BRITISH BOOKS AND ARTICLES ON LEAD TOKENS {Numismatic works}

- "Jetons, Medalets and Tokens", by M.Mitchiner {three vols 1988/91/98; parts of vols 1,3 are particularly relevant}. Vol.1 covers the mediaeval period, Vol.3 1558-1830.
- "Leaden Tokens" by J.B.Caldecott and G.C.Yates {BNJ Vol.4, 1907: p.317-326}
- "Lead Tokens from the River Thames at Windsor and Wallingford, by M.Dean {Num.Chron, 1977}
- Seaby’s Coin & Medal Bulletin: e.g. Oct.1981 {article by D.G.Vorley}

The first two of these are the largest articles by far and should be taken as the most serious reference works on the series to date; however, they do not extend into the 18th century, which supplies such a large proportion of our extant crude lead specimens.

BRITISH BOOKS ON LEAD TOKENS  {Popularist works}
E.L.Fletcher has recently produced the following titles:

- “Tokens and Tallies Through the Ages”, by E.L.Fletcher {Greenlight, 2003}
- “Tokens and Tallies, 1850-1950”, by E.L.Fletcher {Greenlight, 2004}
- “Leaden Token and Tallies, Roman to Victorian”, by E.L.Fletcher {Greenlight, 2005}

BRITISH ARTICLES ON LEAD TOKENS  {Popularist works}
The main detectorist magazines often mention tokens in their various articles, occasionally dedicated to the subject but more often as part of larger descriptions relating to multi-disciplinary finds or to the detecting scene more generally.

COMMUNION TOKENS:

- “Communion Tokens of the World”, by Lester Burzinski {1999}. Extensively illustrated.
- “Comprehensive Directory of World Communion Tokens”, by O.D.Creswell {1985}. Now largely replaced by Burzinski.
- Proceedings of the Scottish Archaeological Society {all available in full on the Web at time of writing, see App.C}. Most have plentiful line drawings:
  - “Communion Tokens of the Established Church of Scotland, 16th-18th centuries, by A.J.S.Brook {1906-07}
  - “Scottish Episcopal Communion Tokens”, by R.Kerr and A.J.Lamb {1946-48}
  - “Unpublished Tokens of the Church of Scotland”, by R.Kerr and J.R.Lockie {1940-41}
  - “Communion Tokens of the Established Church of Scotland, 19th-20th centuries”, by R.Kerr and J.R.Lockie {1942-43}
  - “Communion Tokens of the Free Church of Scotland”, by R.Kerr and J.R.Lockie {1944-45}
  - “Unpublished Communion Tokens of various Scottish Churches”, by R.Kerr and J.R.Lockie {1949-50}
• Fasti and Annals relating to the various denominations & their ministers, used for identifying the chronology of the ministers who issued CTs; see App.B for details, and App.C for online availability.
• “Ministers of the Church of Scotland 1560-1929”, by Peter Hall {Portsburgh Press, Edinburgh, 2004}. An index to Fasti Ecclesiae Scoticane {App.B refers}, useful for tracking ministerial migrations which might impact CT usage, or for tracing people with particular initials.
• “Tokens of Grace”, by Laurie Stanley-Blackwell {Cape Breton University Press, 2006} is not a numismatic book as such, but describes the evolution of the Scottish communion service tradition.
• “The Story of the Token, as Belonging to the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper”, by Robert Shiells {originally published 1892, available as a modern paperback reprint}
• “Old Scottish Communion Plate”, by Thomas Burns {R.+ R. Clark, Edinburgh, 1892}, is a valuable source of anecdotal information about usage and manufacture.

HOP TOKENS:
• “Hop Tokens of Kent and East Sussex, and their Issuers”, by Alan C. Henderson {Spink, 1990}

For those interested in the history and genealogy of these pieces, Alan has since privately published several volumes of “Hop Token Issuers and their Tokens”. Further details available from the editor.

BRITISH SALES CATALOGUES
Richard Gladdle’s sale catalogue of March 2000 contains many interesting illustrations of crude leads. Lead tokens which reach the saleroom rarely do so in any quantity and are well scattered.

EUROPEAN BOOKS ON LEAD AND RELATED MATTERS {Old}
• Congrès de Douai: Quelques reflexions sur l’origin et l’usage des méreaux, extrait des recherches sur les monnaies, médailles etc. dont le ville de St.Omer…” by Alex.Hermand {p.385-418 in “Archives Historiques et litteraires du Nord de la France, et du midi de la Belgique” {Vol.4, 1836; but be careful, there are more than one series} In French.
• “Collection de Plombs Historiés trouvés dans la Seine”, by Arthur Forgeais. Line drawgins of most pieces. In French.
  Vol.1: “Corporations de Métiers {Paris, 1862}
  Vol.3: “Variétés Numismatiques” {Paris 1864}
  Vol.5: “Numismatique Populaire” {Paris 1866}
• “Numismatique des Corprations Parisiennes, Métiers etc. d’apres les Plombs Historiés trouvés dans la Seine”, by Arthur Forgeais {Paris 1874}. In French; effectively, vol.6 of the above. Vols.2,4 relate to religious lead artefacts other than tokens,and are hence not listed here. In French.
• “Méreaux de Bienfaisance Ecclésiastiques et Religeux de la Ville de Bruges”, by Alphonse de Schodt {Brussels 1875-78}. In French.
• “Essai de Numismatique Yproise”, by Alphonse Vandenpeereboom {Brussels, 1877}, In French.
• “Description de méreaux et jetons de présence, etc., des gildes et corps de métiers, eglises, etc.”, bu L.Minard van Hoorebeke. In three volumes, covering different areas of Belgium {Flanders only} and the Netherlands. {Ghent, 1877-79} Lots of excellent line drawings. Bilingual French & Dutch.
• “Beschreibing der bekanntesten Kupfermünzen” by Josef Neumann. In six volumes, covering the entire range of copper coins and tokens of Europe; no lead mentioned, but mentioning many continental pieces used for the same purpose as lead. {Prague, 1858-72, reprinted with a very useful index volume in 1967}. No illustrations, and of a rather disorganised structure. In German.
• “Jetons et Méreaux depuis Louis IX jusqu’a la fin du Consulat de Bonaparte”, by F.Feuardent. In four volumes, three of text and one of illustrations, covering France specifically; little or no lead mentioned, but like Neumann above discussing many pieces used for the same purpose as lead. (Paris, 1904, with later reprints). In French.
  Vol.1, NP29:  A-L  {Brussels, late 1970s?}
  Vol.2, NP33:  M-Z {Brussels, 1982}

The main Belgian numismatic journal, Revue Belge de Numismatique {RBN}, contains a large number of articles on méreaux, the most sizeable of which are listed in App.A; as yet I have not investigated them in any depth, and cannot say how many of them (i) refer to lead or (ii) cover the type of material normally referred to in LTT. Some of them certainly do, but not all. A number of them are online; RBN also contains a large number of smaller articles and items of correspondence referring to méreaux, often individual pieces.

Many publications relating to the older coinage of the German-speaking world are written on a town-by-town or state-by-state basis, i.e. they are geographically oriented first and foremost with the category of numismatic material taking second place, which is the opposite of what we are used to in Britain and most other countries. This means that, instead of books covering a type of numismatic material across-the-board for the whole country, a town or state’s issues are dealt with in isolation, featuring everything from the formal coinage of the state mint to the most humble recognisable token.

EUROPEAN BOOKS ON LEAD AND OTHER TOKEN-RELATED MATTERS [Modern]
• “Pennincxkens van Loode” by J.E.L.Pelsdonk {Privately published, Goudswaard 2003}. In Dutch.

TESSERAE [Numismatic works]
• “De Plumbeis Antiquorum Numismatibus”, by F.Ficoroni {Rome, 1750}. In Latin; excellent line drawings of 695 pieces, although some have queried the degree of realism, and wondered whether Ficorini was sometimes allowing himself artistic licence to amuse his audience.
• "Tesserarum Urbis Romae et Surburbi", by M.Rostovtsev {St.Petersburg, 1903}. Partly in Russian, partly in Latin. Modern reprint {Italian} available in Latin only. List 3600+ pieces, of which a small proportion are illustrated.
**TESSERAE [Non-numismatic works]**


**SEALS**

“Lead Cloth Seals and Related Items in the British Museum” by Geoff Egan {British Museum Occasional Paper No.93, pub.1995}


“Russian Cloth Seals in Britain” by Dr.John Sullivan {Oxbow, 2012}.

“Collecting Seals: An Illustrated Guide to Dating”, by Bryon Pateman {Whitehall Press, 2008}

“The Sealing of Cloth in Europe”, by Walter Endrei & Geoff Egan {Textile History Vol.13, 1982, p.47-75}

“Sigillographie historique”, by Antoine Sabatier (Paris, 1912).  In French; extensive coverage of French seals of the 14th-18th centuries, with short sections on the seals of other European countries, including England.

“An Illustrated Guide to the Identification of Lead Seals Attached to Cloth, from the British Perspective”, by Stuart Elton {Archaeopress, 2017}

**SEVENTEENTH CENTURY TOKENS**

Although very few of these are actually in lead, the 17th century token series is in one sense the one which is most akin to crude lead in terms of identifying with local people; and in consequence, the series which is most often used for purposes of comparison. There are a number of books and a large quantity of small articles on the series, amongst the most important of which are the following:

- “Trade Tokens issued in the Seventeenth Century”, by G.C.Williamson, 1889, reprinted by Seaby in 1967 {3 vols}.  Regarded as the standard work on the series, Williamson’s reference numbers are still used today.  A thorough listing, very few illustrations.
- “Seventeenth Century Tokens of the British Isles and their Values”, by M.Dickinson 1986, republished 2004.  An attempt to update Williamson’s listing to reflect the finds since 1889; only lightly illustrated, with some interesting background explanation.
- “Sylloge of Coins of the British Isles: The Norweb Collection”, by R.H.Thompson and {from vol.III} M.J.Dickinson.  Lists one of the most comprehensive collections of the series, with every piece illustrated; by far the most extensive list of pictorial representations.

Vol. I: Beds to Devon
Vol. II: Dorset to Gloucs
Vol. III: Hants to Lincs
Vol. IV: Norfolk to Somerset
Vol. V: Staffs to Westmorland
Vol. VI: Wilts to Yorks, Ireland, Wales
Vol. VII: City of London
Vol.VIII: Middlesex and unknowns
A number of books, journals and articles discuss particular counties, often with an emphasis on the historical and genealogical background of the issuers. Anyone with an interest in any particular county, please email the LTT editor. The article on Nottinghamshire 17th cent tokens in BNJ {British Numismatic Chronicle} Vol.51 p.134-196, by P.Preston-Morley and H.Pegg, is particularly recommended as an example of a well-illustrated study which attempts to describe, and establish the chronological order of, many of the interesting design features.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL WORKS CONTAINING REFERENCES TO LEAD TOKENS
“Mediaeval Waterfront Development at Trig Lane, London” by Gustav & Chrissie Milne {London & Middlesex Arch.Soc, 1982}

MERCHANT MARKS
• “Devices of the Early Printers, 1457-1560; their History and Development”, by H.W.Davies {Grafton & Co., London 1935}
• “Merchants’ Marks”, by E.M.Elmhirst {Harleian Society Vol.41, London 1959}
• “English Merchants’ Marks”, by F.A.Girling {Oxford Univ.Press, London 1964}

PUB, SHOP AND OTHER SIGNS
“London Signs”, by Bryant Lillywhite {George Allen & Unwin, 1971}
“Sign Boards of Old London Shops”, by Sir Ambrose Heal {Portman, 1957}
“The History of Signboards from the Earliest Times”, by Jacob Larwood and John Camden Hotten {orig 1866, plus later reprints}

POOR LAW ADMINISTRATION
"Almshouse: A Social & Architectural History" by Brian Howson. {History Press, 2008}
“The Parish Officer’s Complete Guide” {ECCO reproduction of 18th cent title, 2010}

Whilst not covering the lead token period, “Life in the Victorian and Edwardian Workhouse” by Michelle Higgs {Tempus, 2007} contains some interesting material, a little of which may have its origins in an earlier period.

ECONOMIC HISTORY POTENTIALLY RELATED TO LEAD TOKENS
• “Six Centuries of Work and Wages: The History of English Labour” by J.E.Thorold Rogers {pub. 1884, frequently reprinted}. Describes the reasons for fluctuations in the cost of what money would buy and people would earn.
• Vols.1-2: 1259-1400
• Vols.3-4: 1401-1582
• Vols.5-6: 1583-1702
• Vols.7a,7b: 1703-1793

OTHER SOCIAL HISTORY POTENTIALLY RELATED TO LEAD TOKENS
“Silent Fields” by Roger Lovegrove {Oxford Univ.Press, 2007}. A history of the deliberate killing of British wildlife, hinting at some of the possible reasons for issue of lead tokens of types 18 and 19.
App. A: Articles on Lead Méreaux in Revue Belge de Numismatique

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Marcel Hoc, Les méreaux de la Chambre des Pauvres de Courtrai

Ch. Gilleman, Méreaux gantois. Deuxième série

Joseph de Beer, Méreaux anversois (IIe partie)

Jos. de Beer, Méreaux anversois; essai descriptif. Première partie

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Appendix B: Communion Token Issuers

B.1. Fasti and Annals relating to the various denominations & their ministers:

The purpose of this list is primarily to identify those works which identify the chronology of the ministers and churches which issued communion tokens. There are other titles in some of the series, but I have limited the list as far as I can to the period when communion tokens were in widespread use. Most of the titles mentioned are available on the Internet; for details of which, see App.C.

Modern reproduction paperbacks of the UPC titles {9-11} exist.

A general online summary of literature in this subject area appears at: http://www.kinhelp.co.uk/KinHelp/genealogical-resources-hints/your-ancestor-was-a-scottish-clergyman

ESTABLISHED CHURCH

1. Fasti ecclesiae Scoticaneae, Vol.I: Synod of Lothian and Tweeddale. {Oliver & Boyd, 1915}
2. Fasti ecclesiae Scoticaneae, Vol.II. Synods of Merse and Teviotdale Dumfries & Galloway {Oliver & Boyd, 1915}
3. Fasti ecclesiae Scoticaneae, Vol.III. Synod of Glasgow & Ayr {Oliver & Boyd, 1920}
5. Fasti ecclesiae Scoticaneae, Vol.V: Synod of Fife, and of Angus and Mearns. {Oliver & Boyd, 1925}
7. Fasti ecclesiae Scoticaneae, Vol.VII: Synods of Ross, Sutherland and Caithness, Glenelg, Orkney and Shetland, {Oliver & Boyd, 1928}

NOTE: The above been indexed by Peter Hall of Portsburgh Press {see main text}, and there are also a set of CDs marketed by one David Walker at http://www.dwalker.pwp.blueyonder.co.uk/fastinew.htm The latter are apparently searchable, but I have no experience of them.

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

9. Annals and Statistics of the United Presbyterian Church, by William McKelvie {1873}
10. History of the Congregations of the United Presbyterian Church, from 1733 to 1900, by Robert Small: Vol.I {1904}
11. History of the Congregations of the United Presbyterian Church, from 1733 to 1900, by Robert Small: Vol.II {1904}

EPISCOPAL

12. Scottish Episcopal Clergy, 1689-2000, by David M. Bertie {Continuum, 2001}

FREE CHURCH

14. The Fasti of the United Free Church of Scotland, 1900-1929", by J.A.Lamb {Olliver & Boyd, 1956}
Appendix C: On-line references to British Token Websites

MAIN LEAD TOKEN ARTICLES IN THE BRITISH NUMISMATIC JOURNAL, BY MICHAEL MITCHINER & ANNE SKINNER:


COMMUNION TOKENS:

http://ads.ahds.ac.uk/catalogue/addata/PSAS_2002/pdf/vol_041/41_453_604.pdf {Brook, 1907}
http://ads.ahds.ac.uk/catalogue/addata/PSAS_2002/pdf/vol_075/75_144_150.pdf {Kerr/Lockie, 1940-41}
http://ads.ahds.ac.uk/catalogue/addata/PSAS_2002/pdf/vol_084/84_038_056.pdf {Kerr/Lockie, 1949-50}

Michael Shutty, the author of the new {2013} introductory communion token paperback, mentioned earlier in this bibliography, has set up a specialist CT website at http://communiontokens.blogspot.co.uk/

COMMUNION TOKEN ISSUERS {numbers cross-reference to App.B}:

3.  http://www.archive.org/stream/fastiecclesiasco03scotuoft/fastiecclesiasco03
8.  http://www.archive.org/stream/fastiecclesiasco08scotuoft/fastiecclesiasco08
9.  http://www.archive.org/stream/annalsstatistics00mack/annalsstatistics00mack_djvu.txt
13. Ewing appears not to be online
14. Lamb appears not to be online

SEALS:

Stuart Elton’s Bagseal website is at http://www.bagseals.org/

Ged Dodd’s Baltic bale seals site is now at http://www.peacehavens.co.uk/BSHOME.htm {homepage}. The whole site is worth a good browse, but of particular interest as far as listings of known pieces are concerned are the following three subheadings:

- Identification page:  http://www.peacehavens.co.uk/BSINDENT.htm
- All inspectors’ page:  http://www.peacehavens.co.uk/BSDATABASE.htm
- All posts page:  http://www.peacehavens.co.uk/BSPOSTNUMBERS.htm
- Numbers only page:  http://www.peacehavens.co.uk/BS12345.htm
Appendix C: On-line references to British Token Websites {continued}

WILLIAMSON ON MAIN SERIES 17th CENTURY TOKENS:

Part 1: https://archive.org/details/tradetokensissu02unkngoog {Beds to London}
Part 2: https://archive.org/details/tradetokensissu00boyngoog {Middx to Yorks, Wales, Ireland, indices and sundries}.

TOKEN CORRESPONDING SOCIETY

https://www.thetokensociety.org.uk/

⇒ The Token Corresponding Society {TCS} is Britain’s main society for token enthusiasts specifically. There is an annual Congress each year, plus a journal, and members are encouraged to collaboratively encourage each others’ research. The main website menu, and details of activities, are obtained by scrolling down the front page. A variety of articles are available, including several on subject relevant to LTT readers, as also are back numbers of all but the more recent volumes of the quarterly TCS bulletin.

DETECTORIST SITES SPECIALISING IN LEAD MATERIAL

https://www.facebook.com/groups/737531112986629/

⇒ Tony William’s “All Things Lead” Facebook group, includes frequent tokens amongst its many artefacts of interest.

{Appendix D, On-line references to Foreign Token Websites, continues overleaf}
**Appendix D: On-line references to Foreign Token Websites**

**Note:** Some of these sites are dedicated to lead; others are more general, with a varying amount of lead contents. May I encourage you not to be offput by their authors’ use of foreign languages for, apart from the fact that picture and numerals are the same to everybody, online tools have improved enormously in recent times and, with most of the languages of the nearer European nations, fair accuracy can be obtained, or at least enough to get the gist. Large chunks of text can be cut and pasted into something like Google Translate, up to 5000 characters at the last count, often rendering even a whole article available to the ordinary reader.

Apart from mere browsing for interest, there are other advantages to be had by perusing such sites:

a) You may have an unidentified token which is foreign, without your realising it, and come across it, or something similar, by chance.

b) You will get a better feel of what various foreign tokens look like, making identification or elimination easier in the future should you subsequently find one.

c) You may actually be able to solve one or two of the author’s unknowns for him! In which case, use Google Translate to help you and get in touch; he/she will be very appreciative.

**THE LOW COUNTRIES {NETHERLANDS and BELGIUM}**

http://www.loodjes.nl/

⇒ This is the main site of regular LTT contributor Allex Kussendrager; loodjes equals lead. The sire’s contents are many and various, but the front page menu options thought most likely to appeal to LTT readers are as follows:

| Row 1, Col.1: | Baken - Loden | = Beacon leads |
| Row 1, Col.2: | Armenzorg - Overigen | = Lead poor money |

| Row 1, Col.4: | Determinatie | = For identification |
| Row 2, Col.1: | Bakenloden | = Beacon leads |
| Row 2, Col.2: | Loden penningen | = Lead tokens |
| Row 3, Col.2: | Pseudomunten | = Lead pseudo-money {groat/penny-like} |

| Row 4, Col.2: | Kerkelijke penningen | = Church tokens |
| Row 5, Col.4: | Vraag?teken? | = Help required with identification |
| Row 6, Col.1: | Handelsloden | = Badges |

| Row 7, Col.1: | Ontgrondingspenningen | = Passes |
| Row 7, Col.2: | Graanpenningen | = Grain tokens |
| Row 7, Col.3: | Handmerken: | = Merchant marks |
| Row 7, Col.4: | Holpenningen: | = Overview of Dutch tokens 1457-1572 |
THE LOW COUNTRIES {NETHERLANDS and BELGIUM}, continued


→ This is a collection entitled “Loodjes & Armengeld”, i.e. lead tokens and poor money, also put together by Allex, more as an easy visual display to advertise the subject and generate interest.

http://www.numisbel.be/inhoudstafel.htm

→ The Revue Belge de Numismatique {RBN} website is at http://www.numisbel.be/inhoudstafel.htm. The index follows the main page and most, but not all, volumes can be obtained via hyperlink {although download times may be a concern}. There are also a number of smaller articles, apart from those listed in App.A.

http://www.lodenpenningen-mereaux.be/

→ Privately run Belgian lead token website with sections accessible by century {subdivided into type} or country {subdivided into town or city}. Be sure to look at homepage option “Meer” which grants access to these. There is also a good bibliography, access via homepage option “Literatuur”.

https://www.lodenpenningen-belgie.be/

→ This appears to be a more general Belgian token website by the same author, Paul Callewaert, as the above. Once again it appears to be excellently organised, this time by location {town/city} subdivided into tokens types. Maybe all the lead is on the first site, but this complements it nicely, illustrating the rest of the country’s token issues for comparison.

FRANCE

https://wikicollection.fr/

→ Laurent Nesly’s excellent website, which he is using as online storage en route to putting together a three volume work on the advertising tokens of France from 1750 to 1950, also contains some very interesting material relating to other categories; probably not too much lead, as his emphasis is on more modern pieces, but put “plomb” into the search engine and try selecting “Lire la Suite” {= “Read More”} to whatever comes up, and you will find a few interesting bits and pieces. If you are interested in French tokens more widely, it is certainly well worth a look, and not least for the bibliography provided by “La Boutique” {shop}, which illustrates what a superb range of literature the wider French token community has produced.

https://wikicollection.fr/?p=41766

→ The French have their own token association, Association des Collectionneurs de Jetons-Monnaie {ACJM}, equivalent of the British Token Corresponding Society, details of which can be accessed via this specific link on Laurent’s wikicollection.fr website above. It includes an extensive list of ACJM’s own publications and of the articles in back volumes of the journal.
ITALY

https://www.complianceturin.it/gettonineisecoli/catalogoschede/

⇒ This website commemorates the work of Italian paranumismatist Paolo Pitotto (1952-2016), who discovered tokens in 1997 and became fascinated by them. Its centrepiece is his token catalogue, neatly divided into 43 chapters according to usage, which between them contain not only a very extensive list of modern Italian issue but also {rather strangely}, such items from other countries which he obtained as well.

⇒ Once again, being concerned with relatively modern material, there is probably only a small amount of lead; however, the Italian for lead is “piombi”, and occurrences of it can be found in chapters 16{parts 1,2,5}, 18, 24, 26, 27, 33, 36 and 41.

GERMANY/AUSTRIA

https://wertmarkenforum.de/

⇒ This is a German-language token enthusiasts’ forum with a whole load of other useful links, including many references to available literature. I am not sure as yet whether it is related to an actual society or is largely a one-man show.

⇒ https://wertmarkenforum.de/downloads-wmf/ provides back numbers of the site’s journals, in very much the same was as LTT or the British Token Corresponding Society.

The German series is massive, running to over fifty thousand pieces when the German-language issues of adjacent countries are included, which when cataloguing they often are. The standard work on post-1840 issues is Peter Menzel’s “Deutschsprachige Notmünzen und Gerdersatzmarken” {i.e. Tokens of the German-Speaking World}, the latest version of which {2018} has been been put on DVD in .pdf format and can be easily searched, which is by far the easiest way to electronically explore the series. Earlier versions were in book form, but the series is now reckoned to have become too large for that to be viable. Menzel includes German-language pieces issued in other countries, mostly but not exclusively adjacent. It is not, however, illustrated.

AUSTRIA/HUNGARY


⇒ Put this address into Google and you get offered a free download of a catalogue of Austro/Hungarian material produced by Viennese collector Erich Hesiler.

NORWAY

I cannot find any website. There is apparently a book, “Norske Poletter og Akkordmerker”, by Magnar Øverland, published in 2003, which I have never seen. It only has 148 pages, which either implies that Norway’s token issues are fairly slender or that the book is not very comprehensive.
DENMARK

https://www.danskmoent.dk/po.htm

⇒ Put this address into Google and take the translate option, whereupon a small selection of articles become available. Jørgen Somod’s seven-section series on tokens from mediaeval times up to 1900 seems to be the best of them, and there are searchable lists with notes, but there are very few illustrations. The Scandinavian words for “token” and “lead” seem to be “pollett” and “bly” respectively. Note: See also the Swedish section below, which advertises further Danish literature.

SWEDEN

www.pollett.se/

⇒ This, again best reached by a translation option as above, is the website of the Swedish Token Society, their equivalent of the British Token Corresponding Society. As such, it is more interesting in advertising its facilities than providing lists and pictures as such, although of course it does do a limited amount of that in the course of marketing itself. There are good sections on what literature is available, which shows the range of its interest.

POLAND

I know of no general token website, although there is an interesting article by Tomas Maćkowski at https://www.ejournals.eu/Studia-Historica-Gedanensis/2018/Tom-9-20178/art/13907/ , concerning the payment of citizens for compulsory municipal work using lead tokens in the 16th cent, which can be downloaded. For those of you who don’t want to be bothered to put the Polish through Google Translate, there will be an introductory article on the subject shortly in LTT_149.

The Polish words for “token” and “lead” seem to be “żetony” and “ołów”, both of which contain some nice diacritic marks which will probably make searching tricky.

GENERAL SITES

Where coins and tokens have an inscription it is often possible to find out something about them by Googling the inscription, which can lead one to a variety of useful sources like auctioneer’s archives or numismatic chat websites. This rarely works for lead because of the lack of searchable description, so the alternative is usually to home in on sites likely to be relevant; e.g., detectorist ones, before doing the search. One of them, Tony William’s “All Things Lead” Facebook group, specifically focuses on lead:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/737531112986629/

⇒ The material discussed on “All Things Lead” is mainly British, but a number of its 4800+ members do live abroad and some foreign material therefore also features.

Any interesting omissions or additions to the above, please mail in and let us know so that we can update the next edition