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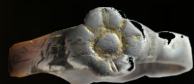
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A Message from Admin

Hi Everyone

Welcome to this, the forty-fourth edition of the UKDN Word.

It's been a busy month for the forum with much going on behind the scenes. Our Great UKDN Prize Mystery Object Competition was a roaring success with silversimon being the winner. This fantastic competition was run on the 20th March 2011, in the main, by Tom Redmayne. A thread was started at 7pm that evening with 20 pictures on it. The pictures were of parts of different, common and not-so-common detector finds; a multiple mystery-object competition! The pictures were left up for just an hour and then removed.

Attention is being brought back to our Facebook and Twitter accounts so those of you with these social networking sites should join our groups so that we may keep in touch via these channels too !! Further details will be in the next edition of Word.

Some good news came in when it was announced that two Treasure Hoards were saved for the nation on the same day, 21st March 2011. Both the Frome Hoard of Roman coins and the Iron Age Hoard of Gold Torcs, or neck ornaments, uncovered near Stirling in Scotland have been

secured for the UK public with significant assistance from the Art Fund and the National Heritage Memorial Fund.

The Museum of Somerset took possession of the £320,250 Frome Hoard and further funds of over £100,000 towards its conservation. At the same time the National Museum of Scotland adds UKDN member davieb1974's four stunning Iron Age gold Torcs, dated between the 1st and 3rd century BC, to its collection. The cost of £462,000 needed for the Torcs being raised through various means.

Crops are now going into the ground and Spring is well on its way. The past 10 days or so have, in the main, been fairly glorious for detecting and many finds are being made right now and being posted on the forum.

On a final note we ask again for you to check that we have your current email address and for you to fill in your location details in your profile. These two actions help us to help you by keeping you informed by way of email announcements and for other members to have an idea of where about in the country you are.

Enjoy your magazine an, if you are interested in being a contributor then please contact a member of the team.



Coin of The Month

Digger33 does the double and wins Coin and Artefact of the Month with two stunning finds. Both from the same field in Hertfordshire.

Below - His Whaddon Bird Celtic Unit



The Iron Age silver came out after a long wet morning enduring muddy clod boots. I had a very large signal close to the surface which proved to be a lead disc of about 2 ounces, so probably a rural weight of some sort. As I filled in and picked up my XP Adventis it made another sharp signal.

I rechecked the spot once I was fully upright again and it sounded good so I dug it. A quick furtle in the mud and there

it was! It was quite green with verdigris with some silver showing but my detecting partner Pep and I thought it was silver plated bronze.

It was not until I had got home and had given it a very light clean it all showed out as pure good quality silver.

A truly great coin!

Digger33 - Luke Denham

Artefact of the Month

Below - The superb double-sided seal matrix



The seal was the result of a pleasant day but good finds were proving hard to come by. I had been doing strict rows up and down the field all morning and was just contemplating whether to move to a different part of the field when the sweet tone of something nice came through the headphones. It only took a quick flick with the digger and there it lay.

I was quite staggered with what was lying there as I had always hoped for a seal of this quality, but imagine my pleasure when I picked it up and turned it over to reveal it was double sided. I left my machine and digger lying on the field and jogged up to

the farm track to give it a rinse in a tractor rut puddle. It was stunning!!

I had to wait for about 2 hours for my mate Pep to come into view and when I sat down next to him as he was having a fag he asked in that knowing way - "what ya found now then"? I said, Would you believe me if I told you I have found the holy grail? I then showed him the side with the little faced cup and then the other side, the usual expletives were uttered.

Luke Denham... digger33

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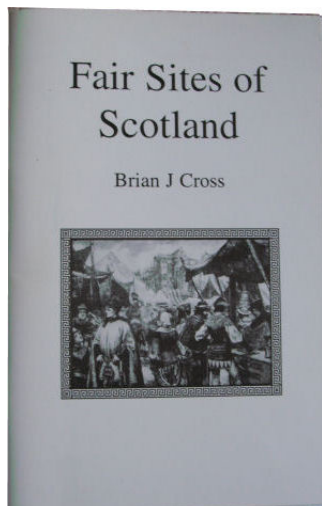
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Fair Sites of Scotland by Brian Cross



Written by UKDN Forum Founder Brian Cross this book researches all the Cattle, Sheep and Horse fair sites in Scotland. It is an excellent research tool for any detectorist intent on discovering some of these highly productive metal detecting sites.

Originally sold for £6.50 + postage Brian is offering these books to UK DETECTOR NET for a one-off price of £6.41 including postage and Paypal fees.

All the proceeds i.e. £5 from the sale of each book will go to the server costs of UK DETECTOR NET.

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How much is it worth?

All that glitters is not gold,

Well so goes the saying we have been told,

It may be gilt, or some plated ore,

But we keep on searching for artefacts, our ancestors wore.

It might be bronze, silver or gold,

But detectorist's don't mind providing its old,

You see the value isn't measured in pounds, shillings or pence,

It's the history that matters, if that makes sense.

The thoughts of our ancestors, as we hold that ring,

Or trying to find out the date of the coin, by the head of a king,

So next time you read about great finds in the press,

Give your thoughts to the history, and the value a bit less!

Treasurehunterste 2011

Reporting Nighthawking;

Please note that the latest advice is that given that what we are talking about is criminal activity - whether it be looting a scheduled monument, or the theft of artefacts from a field where the perpetrators have no permission to be - the recommended actions are:

For crimes in progress - 999 call and request police attendance.

For crimes that have happened a report to your local police via the non-emergency reporting number <http://www.police.uk/> (click on link enter post code, number shown on the right hand side)

Other matters of background information and potential intelligence can go to Chief Inspector Harrison of the Kent Police http://www.kent.police.uk/contact_us/contact_us.html

A message from above

Medieval Ring donated to Swindon Museum By Leothelion (Lee Miller)

Lee goes out on a cold crispy day, finds nothing but junk and calls it a day... walking back to the car something tells him to switch his detector back on almost at the gate...this is the story of what he found

It was a cold and crisp February morning last year, on one of those rare days that snow had left us alone, when I decided to visit an old set aside field that I had permission to detect on near Wanborough, Wiltshire. The previous harvest had been corn, and the stubble that was left, had now had time to decay somewhat, making it a lot easier for the coil.

had enough of digging up junk

The day I remember very well, as largely it had been a frustrating day, with little else being found. I was walking back to the car having had enough of digging up junk, when suddenly almost at the gate something inside me urged me to stop turn my machine on and detect the last few yards. I'm sure others have had that feeling at some time before. I turned on the machine and with my first swing came a lovely clean signal.

After digging only a couple inches down I

was met by this lovely silver ring. It had a beautiful rose on the bezel and was a clasped hand motif to the reverse. I knew straight away that it was old, but was unsure of the date. It was an extremely odd occasion which has only ever happened the once and thinking about it now still gives me the shivers.

message from my beloved Nan,

I like to think it was a message from my beloved Nan, who had died not long before the event. Maybe she was looking down on me giving me a bit of help. You never know!

The ring was sent straight to David Williams who is the Finds Liaison Officer for Surrey and East Berkshire. After examining it he assessed it as being a 13th to 14thc faith type Silver-Gilt Medieval Ring and declared it as potential treasure.



In the last 10 months Caroline Lyons, Treasure Registrar for the British Museum has been dealing the ring. She had it sent to the Coroners Office and also to the Treasure Valuation Committee. It was also sent to the Swindon Museum, who showed a great interest. Maybe not many Medieval Rings are found in that area? The value of the ring was given at £90 but to be honest that's meaningless to me I've never detected to find valuable treasure.

It's all about touching the past.

I decided to donate the ring to the Museum and they have promised to add my name on a little tag, saying it was found by me. It will be a great thrill to have an object I found on show in a Museum.

Lee Miller April 2011



Did you See

With almost 500 members visiting every single day and 100's of new posts every day it is so easy for you, the members of UKDN, to miss out on some very interesting posts. So, each month in the magazine we will bring to your attention some posts that you might have missed like.....

The sunflower challenge, after being beaten by popsandme's thirteen footer last year, several members are up for the challenge again,

[**See Here**](#)

NASA Probe is First Spacecraft to Orbit Mercury. A well-travelled NASA probe made history late Thursday, becoming the first spacecraft ever to enter into orbit around Mercury. Discussion followed.

[**See Here**](#)

Been making a smoker... the lengths some people will go to burn their grub !!

[**See Here**](#)

Afghan Gold - See Here

WHAT MACHINE ???? - - - tired of large iron !! - See Here

Praise the lord, we now have a decent harness. - See Here

UKDN FUN DSLR - Camera PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION



***Sqonk was the winner
Wembley Stadium at the Carling Cup Final 2011 - the
view from my seat (in the Birmingham end)
Composite of 4 pictures taken with a Canon Powershot SX130 IS***

Did you know?

The modern currencies of both China and Japan developed from Silver dollars introduced by European and American traders. They were exchanged for silk, tea, porcelain and even rhubarb. Called "round coins" – 'Yuan in Chinese' and 'Yen in Japanese'.

Did you know?

Some of the earliest records of the use of money came from Africa. The first African coins were issued about 500BC by a Greek colony on the Libyan coast.

Did you know?

Sir Thomas Crapper, attributed to inventing the flush toilet, was a nephew of Queen Elizabeth.

Did you know?

Henry VIII was a second son and was originally destined for life in the clergy - this changed when his brother Arthur died at the age of fifteen

Did you know?

The word millionaire was first used by Benjamin Disraeli in his 1826 novel Vivian Grey.

UKDN Fun Point Press and Pray - Camera PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION



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The Short Cross Coinage 1180-1247

Help in identifying the Short Cross Penny

The Short Cross coin, which was introduced by Henry II, in 1180, often causes confusion when metal detectorists or collectors try and identify the period of issue. One common misconception is that because it bears the name 'HENRICVS' is that it must be attributed to King Henry II or III. This is not correct. Both of Henry II's sons, Richard and John, used the same name on the coins.

In fact the only known coins bearing Richard's name are from his territories of Aquitaine and Poitou in western France. In the case of John his name appeared only on Irish coins, such as the penny, half penny and farthing.

all four monarchs use the same or very similar legend

It is because all four Monarchs use the same or very similar legend, that makes identification of the coins, a bit difficult for the less experienced collector and can be quite challenging for the experienced ones also. However there are differences, and with practice it is possible to date the coins reasonably accurately.

So what differences might you encounter? Well on the obverse most common ones are the pellets on the crown or curls of hair. Others include a different cross on the saltire or unusual shaped letters. However on the reverse it is often small pellet stops, or the moneyer himself that gives you the biggest clue.

The difficulty really comes into its own when the coin is worn or damaged. It may also be that the coin has been cut into quarters or halves, in order to use as smaller change, such as a farthing or half penny, as at this stage in English history, only the penny coin existed. In these cases you will only have certain letters available to you, and it is a case of eliminating the other moneyers from that class. It can help even more if you can decipher the actual mint, where the coin was made.

there were twenty one mints operating

In total there were twenty one mints operating during the Short Cross period, and dozens of Moneyers – many with the same name or similar names.

The Mints in operation were: Canterbury, Carlisle, Chichester, Durham, Exeter, York, Ipswich, Kings Lynn, Lichfield, London, Lincoln, Northampton, Norwich, Oxford, Rochester, Rhuddlan, Shrewsbury, Bury St. Edmunds, Wilton, Winchester and Worcester.

It is also worthwhile remembering that just like today, there were forgeries and imitations – many from the continent. New examples are always being found by metal detectorists and the reference books very quickly become outdated, due to this invaluable information. However for those with a real interest in this coinage, a reference book (of which there are many) is the only real way of developing your knowledge.

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Henry III class 6c3 London (DE from the end of LVNDE is visible) cut penny, moneyer RAVF or RAVLF



Why we need Metal Detecting Forums

I have recently been grounded by a serious back injury, which may put me out of detecting permanently.

Now, I have seen posts which question what use forums are, or things to that effect.

Well here is the answer in as short a piece as I can make it.

I have enjoyed only ten years in the most fantastic hobby I have ever had, and, during that time have had contact with some amazing folk, some of whom I have never met, but still feel that I know. Those I have come face to face with are amongst the best on earth.

Then we look at the fora, all of them, and only have to mention a problem we have to be given support second to none.

I can switch on my PC, log in to any forum I choose, and see, the most wonderful pictures of finds, or just something which has captured the eye. I can read about other detectorists finds, and enjoy experiencing the finders satisfaction.

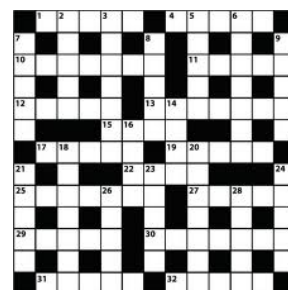
If, and when, I have to accept that it will be in my best interest to stop, I would hate to think that I could not log in, anywhere, to get my daily dose of detecting, even if by default.

I would implore all you wonderful folk to continue with your contributions to UKDN, as it adds to the enjoyment of those that are unable to carry on with the hobby, and ensures that we do not miss out on seeing what you are doing with the legacy left by our predecessors.

Oldgitjohn - April 2011

Coins Crossword

By PhilD



PhilD has created a crossword with a theme of coins which will suit all you crossword buffs. This one is web-based and is very clever in that the programme fills it in for you as you get the words correct. Take a look by clicking the link below.

<http://www.atoz.forumukdetectornet.co.uk/Crossword%20PhilD1.html>

The Great UKDN Prize Mystery Object Competition !

The Answers

This fantastic competition was run on the 20th March 2011 and was a huge success. A thread was started at 7pm that evening with 20 pictures on it. The pictures were of parts of different, common and not-so-common detector finds; a multiple mystery-object competition!

The pictures were left up for just an hour and then removed. The winner was silversimon. Below for those who did not see them on the forum are the answers. A brilliant competition which we are sure will be repeated. The winner by the way received a prize of Kevin Leahy's wonderful book, "Anglo Saxon Crafts"



1. Anglo-Saxon saucer brooch



2. Henry II "Tealby" penny



3. George III



4. Nuremburg rose-orb jeton



5. Tudor hooked clothing tag



6. Roman steelyard scale



7. Vespasian



8. Medieval pilgrim's ampulla



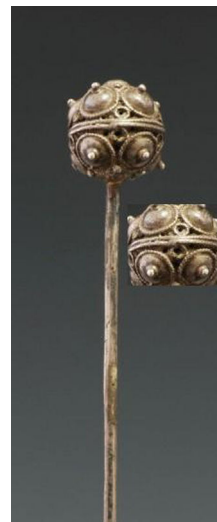
9. Purse frame



10. Medieval locking buckle



11. Roman dolphin buckle



12. Filigree pin head



13. Anglo-Saxon ceramic burial urn



14. Crotal bell



15. Iron-Age dragonesque brooch



16. Iron-Age terret ring



17. Bronze-Age looped and socketed axe



18. Thomas Becket lead pilgrim badge



19. (bottom Left) Elizabethan seal-top spoon

20. Mary (above)



A friends Special Hammered Coin

If you ever needed something to inspire you to get out into those fields and search for that special find then this story about Colin Hall, a wheelchair-bound detectorist, has got to be the one.

Sometimes a story comes along that gets you thinking, this one is about a member of the Bloxwich Research & Metal Detector Club, Colin Hall. Colin is a wheelchair user and a regular detectorist. He joined the club five years ago and attends most digs.

The extraordinary thing about Colin is that he gets out of his wheelchair and crawls along the ground swinging his detector. As you can imagine he does not cover much ground this way. So his chance of finding anything is pretty low, he says that he mainly finds rubbish and the odd copper grot. He and his detecting partner, Linda Gill, had been struggling to find land with suitable access for Colin's car and wheelchair.

Les Barrett (UKDN forum name Baza) generously invited them to join him on one of his permissions with another chap called Charlie. The four had been detecting for about three hours, when Linda and Les walked towards Colin. Colin was waving like mad and grinning like the proverbial Cheshire Cat.

his first hammered coin!

Amazingly, what had he found after five years of finding nothing but rubbish, his first hammered coin! Jokingly Charlie suggested that it was a button, as we all do when a group of detectorists get together, friendly leg pulling.



In Les's words, Colin has been on a massive high since finding his Penny of Edward I, Class 9b1 London Mint. So high that the supply of helium has been depleted in the Midlands.

Les had taken a picture of Colin holding the coin in the field and wanted to give him a framed copy, I suggested that we could do a bit of Photoshop magic and add some close up images of the coin to the picture as a lasting memory of the day Colin lost his hammered cherry.

I also arranged that the club Chairman Andy Robinson would present the framed photograph at the clubs prize giving evening.

The look on Colin's face was a picture as he was called to the front of the room to receive the photograph. I can safely say that every member of the club is very pleased and happy for Colin.

Colin is a true inspiration to everyone that meets him, he never complains, even when it's raining and he can not get out of his car. He just gets on with his detecting, enjoying just being out in the field with his friends.

Puffin



Andy presenting Colin with his framed photograph

Members Report on the Deus - Part Two

By Blue Yeti



Blue-Yeti continues his in-depth report on the XP Deus covering batteries and his following adventures in the field

Hopefully going to get out Saturday this week so thought I would charge the machine and have a quick 'in air' play. Now I am sure some of the more experienced users of a Deus can tell me other than junk what registers below 40 on the meter? I was playing with finds from my coin tray last night, and the lowest I could find was a very battered and brittle Saxon Penny that was coming in at 46. Now if thats the reality of the matter then surely detecting with discrim at 35 say would be a dream, as all coke would vanish as would low grade silver paper, of course depth will reduce a bit, or am I missing something really obvious?

The good part is I have a lovely field that is full of finds but the key area is splattered with coke, the likes of which you have to see to believe, it will be an really interesting test when I can get on that one!!

you charge just like your mobile

Anyway onto charging for those who haven't used one and are thinking about it. You have no batteries and you charge the machine much like you would your mobile phone. The only difference is the charger has three different fittings to fit into the three units that need charging, the headphones, the control box and the search head. The first two are small versions of a USB style connection, whereas the coil is like a continental two pin plug

that goes into a 'socket' on the top side of the coil. All very easy to do, quick to charge (from dead is about 2/3 hours), and it does not need to be fully discharged before recharging, which is good.



The Four Hammered's Found

Of course this gets picked up in the publicity as a 'saving on batteries' but in reality is it? I only ask that as the manual says the rechargeable units should last 3-4 years charging it once a week. Now if thats the case and then the lithiums need replacing its a direct comparison between the price of new lithiums for headphones, coil and control box versus 3-4 years of batteries in a standard machine.

I don't know the cost of the lithiums but clearly there will be one, so quite what the savings are (without mentioning the electric that will be a miniscule amount) I

will leave to someone who wants to work out the cost of the respective batteries, but for me I do actually like not having to change the batteries on the machine, as I have always found on every machine this is a fiddly and sometimes frustrating job!

Did it to death

A quick mention about Saturdays target field so that there is no after the event hype. Its going to be stubble again, such is the wetness of the ploughed land. The field we are going on is a very small field, that after two hours, you feel you 'have done'. Last year we did it to death on rolled, this year we went back on the stubble two weeks ago and were suprised with the find levels, (a few jettons, buttons, georgians, two book clasps and a half crown between us).

However the preferred area we could not get a signal from and everything mentioned came from the other end that we go on less, by the time we left we were not in a rush to return but without doubt there were still signals to be had, albeit in ever decreasing numbers. So it should be another good test as very little silver and only ever one hammered have come from here. I'll let you all know how it goes.

Got out today for a few hours and myself and Dave headed to the small stubble field previously mentioned. We went on this field two weeks back before we both purchased Deus' and whilst not prolific we were getting occasional signals but by the end of our trip I think neither of us felt another day on it would be a worthwhile effort.



Total Finds Found

This was mainly because the area where the only hammered on this field had come which was detected heavily last year when rolled was dead now, and the other end of the field, that was where we had spent less time last year was the area that produced but we had done a lot of lines up and down now, so it seemed like another good test area based on our low signal expectations

I got five signals

No dramas with exploding bolts or closed roads today - we were on site at 0930. On my first line across I got five signals. Three were buttons, one jetton and a bit of bronze. Now of course this could be luck but I have to say five signals was more than I managed in any line a few weeks previously. Dave managed seven on his line of which about four signals came within a few paces of each other. By the time we reached the other side of the field we were already comparing finds and chatting excitedly.



I got around 40 objects

We continued detecting for around three and a half hours on this field. In that time I got around 40 objects that you would class as finds, 16 buttons, 1 jetton, 2 thimbles, a token, a ring brooch, 4 coins and all the other usual assorted bits.

Dave managed around 30 items and we both had about the same again in non ferrous junk. Interestingly Dave had detected with discrim much higher than mine, I was running at around 10 and he was around 40. He dug no coke or foil (which I did) although to be honest, the good signal with a reading in the 20's pretty much told me I was on a hiding to nothing with those signals, but I guess this is how you build up confidence in a machine, by comparing what its telling you with the facts of what's in the ground.



I have attached some shots of my general finds and also my three 'best' bits. The coin is a James I Lennox farthing in far better condition than is normal for them, a Tudor token with rose, crown and royal legend and a double headed dragon on the reverse and a small ring brooch minus its pin.

would not have hit the depth

Is this more than we found a few weeks back...?. Yes absolutely no question it is. Do I think the machine is the reason, well again I have to call it as I see it and for me there is no doubt that my previous machine would not have hit the depth a number of these bits were recovered from.

More importantly though for me was the fact of the sharpness in the stubble, you are left in doubt you have a signal, even when its near iron, you can often hear the signal from both items and pick out the good one.

During the course of the day only two bits of iron confused the machine. One was a piece of chain, that gave a reading that ranged from zero to 99 so I was confident it was going to be rubbish but wanted to dig it and learn, the other was a large piece of what looked like an old blade that came in at 76, but had a very scratchy edge to it, that didn't have me at all excited about the signal!

fatigue is far less of an issue.

It was all to soon to leave to be honest and the lightness of the machine does mean that fatigue is far less of an issue. Myself and Dave chatted away quite excitedly on the way back as whilst last week with two hammered's is perhaps more 'headline grabbing' today was almost more satisfying as at times we were digging every few paces off a field that we genuinely did not expect that from.

I cannot wait to get on them

I said I was going to avoid hype and indeed I am as a number of the signals hit today would've been hit by other machines I am sure, but I am now mentally really excited about detecting again, particularly some of my favourite fields that are now dead, I cannot wait to get on them, which after last year is not something I thought I would be saying! I also now ruefully remember sites I have had in the past that are gone for whatever reason and truly regret I cannot take the Deus on them.

However one swallow does not a summer make, and there will harder tests and disappointments ahead I'm sure, but no question today was a positive one.

blue-yeti - April 2011



clod shot



My Three best bits

Press Release - Romano-British and Medieval Coin Conferences

Two important numismatic conferences are being held during a week long festival of numismatics in Yorkshire in July 2011. The Medieval Coinage Symposium is taking place in Leeds and the following day "Moneta Britannia" takes place in York.

The Medieval Coinage Symposium is being held in Leeds as part of the 2011 Leeds International Medieval Congress taking place at Leeds University. This year the congress is being held from 11th to the 14th July on the theme of "Poor . . . Rich", with the numismatic symposium taking place on the 13th. Twelve lectures are planned within a theme of "Making the World Go Round: Coinage, Currency, Credit, Recycling & Finance in Medieval Europe". The keynote address will be by Nick Mayhew on "Coinage and Money in Britain from 973 to 1520".

Medieval Coinage



Symposium 2011



Moneta Britannia 2011

Moneta Britannia will be held in York (UK) on 14th July 2011 and will focus on Roman coinage related to Britain. Talks will cover coins that refer to Britannia, coins officially minted in Britain and coins unofficially minted in Britain. There will also be sessions on how Roman coinage influenced early Anglo-Saxon coinage. A key highlight of this event will be a talk on Carausius and the Frome Hoard by Sam Moorhead.

Also taking place that week is the very popular York Stamp and Coin Fair, to be held as usual at York Racecourse on the Friday and Saturday. The Yorkshire Numismatic Society is holding a special meeting at the Coin Fair on the Friday where Gareth Williams of the British Museum will be giving a talk on the Vale of York Hoard.

Sunday 10th July: Hands-on metal detecting event (to be confirmed).
Wednesday 13th July: Medieval Coinage Conference, Leeds.
Thursday 14th July: Moneta Britannia, York.
Friday 15th July: York Coin Fair, Day 1, featuring the Vale of York Hoard lecture at 2:00pm.
Saturday 16th July: York Coin Fair, Day 2.

Further information can be found on the following websites or by contacting the organisers:

<http://monetabritannia2011.blogspot.com/>
<http://studiesinmedievalcoinage.blogspot.com/>

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***Making the World Go Round: Coinage, Currency,
Credit, Recycling & Finance in Medieval Europe***

Wednesday 13th July 2011, Weetwood, Lawnswood Room 1

Session 1 09:00 - 10:30

Gareth Williams - Was the last Anglo-Saxon king of England a queen?

Tom Williams - The mint of Wallingford

Andy Woods - The production of coinage in C11th Dublin

Session 2 11:15 - 12:45

Hendrik Mäkeler - Globalised monetary systems of the Viking age

Megan Gooch - Monetary circulation in tenth-century Viking York

Henry Fairbairn - The use and value of salt in late C11th

Keynote 13:30 - 14:00

Nick Mayhew - Coinage and Money in Britain from 973 to 1520

Session 3 14:15 - 15:45

Richard Kelleher - The re-use of coins in later medieval England

Laura Mitchell - Medieval magic charms

David Harpin - Late Medieval Coin Brooches

Session 4 16:30 - 18:00

Martin Allen - The currency and the economy in late medieval England

Tony Moore - Medieval 'traveller's cheques': financing foreign travel in C14 & C15 Eng-
land

Barrie Cook - Kings, coins and royal entries in late medieval England

Note: The coin illustrated in the logo above is a sovereign & eagles penny of Edward the Confessor, 1042-1066, Ulfcetl of York, ex-Elmore Jones.



Moneta Britannia 2011

Programme – Thursday 14th July 2011

9.30

Introduction – Victor “Tory” Failmezger

9.45

Opening Address – to be announced

10.15

References to Britannia on Imperial Coinage – Richard Abdy

10.45 Break

11.00

British Imitations of Trajan Sestertii – Bernhard Woytek

11.30

Hoard of Radiates from Britain and why were they buried? – Roger Bland

12.00

Unofficial mints in third-century East Anglia – Adrian Marsden

12.30 Lunch Break

13.30

Opuscula Carausiana – Richard Bourne

14.00

The Coinage of Carausius in the Light of the Frome Hoard – Sam Moorhead

14.30

The London Mint : A Collector’s Perspective – Paul DiMarzio

15.00 Break

15.15

The end of Roman Britain (or not!): Roman and sub-Roman coinage in the 5th to 7th centuries – Gareth Williams

15.45

Roman Influence on early Anglo Saxon Coinage – Tony Abramson

16.15

Closing Remarks - Victor “Tory” Failmezger

16.30 Close – to be followed by informal drinks in a local hostelry!

PAS Find of Note Found by Tom Redmayne



PUBLIC-1FCD40 HARNESS PENDANT

Object type certainty: (Certain)

A cast copper alloy harness pendant in the Anglo-Scandinavian Ringerike style.

The pendant is an irregular oval in shape with a complete, integral suspension loop at the uppermost point. Below the loop is a voided lozenge shape with a rectangular bar issuing from its lower point. The sides of the oval are made up of two, opposing crested animals with their heads at the top of the pendant and biting the remaining two sides of the lozenge.

The animals' front feet are grasping the rectangular bar whilst the back feet of each animal appear to be grasping their tails which loop around the bottom of the pendant to complete the oval shape. The whole design creates an openwork effect.

There does not appear to be an exact parallel to this harness pendant yet recorded.

It is certainly an interesting find and adds to a small group of previously unknown Anglo-Scandinavian pendants.

This is a find of note and has been designated: National importance

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Period from: EARLY MEDIEVAL [scope notes | view all attributed records]

Period to: EARLY MEDIEVAL [scope notes | view all attributed records]

Ascribed Culture: Anglo-Scandinavian [scope notes | view all attributed records]

Date from: Circa AD 980

Date to: Circa AD 1100

Dimensions and weight

Length: 48 mm

Width: 35 mm

Thickness: 3 mm

Weight: 13.77 g

Quantity: 1

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy [scope notes | view all attributed records]

Manufacture method: Cast [scope notes | view all attributed records]

Decoration style: Zoomorphic [scope notes | view all attributed records]

Completeness: Complete [scope notes | view all attributed records]

Spatial data

Region: East Midlands

County: Lincolnshire

District: East Lindsey

To be known as: Skidbrooke

Method of discovery: Metal detector [scope notes]

General landuse: Cultivated land [scope notes]

Specific landuse: Operations to a depth less than 0.25 m [scope notes]

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Thursday 13th January 2011

Personal details

Recorded by: Mr Tom Redmayne - [view all attributed records]

Identified by: Adam Daubney - [view all attributed records]

Secondary identifier: Dr Kevin Leahy - [view all attributed records]

PAS Find of Note of Regional Importance Found by PhilD



PhilD out in the field

YORYM-761506 Coin

Object type certainty: (Certain)

This record is a copy of an artefact that was originally reported by David Evans and Simon Holmes in 2006 and subsequently deleted. A contemporary gold-plated copper-cored copy of a Merovingian pseudo-imperial tremissis of the mid-6th century AD.

The original Merovingian coins this copy is based on are known as the pseudo-imperial tremisses, and they are themselves modelled on imperial gold tremisses. In this case the coin is a copy of a coin modelled on a tremissis of Justinian I (527-565), but the Merovingians also used imperial tremisses of Anastasius I (491-518), Justin I (518-527) and Justin II (565-578) as models for their pseudo-imperial issues.

Grierson & Blackburn record another contemporary plated copy of a pseudo-imperial tremissis, although there is debate out whether it was ever intended for use as a coin or was instead a burial piece. Type: Grierson and Blackburn (1986) vol 1 pl. 18 Status: 3 (certain)

This is a find of note and has been designated: Regional importance

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Donated to a museum

Chronology

Broad period: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Period from: EARLY MEDIEVAL [[scope notes](#) | [view all attributed records](#)]

Date from: Circa AD 527

Date to: Circa AD 580

Dimensions and weight

Thickness: 1.1 mm

Weight: 0.8 g

Diameter: 14.3 mm

Quantity: 1

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy [[scope notes](#) | [view all attributed records](#)]

Secondary material: Gold [[scope notes](#) | [view all attributed records](#)]

Manufacture method: Struck or hammered [[scope notes](#) | [view all attributed records](#)]

Coin data (numismatics)

Denomination: Tremissis [[scope notes](#) | [view all attributed records](#)]

Category: Coin of Merovingian Francia [[scope notes](#) | [View all attributed records](#)]

Type: Merovingian pseudo-Imperial tremissis of Justinian [[scope notes](#) | [View all attributed records](#)]

Obverse description: Crude diademed bust right, inscription around.

Obverse inscription: DN IVSTINIANVS PF G

Reverse description: A crude winged figure of Victory standing facing, holding a wreath in left hand (ie on right of coin) and a cross in right hand (ie left of coin), inscription around.

Reverse inscription: Around: NIV[...]NTICI[...] In exergue: CONO

SOUTH LANCs AND CHESHIRE METAL DETECTING CLUB

NEWSLETTER "DISPLAY NIGHT" MARCH '85.



The South-Lancs & Cheshire Metal Detecting Club has been in existence since September 1978 and for a long period in the 1980's and 1990's the club newsletter was written by both Brian Cross and John Fargher. The front covers were designed by Dave Berry, club member and resident artist. The newsletter front cover became a classic of good humour, hobby relevance and fine design and each month the club members looked forward to what Dave was going to put on the cover. Many club members could see themselves captured by Dave and featured on the cover, Brian & Mo' for example, courting at the time, often saw themselves below a heart carved in a tree or Brian would be featured wearing Wellingtons on the end of suspenders.

Dave has kindly given us permission to feature some of the classic covers and for this we thank him. Here's another classic from Dave Berry, dating from sometime in March 1985.

Cover Explanation: Once a year the club used to hold a Club Display Night. I think in 1985 John Howland, then Chairman of the NCMD came up to judge our display. This was Dave's take on the evening !!

Best News Stories from March 2011

Why is King John the classic villain?

A new film about King John further underlines history's judgement of the medieval English monarch as a cruel tyrant. But among the dozens of bad kings and despots, why is John always the pantomime villain?

Another colonial playing the part of an Englishman!! [**See Here**](#)

Crackdown on metal-detecting criminals!

A CAMPAIGN has been launched to combat criminals who steal from historic buildings and wreck archaeological dig sites.

The initiative aims to clamp down on practices such as "nighthawking" where thieves use metal detectors to find buried historic objects. [**See Here**](#)

Frome Hoard of Roman coins saved for nation. National Heritage Memorial Fund steps in to close the Art Fund and Museum of Somerset's campaign to secure the Frome Hoard. [**See Here**](#)

Lost city of atlantis found in Spain [**See Here**](#)

Treasure hunter uncovers rare coin hoard. Gold coins believed to be more than 2,000 years old have been discovered on farmland in Leicestershire.

Amateur treasure hunter Steve Bestwick unearthed the 10 coins, which date back to the Iron Age, after using his metal detector in a field in the south of the county. [**See Here**](#)

Cumbria farmer 'unchanged' by £1m Roman helmet. A farmer who became a millionaire when a Roman helmet found on his land sold for £2m, says the windfall has not changed his way of life. [**See Here**](#)

Rare Roman altar stones uncovered in Musselburgh. Two rare, carved altar stones found in East Lothian could shed new light about the Roman period in Scotland, it has been claimed.

The Roman stones were found during the redevelopment of a cricket pavilion in Lewisvale Park, Musselburgh.

Experts said they may help re-write the history books on the Roman occupation of Inveresk. [**See Here**](#)

Staffordshire hoard to get CSI style examination. The Staffordshire Hoard will undergo a CSI-style forensic event at the Potteries Museum and Art Gallery this weekend. The event will show how modern forensic science techniques can be used to unlock some of the secrets of the Anglo-Saxon treasure.
[**See Here**](#)

About us

UK DETECTOR NET was created on September 28th 2002 to bring together responsible metal detectorists everywhere to discuss the hobby, their finds, the machines they use and a million and one other detecting related subjects.

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UKDN is a forum for people who are interested in the hobby of metal detecting. UKDN is an online community where members can exchange and share knowledge, their views, discuss the hobby, their finds, the machines they use and a million and one other detecting related subjects. UKDN actively works towards the following aims:

1. Develop a greater understanding of the hobby and some of the wider issues through healthy pro-active debate within the forum and through the monthly magazine, which is distributed to, and read by, our membership and beyond. The magazine includes UKDN based news and articles, as well as wider news, debate, and issues of heritage interest.
2. Provide a platform to inform beginners in the hobby of the basic principles in the use of a metal detector, gaining permission, site research, basic heritage law, farming scheme rules and in the 'best practice' for conservation, recording and co-operation.
3. Actively promotes the 'Code of Practice for Responsible Metal Detecting' to all members of the UKDN online forum and beyond.
4. Encourage all UKDN detectorists to record their finds with the appropriate bodies (depending where they detect); In England and Wales, this is with the Portable Antiquities Scheme, in Scotland this is the Treasure Trove Unit.
5. UKDN will actively work towards ensuring the future security of the hobby. We will liaise and co-operate with heritage professionals in a way which is mutually beneficial to all parties whilst maintaining our independence, and we encourage their active participation, either in the UKDN online community or through our on-line magazine.