically as set out in the introductory letter with slight timing amendments. Additionally I have arranged for Coffee/Tea and Biscuits to be provided mid afternoon.

For those staying overnight I have arranged for an additional lecture on the Sunday morning. It is entitled EXETER PARANUMISMATICA - a local study of a provincial town. The speaker is John Andrews whose recent book EXETER COINAGE is an excellent example of what can be done in the field of local study.

This will be followed by a session of five minute talks by members. This is aimed at providing the opportunity to all those attending to

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contribute in a small way to the success of the venture is they so desire. If you have a 5 minute talk that you would like to give please drop me a quick note so I can plan out this session before the day.

The final session of the Congress is entitled BRING A SLIDE. Here I hope that members will bring along a 2x2 slide on a subject of token interest. This will be projected and hopefully the result will be spontaneous discussion on the token on view. Slides that are likely to create the desired result should be selected. This could be a useful way of identifying some of your token mysteries.

There will be interesting displays on view on TOKEN DAY and small displays are wellcome but space could be limited.

TRAVEL NOTES

If you are arriving by train make your way out of Crewe station (there is only one exit). Turn right when out of the station, cross the road by the Zebra crossing and the Crewe Arms Hotel is a few yards on the left. I will suitably post direction signs on the day.

If you are coming by road you will probably come via the M6. Take exit 17 (turning right at exit if coming from the North and left at exit if coming from the South. Follow this road for $\frac{3}{4}$ mile to a set of traffic lights (Sandbach Town Centre). Bear right at the lights then keep left following 'Nantwich'. Following this road for 3 to 4 miles you will be approaching Crewe. Here you will come upon a fairly large road junction - keep left here looking for Nantwich or Crewe Station signs. (Do not follow Crewe Town Centre). You will within a quarter of a mile come to a dual carriageway at the end of which is a roundabout. The entrance to the CREWE ARMS HOTEL is on this roundabout and there is lots of parking space front and back of the hotel.

Sunday Newspapers will be ordered if so required and details of Church services will be supplied on application at reception.

I look forward to TOKEN DAY '82 and to meeting you. I wish you a pleasant journey and a memorable weekend.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brian Edge', with a long, sweeping horizontal flourish underneath.



Programme of Events

SATURDAY, 30th OCTOBER, 1982

- 10.00-11.00 **Reception.** Coffee/Tea and biscuits will be served.
- 11.00 **Opening of the Token Day '82 Congress.**
- 11.15-12.00 **Numismatic Aspects of the Great Northern Coalfield.** A lecture and token display by Jeff Gardner of Darlington.
- 12.15- 1.00 **Collecting Public House Checks.** An illustrated lecture by Andrew Wager of Birmingham.
- 1.00- 2.15 Buffet Lunch will be served in the Cocktail Bar.
- 2.15- 3.00 **British Industry on 18th and 19th Century Trade Tokens.** An illustrated lecture by Bill Kennett of Manchester.
- 3.15- 4.00 **Entertainment Tickets and Passes of Victorian Manchester.** An Illustrated lecture by Peter Crummett of Stockport.
- 4.00- 4.30 Afternoon Tea/Coffee and Biscuits.
- 4.30- 5.15 **Discussion on Token Day '82** and ideas for the future. Any other business.
- 5.15- 6.30 **Free Period.**
- 6.30- 8.15 **Congress Dinner.**
- 8.15 **Token Market.** Congress members are invited to bring along their duplicate tokens for sale or exchange.

SUNDAY, 31st OCTOBER, 1982

- 9.30-10.15 **Exeter Paranumismatica - a local study of a provincial town.** An illustrated lecture by John R. Andrews of Exeter.
- 10.30-11.15 **Members Five Minute Talks.**
- 11.15-11.45 Coffee/Tea and Biscuits.
- 11.45-12.45 **Spontaneous Discussion on Members' Slides.**
- 12.45- 1.00 **Closure of Token Day '82 Congress.**

CONGRESS MEMBERS.

Mr Jeff Gardiner ✓ All tokens particularly Mining.
Mr Robert Sharman All tokens
Mr John Andrews All tokens and paranumismatica relating to Exeter.
Mr Christopher Brunel Most Par anumismatica
Mrs Margaret Brunel Most Par anumismatica
Mr Allan Millar . Co-op tokens and Manchester Ship Canal.
Mr Peter Glews . Early 19th Century Industrial
Mr David Pottinger Tokens 1780-1900 on themes Animals, Industrial Revolution.
Mr Robert Lyall ✓ Tokens of the West Indies, Bahamas, Bermuda, British Guiana.
Mr R.C. Bell . 19th and 19th Century tokens
Mr Gavin Scott ✓ Countermarked Copper and Bronze.
Mr John Whitmore . All tokens.
Mr Robert Thompson . 17th Century tokens and Pub Checks.
Mr Siegfried Schwer All tokens
Gillian R. Schwer All Tokens
Mr John Cumbers Anything from the Black Country area or with a Naval theme.
Mr Andrew Wager Pub Checks, Initiation Spade Guineas and General Par anumismat
Mr Ernest Danson Tokens of Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire, Rutla
Mr Peter Crummett All tokens of Manchester and District.
Mr John S. Thom All tokens
Mr Stan Bewley Communion, Transport, Co-op, Love, Spade Guineas, Railway.
Mr Grenville Chamberlain Public House Checks of Nottinghamshire
Mr Andrew Macmillan Scottish Tokens, Communion tokens worldwide.
Mr M.J. Roberts Yorkshire tokens of all types.
Mr N.G. Brodie Traders, transport, and colliery tokens of Scotland.
Mr Paul Gilhespie South west Mining tokens.
Mr Thorsten Sjolin Barbers tokens, Industrial tokens.
Dr Judith Y. Field Science Museum, South Kensington Token Collection.
Miss Yolande Stanton National Museum of Wales Department of Numismatics.
Mr G. M. Percival, Tokens generally.
Mr Ted Watkin The 17th 18th and 19th Century tokens of Staffordshire.
Mr Ken Banham Tokens of the Isle of Man, Love tokens.
Mr Brian Edge ✓ All paranumismatica - local interests Crewe, Barrow in Furnes
Mr Bill Kennett Tokens of Manchester and district and most paranumismatica.
Mr Tom Peddie, Most tokens but especially of Stafforshire (Potteries area)

Notes for the 500th Meeting of CADCAMS

Brian Edge

As a result of the decimation of our railway system in the 1960's I lost my job as Station Master at Market Harborough but was eventually successful in obtaining a position in another capacity located in large building near Euston Station. I arrived on the 2nd January 1967 complete with suitcase and met a young chap outside similarly equipped. He was from Crewe and we were both on the same mission. That young chap was Geoff Bavington (give us a wave Geoff). As we had nowhere to stay we were sent to the Greater London Council offices who arranged for us to be accommodated in a hostel in Kentish Town. The place turned out to be a nightmare, filled with drop outs of every nationality imaginable. We were accommodated in prison cells, iron faced doors with peepholes, with just a chair, a crude bed and table the room having a small window about 10 feet from the ground; there was no heating and it was January and very cold. We knew that in a couple of months we would be moving to new offices in Crewe and it was in one of those cells that Geoff and I discussed my forming a Coin Society in Crewe. The full story of that place is too long to relate but 50 years later I discovered that George Orwell had dossed down there and he described in full detail the same cells in his book "Down and Out in Paris and London" He wrote and I quote:

"It is a feeling of relief, almost of pleasure, at knowing yourself at last genuinely down and out.

You have talked so often of going to the dogs - and well, here are the dogs, and you have reached them!"

And that is just as Geoff and I felt as we were there for several months.

Well we all moved to Crewe in May 1967 and on the 16th February 1968 I invited the people who I had learned were interested in numismatics to my house for our first meeting. Snow was on the ground and I looked out hoping and wondering whether they would turn up but they all did. Then, at the last minute, a figure in white overalls came running down the path shouting "Hey! Why haven't you invited me?" That was Roy Griffin who, up to that moment I didn't know existed.

Those who came were Paul Cooper (a Bookmaker), Bob Welch (Nantwich Businessman), (Graham Morris a Butcher), Thomas Barlow (Scrap Metal Dealer), Brian Richmond (Quantity Surveyor), Peter Kirkland (Electrician), Roy Griffin (Painter and Decorator) and me a (Railway man) The first committee was formed and it was decided that I should be the Secretary.

We have only had two Treasurers Paul Cooper who served until 1980 (twelve years) and he was succeeded by George Martin more on him later.

We celebrated Our 100th Meeting by striking a medal, the design evolved from a competition and George Martin's design of the reverse and mine for the obverse were declared the winners. George's design depicted clasped hands which also bears his

initials inspired him to collect virtually anything depicting clasped hands and he now has a collection which is probably second to none. Fifty attended the 100th during which five litres of wine and a large amount of Cheshire Cheese was consumed. A large amount of cheese was left over and this was auctioned and the successful bidder at £1.50 was Brian Butterworth of BRM coins. On being presented with the parcel, Brian, in true dealer fashion, promptly produced a self-adhesive label and slapped a £2 price label on the parcel and offered it for resale!

For our 150th a selection of drinking glasses and goblets with a variety of designs were specially engraved for the occasion by Leslie Rae of Carlisle.

By the time of our 200th in 1984 rising costs were now working against us and although we would have liked to have struck a commemorative piece, the cost of the dies alone was prohibitive. So we obtained a number of bright new 1967 pennies and one of our members, I think it was John Harrop, a long-time member and past Chairman of the Society, persuaded someone in Rolls Royce to carefully machine off the reverse of the coins leaving just the dotted border. The coins were then hand engraved 200TH MEETING / CADCAMS / 11 SEPTEMBER 1984. Gold coloured Coasters were also issued to members bearing the society badge as mementos of the occasion.

Over the years we have had some great speakers.

Mr. Lockett of Clonterbrook House, Swettenham, a wealthy business man unique in so much as he who wasn't worried at all about his business interests - all his thoughts were on his love of coins and he amassed one of the finest collections ever put together.

On his death the collection was sold in thirteen auctions. Mr. Lockett's son on his visit to the society told us that he wanted just one coin out of his father's collection and he passed around for us all to handle an electrotype of the magnificent Rawlings Pattern Oxford Crown. His father had paid £80 for the original. It seems that he had asked his brother and sister if he could buy this coin, for the current market price of £750 rather than it be entered in the auction. To his disappointment they both refused his request and Mr. Lockett had to pay £800 for the coin in the auction. However, some time later Swettenham Church needed a new roof and Mr. Lockett decided to help by donating the value of the coin to pay for the work. He put the coin up for sale and it made £20,000. Before he left us Mr. Lockett presented us with the 13 sale catalogues of his father's coins which we duly had professionally bound. In more recent times we decided that our library was not being used at all and we sold the bound Lockett catalogues to the British Numismatic Society for their library, so they ended up in a good home.

Dr. Colin Kraay was another special speaker who came to Crewe to address our members. He was the grandson of Sir Bertram Mackennel the famous Australian sculptor and coin engraver. We decided to pick him up in Tom Barlow's Rolls Royce and to wine and dine him on arrival before his talk. Some years later I had to go to the Heberden Coin Room at the Ashmolean to do some research and I was waiting to be

ushered in when out came Dr. Kraay. He looked at me and at the top of his voice shouted "The Rolls Royce!" "The Rolls Royce!" I started to explain that it wasn't my car (I think I had a motor bike and sidecar at the time). He said "Do you know I had never been in a Rolls Royce until I came to Crewe!!" Sadly he died soon afterwards but he was a lovely man and a very fine speaker.

Other notable speakers were Arnold Machin and George Eardley VC, the Rolls Royce Electrician who brought his VC for us all to handle.

The next milestone was our Silver Jubilee in 1993 a meeting organized by Jonathan Morris and Chris Shaw at the time of Chris's Chairmanship and we celebrated the event within the opulence of the Crewe Council Chamber and the Mayor's Parlour. We presented the Mayor Mrs. Thurber with a very nice example of a Nantwich Shilling which she placed in a glass case in her parlour in the Municipal Buildings and was still there many years later. Chris and Jonathan Morris did a wonderful job in organizing that event which was a very special occasion in the history of the society and somehow the total cost came out of the rates. On this occasion we published a Jubilee Booklet as a record of such an interesting event. It is a pity we cannot bring this up to date for our 500th but sadly it is not something that I can take on board on this occasion. Chris and Jonathan have been wonderful supporters of the society over so many years and I think we should thank them by applause.

Tina Carrington came into the picture around 1986 when she came with her son Nick who was a then young boy. Tina served many years on our council as well as looking after our refreshments for so many years. She has been an absolute gem. At this point I think Mr. Martin would like to say a few words.

Harry Hulme has to have a mention from me as he has been a faithful member virtually from the start of the Society. We had many a laugh during our regular Saturday trips in the early 1970's to Crewe when Johnnie Clough and his wife had an antique shop and a stall on the market.

Roy Griffin and I are now the only founder members. Roy will be remembered for donating the cup for our annual short talks competition which is known as the Roy Griffin Trophy. Thanks for your support over the years Roy.

Andrew Andison another wonderful supporter who travels a long way after work to our meetings. Andrew who has been a member for 20 years and he produces our annual syllabus which has saved us a fortune in printing costs. Also he has given us many fine talks and is a very knowledgeable token specialist and we do thank him.

Alan Thoms, a member of the council has worked hard for the society for many years he has always contributed well thought out talks and as well as looking after our equipment. He is a respected and valuable member of our society.

When I first came to Crewe I went to a local shop to get some groceries. The shop was on a corner and as I came out of the shop a young lad came whizzing around the corner on his bike and nearly chopped me in half. I belted him across the ear (which you could do in those days) and gave him a good roasting. That lads name was and still is Eddy Krynicki and in spite of that altercation over the years we became good friends. Eddy is a socially minded person who helps everybody around him and he has donated a large amount of money for his charity as a result of recycling aluminium cans. Eddy has been an active member of the society for many years and I sincerely thank him so much for his friendship and support. Today is his birthday – so we all send him our best wishes.

Robert Pearson has been our Chairman for over a decade. He is a quiet gentleman that hides the fact he is a very knowledgeable man, a linguist and historian, a supporter of his church and one who really loves his coins. He has rescued more auctions than I can remember, as a fleeting glance from the desperate auctioneer usually results in Robert making a bid. We would be at a loss without him.

Finally, we have George Martin who has been our Treasurer for 35 years and that I feel deserves more than just a ripple of applause. He has been totally dedicated to the society and has been a rock for me to lean on many times. He has been inventive in so many ways, too many to go into here, and as we all know he carries out his duties quietly without any fuss.

The highlight of his achievements was the securing of a Lottery grant along with Richard Hope for the publication of “Tokens and Commemorative Medals of Cheshire.” They both worked so hard and amazingly achieved a grant of £7,600 which not only benefitted us but all historical, numismatic societies, libraries, museums, within the old County of Cheshire who all received free copies. The research for the book involved years of hard work by Ken Banham and me but without Richard and George’s enthusiasm and determination the book as it is would never have been produced. Sadly Richard died suddenly and prematurely, he was truly a lovely man and his passing was a blow to the society as he really had so much to offer for our future.

So that is it, 500 meetings all but one held in this hall. I am proud to say that in all those years I cannot recall a single incident where a cross word has been spoken. I find that quite incredible. I know that things have changed considerably with the coming of the technology that we have today, it is the same everywhere, but I hope in spite of that, somehow our society will continue for a long time to come. Thank you all.

Brian Edge

Early Life and School

Brian was born on the 26th of November 1932, in the back bedroom of a house in Westmorland Street, Barrow in Furness. He was the only child of Fred and Doris Edge. He lived for most of his early life at 23 Coniston Road, Barrow-in-Furness.

Brian attended a number of schools in and around Barrow. During his time at school he was evacuated from Barrow to live with his Grandparents in Lindal-in-Furness about 5 miles from Barrow. His schools included:

Victoria Infants School, Oxford Street School, Barrow-in-Furness (1937- 1941).

Lindal and Marton School, Lindal in Furness (1941 – 1942). The Head teacher here was a Mr. Harold Moore and his favourite threat was “I’ll transmogrify you!” He menacingly uttered the words along with facial grimaces to any boy who happened to incur his wrath.

Oxford Street Junior School, Barrow in Furness (1942 – 1943).

Holker Central School, temporarily located at Thwaite Street School, Barrow in Furness (1943 – 1944). It was here that Brian was given the cane when he was reported by one of the teachers for opening his eyes during prayers in the morning assembly.

His last school was Holker Central School, Holker Street, Barrow-in-Furness which he attended between 1944-1947.

Holker Street was an excellent school with good facilities for woodwork and Mr. Sharp was the teacher. His words “cut in the waste touching the line” stayed with Brian always. Another woodwork teacher was Mr. (Baldy) Braithwaite who miserably gave Brian 6 out of 10 for a wooden teapot stand which he was still using at the age of 84.

Starting Work

Brian’s career began at Barrow Central Station 1948-1950. Brian was nearly 15 years old when he went to Barrow Central Station as a junior clerk in the spring of 1948. It was particularly exciting for him to be working on a railway station with trains rolling in and out. His starting wage was £1.15.0 per week, and this was soon increased to £2.0.0 (a massive increase to him). His first job was in the Booking Office where he dealt with Sleeper Reservations. This was fascinating as it involved sending messages in code. Of course the telegraph system was widely used on the railway in those days and a book of code words was available to cover most situations in every aspect of railway work.

His time at the Parcels Office (and one particular incident) was to shape his whole future. One day he was having trouble with Barrow Dairy Farmers at Roose for failing to complete consignment notes for the milk and ice cream that they were sending on

the train. As a result he had to make out the consignment notes himself. He telephoned them one day and told the female voice that answered the phone that if they didn't complete the notes then we may not accept goods for dispatch. He must have been a bit strong with her as she put him onto Mr. Satterthwaite the head of the dairy who gave Brian a bit of a ticking off for his attitude. A couple of weeks later Brian started at Risedale Night School and the girl who sat next to him asked where he worked and he told her. This interested her and she then asked whether he worked in the parcel office and he confirmed that he did. The conversation continued until it became obvious to him that she was the female he'd spoken to concerning the consignment notes. Her name was Connie and she must have forgiven him any indiscretion for they were together for the next 54 years.

National Service

At the age of 18, National Service began to loom and sure enough in February 1951 he received the dreaded 'calling up' letter which included a postal order for four shillings; his first day's pay. The terms were one pound eight shillings a week with all found (food and clothing). His letter included a rail voucher instructing him to report to Padgate (near Warrington). The letter told him that he was going to be in the Royal Air Force. When the day came his Dad saw him off from Barrow Central Station; his last words as the train started to move were: "Don't forget to write to your mother."

During National Service, Brian spent time at Padgate, Kirkham, Moreton-in-Marsh, and Wharton. Eventually the time came to receive his final posting. In the middle of the night he heard Service Numbers being called out after which the voice announced "Middle East." It was a bit nerve wracking waiting to hear your number called. When he eventually heard 2506456 it was followed by "BAOR Germany." (BAOR = British Army of the Rhine). He was happy with that and he was off within an hour of hearing his name called. He took the train to Euston, crossed over to Liverpool Street and thence to Harwich Parkeston Quay. There he was piled onto a ship bound for the Hook of Holland. He managed to do six crossings during his service in Germany and travelled on three ships.

Fassberg

He was being transferred to the Sick Quarters RAF Tactical Air Force Station at Fassberg, more commonly known as RAF Fassberg, situated in Lower Saxony, between Celle and Luneburg in a forest of pine trees. They used joke that the camp's telephone number was Pinewood tree tree tree! He had the first taste of German beer at Unterluss Station refreshment room. The beer came out of a small tap and soon the glass was full of froth. The barman had to scoop off the froth off the top of the glass with a wooden spatula.

One of his special patients at Fassberg was the great flying ace Wing Commander Johnnie Johnson. He was later to become the Station Commander. Brian got the tip that

he was on his list and he, a mere Senior Aircraftsman, had to give him radiant heat treatment and physiotherapy on a back problem. Brian met him in the corridor, he had an aura and was extremely smart in his superbly tailored uniform on which he wore an impressive row of medal ribbons. He talked to Brian as if he was one of the boys out of the billet rather than one of the RAF's most famous pilots. Brian was sad to read of his death in the Daily Telegraph Obituaries in 2001 – He was 85.

Back Home

Following return from Germany, Brian married Connie at 10am on the 3rd of September 1955, followed by a Wedding Breakfast at the Armdale Cafe. Earlier in the spring of 1955 Brian was interviewed and appointed to the post of Station Master at East Langton Station in Leicestershire. He was just 23.

It was not long after arriving that Brian and Connie needed some coal and he enquired of one of the signalman as to the nearest coalman. 'You don't have a coalman' he advised and explained the procedure which although somewhat improper was nevertheless ingenious. The procedure was simple; all he had to do was to keep a row of cans or bottles on his station garden fence which was close to the signal at the end of the platform. Drivers of trains often stopped there and it seemed that it was traditional for drivers and firemen to throw pieces of coal at the targets whilst standing at the signal. One had just to replace the targets and collect the coal in a bucket, as and when required!

In 1958 Brian left East Langton on promotion returning to his native Lancashire where he remained for about four years during which time his daughter Diane-Heather was born.

In 1962 he got the chance to return to Leicestershire in the role of Station Master at Kibworth.

One day he was in the Kibworth North Signal box when a local train stopped at a signal and the fireman came up the box to sign the signalman's register. That seemingly very ordinary event was to make a big impact on his life. The engineman was a Kibworth man, David Smith, and during the short time David was in the signal box they both discovered that they both shared the same interest i.e. collecting coins. Brian's interest in coins started at the age of ten but his collection until that day had laid dormant for a number of years. They arranged to meet and his collection re-emerged and Brian's interest in the hobby was revitalised. As a result he formed a Numismatic Society in Crewe over 48 years ago which is still going strong and he also founded the successful Token Congress, now an international event. He has made many friends the world over and has written several books on coin related subjects. All of these being as a direct result of that meeting with David Smith all those years ago.

In 1966 Kibworth and East Langton Stations closed as a result of the notorious Beeching Report. Also to disappear was the Station Master. To commemorate this event the platelayers at Kibworth gathered on the platform, put Brian's gold braided hat

on the end of a three foot long spanner, doused it with paraffin and ceremoniously cremated it. It was the end of an era.

A Change of Career

The Paper and Printing Division in Eversholt Street, Euston.

Brian was promoted to the Paper and Printing Division of British Railways on the 2nd January 1967. He was still living at Kibworth at the time so he had to lodge. The best that the Greater London Council could offer was accommodation in a converted women's prison in Kentish Town where he lived for about four months before moving up to Crewe. He met Geoff Bavington on the steps of Eversholt House upon arrival for his new job. Geoff also had his suitcase with him as it was his first day at his new job. The two were to become lifelong friends.

In addition spending their evenings walking many miles exploring London, the two passed the evenings at a number of venues to get them out of their miserable hostel. These venues including the Savoy, the Palace, the Globe and Shaftsbury.

During March 1967 they also (in the call of duty) were required to attend a Strip Show in the West End. Fifteen of the 'Paper and Printing and Supplies Department' procurement staff descended on Soho with a project to put the West End strip shows "out to tender." Brian cannot claim to be one of the negotiators but the best price obtained for a block booking was 5/0d each with no membership compared with a full charge of £5 plus £3 membership. Needless to say we were still overcharged.

Many happy years were spent at the Paper and Printing back in Crewe before the Bridle road gates were finally closed, ironically by Geoff and Brian on the 7th July 1989.

Retirement and Beyond

Brian retired in 1989 after 45 years of railway service.

Brian has enjoyed being a part of the Wistaston community getting involved in all aspects of Wistaston life. Up until his death he was Vice Chairman to John White's Chairmanship of the Wistaston Memorial Hall Committee and they have enjoyed many challenges that the Memorial Hall has thrown at them over the years.

Published Works

Brian's love of coins and tokens led him to write and publish a number of books. His published works include:

Coins and All About Them (Faber & Faber 1973)

The First Dictionary of Paronomastics (Private pubn. 1991).

Brian also published a number of other 'social history' books and these included:

The Old Photographs Series - Crewe (Tempus 1994) in 2006.

Images of England - Crewe The Second Selection (Tempus 1999)

Jottings of a Lindal Girl by Doris Edge (Publisher only).
Play it Again Sam. (A biography of a Potteries Entertainer).
A history of Leadgate School in Cumbria

Societies and Organisations

Brian also founded the following organisations:

Crewe & District Coin & Medal Society in 1968 when he was made Secretary and was still in office! He was made a 'Life Member' of the Society.

Token Congress in 1982. Founded at the Crewe Arms Hotel, 39 attended the first Congress (36 being residents) and Diane-Heather Edge welcomed the guests on arrival. The Congress has been a most successful annual event attracting token collectors from all over the world. Members have attended from Australia, The United States, Israel, France, Germany, Holland, Denmark and Belgium. 2006 was the Silver Jubilee of the Congress where, at the Hilton Hotel in St Helens, Brian was presented with a silver medal in appreciation of him forming the Congress.

South Cheshire (Crewe) "George Formby" Ukulele Society in 1994 becoming the General Administrator and was still in office in 2016. A thriving organisation developed on the principle that everyone is everyone's best friend. Has been referred to as the best 50 pence worth of entertainment in the world. There is a membership of about 200 with an average attendance at each concert of around 90. He was made a Honorary Life Member along with Connie in 2005 at the event of their Golden Wedding Anniversary. In 2008 a DVD was made and in it he told all about the formation of the society.

Other Interests

Family and local history has also played a big part in Brian's life. Crewe history has been a passion and his knowledge of Crewe was amazing. He has spent many years investigating George's family history and has made great progress with this. His friend David Bovington spent several years encouraging Brian on, with his many interesting stories of his own extensive family history.

Though there were many other interests including airships, magic, postcards and playing cards, railway buttons and more, he did have a need to be 'online' on Saturday's to listen to the match. His father Fred before him had supported Barrow AFC and throughout his life Brian had supported them from afar.

[Notes provided by Diane-Heather Edge-Robinson]

George Formby Serenade at funeral of lifelong Barrow AFC Fan

Bill Myers

THE sounds of the ukulele made famous by George Formby played out a lifelong Barrow AFC fan from his funeral in the village of Wistaston, near Crewe.

Barrovian Brian Edge died aged 84 and the Reverend Ken Sambrook, who conducted the funeral service at St Mary's Parish Church, noted his dedication to his home town's soccer club.

Mr Sambrook said: "He did have a need to be 'on line' on Saturdays to listen to the match.

"His father Fred before him had supported the team and throughout his life Brian had supported them from afar.

"He would have been so excited to know that they are through to the next round of the FA cup with a match against Rochdale."

Mr Edge, who was born at Westmorland Street, Barrow, and spent most of his early life at Coniston Road, was the founder in 1994 of the South Cheshire George Formby Ukulele Society.

Many of its members were at the funeral and eight players gave an impromptu concert of George Formby hits at a reception in the Wistaston Memorial Hall.

There was also a table-top display at the hall showing Mr Edge's wide-ranging interests - arranged by his daughter Diane-Heather, son-in-law Steve and grandson George - which included several of his books on local history and token coinage.

In 1968 Mr Edge formed the Crewe and District Coin and Medal Society and in 1982 he founded the National Token Congress at the Crewe Arms Hotel.

The annual congress now attracts collectors from Australia, the United States, Israel, France, Germany, Holland, Denmark and Belgium.

At the 2006 silver jubilee of the Congress, held in St Helens, Mr Edge was presented with a silver medal in appreciation of him starting it all off.

Mr Edge was a Second World War evacuee from the Barrow Blitz and stayed with his grandparents at Lindal.

He would have seen the damage caused by bombing in 1941 to Barrow Central Station and it was here that he started work as a junior clerk, aged not quite 15, in the spring of 1948.

His starting wage was £1 and 15 shillings (£1.75) a week and he worked in the booking office on sleeper reservations and then in the parcels office.

After National Service, Brian and wife Connie left Barrow in 1955 after he became the 23-year-old station master at East Langton Station in Leicestershire.

He was later station master at Kibworth, both stations being closed in 1966 as a result of the Beeching Report

Mr Edge worked in the British Railways Paper and Printing Division in Eversholt Street, Euston and then at Crewe until his retirement in 1989.



MANY INTERESTS Lifelong Barrow AFC supporter Brian Edge

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RAILWAY MAN An enamel Station master sign from Brian Edge's long rail career

BILL MYERS



CHANGING SCENE Barrow Central Station as Brian Edge would have known it as a child, just before the extensive bomb damage of 1941. Mr Edge started work at the station, aged not quite 15, in 1948 SUBMITTED

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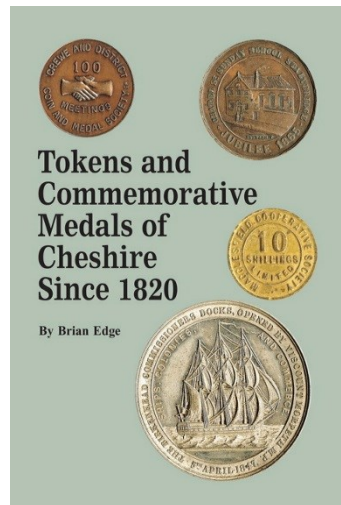
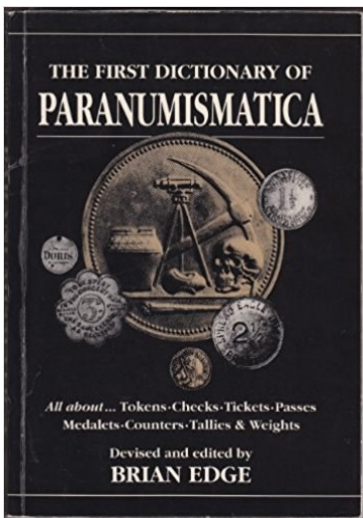
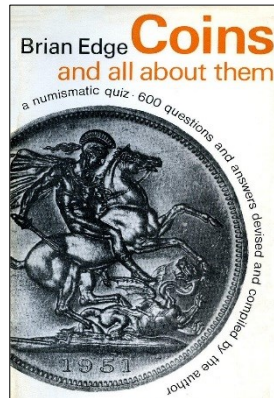
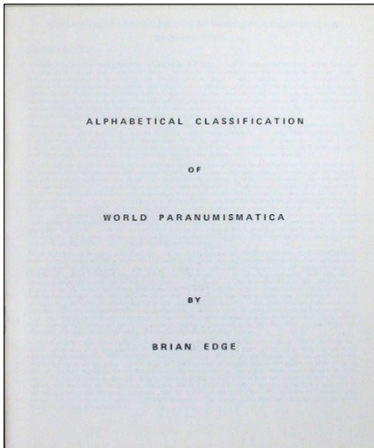
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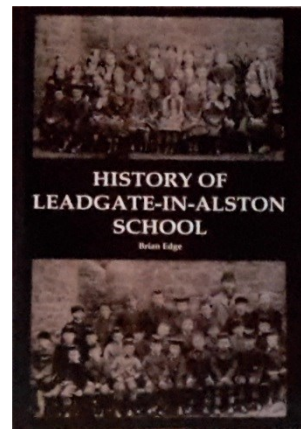
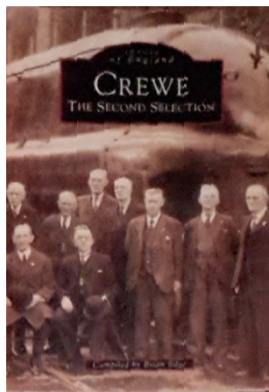
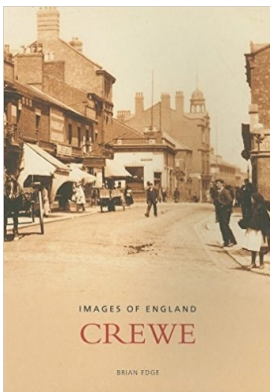
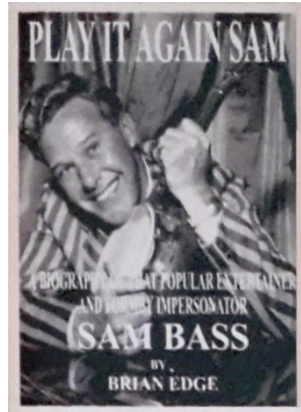
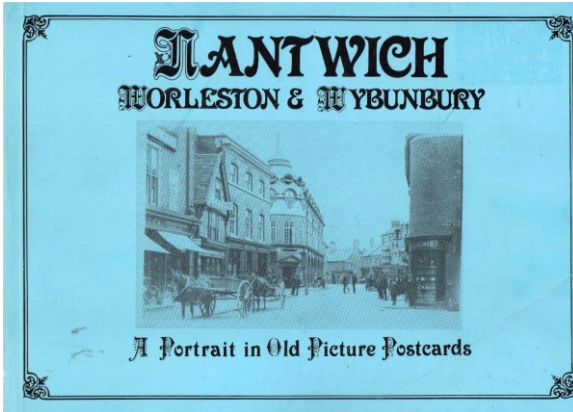
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