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UKDN would like to thank Tinner for the cover page image
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A Message from Admin

Welcome to the December 2011 issue of Word. With just about three weeks left until Christmas Day many of you will be thinking about Christmas presents. With nine companies actively supporting UK DETECTOR NET we ask that if you are buying or asking family members to buy detecting related presents then you use those companies whenever possible. So use the banners that you see on the site or visit the Retail Section on the Index Page and go to Detector Shops and Detector Manufacturers to see who to support. Some Christmas greetings from our supporters are also in this issue. These contain contact details.

The UKDN Calendar, the very first metal detecting calendar in the UK, was very well subscribed to and we hit almost 100 sales. The calendars are now at the printers and will be posted out to individuals during the next few weeks. Our thanks go to all the members who got involved, especially those who submitted the fantastic pictures. Well done to all involved.

The UKDN Christmas Raffle has got off to a fine start and already we are close to getting back the money spent on buying prizes. More tickets purchased will mean we will be raising more money for Norfolk Wolf's chosen charity ie St Francis Hospice. Full details of amounts donated to the chosen charity will be revealed on the forum and in the next edition of Word.

Finally, we have to admit that the mild weather is allowing a lot of you to continue tramping up and down those fields and this is reflected in the quality and amount of the finds that are still appearing on the forum despite it being the beginning of December.

Lastly, may we take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We would also like to express our thanks for the support of you all during the past twelve months.

The Admin Team



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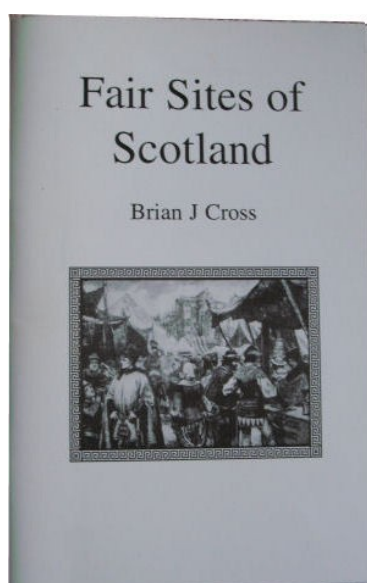
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Did you See

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.....click on the link

Help required downloading photos	My first ever Saxon Coin!!!!
Big ring thing	How to actually DO it ?
Roman plaque?	Our War memorial...
25 Years not out	Come and have a go!!
Possible pommel? ID and date please	ID for a gold ring please...
My first silver Hammy YES !!!!	gold fob coat of arms
NEW DETECTOR ADVICE	which machine ?
Thanks Karv	strange detecting rituals.....
What is it about hammies?	flint axe
Large Medieval Heraldic Pendant	Roman gold (straightened)

UKDN 2011 CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Main prize will be an XP Goldmaxx Power fitted with the lovely Deus style telescopic stem. Accessories will be backphones, coil cover and controlbox cover/hipmount bag plus a guide to setting it up correctly written by Norfolk Wolf & Nigel Ingram from Regton. Price as supplied would be £769.

This metal detector has been purchased by UK DETECTOR NET from Nigel Ingram at Regton Ltd and we firstly thank Nigel for offering this detector to us at a very good price.



Our intention is to pay ourselves back for the purchase of the metal detector and any other expenses involved such as postage of prizes etc and then donate all remaining monies to Norfolk Wolf's chosen Charity i.e. St Francis Hospice, who were looking after him in his last weeks.

Other prizes include..

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Closing date will be 11 pm Sunday 18th December 2011. Draw will take place on Monday 19th December and the person making the draw will be Mal Asterley from this very forum.

See full details [here](#)

PAS Find of Note of National Importance Found by Tom Redmayne



Report generated by the Portable Antiquities Scheme's database



Report for : COIN
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Object type certainty: Certain
Printed @ Tuesday 15th November 2011

Permanent stable URL for this find: <http://finds.org.uk/database/artefacts/record/id/419148>

Description: A large fragment of a silver penny of Henry I. York mint, moneyer LAISING. Annulets type. BMC 1.

The coin has been broken in half and the reverse is highly polished. Both effects are probably the result of the action of farm machinery. As the break is along both arms of the reverse cross, the coin may have, originally, been folded in half.

Notes: This coin has been recorded on the EMC database no. EMC 2011.0177.

Dr. Martin Allen of the Fitzwilliam Museum has confirmed that only one other example is known of this moneyer in Henry I type 1, and so is an important find.
Subsequent action after recording: 1

Temporal details
Broad period: MEDIEVAL
Date from: AD 1100
Date to: AD 1102

Coin data (numismatics)
Mint or issue place: York
Category: Coin of Norman and Early Plantage
Type: Henry I BMC i (N 857)
Obverse description: Crowned bust facing; an
Obverse inscription: [H] ENRI [CVS REX N]
Reverse description: Cross fleury with annulet
inner circle
Reverse inscription: [LAI] SIN [GO] NE
Die axis measurement: 9 o'clock
Degree of wear: Worn: fine

Spatial data

County: Lincolnshire
District: East Lindsey

Finder and recorder details

Recorded by: Mr Tom Redmayne
Identified by: Mr Tom Redmayne



This record does not constitute an authentication of the object, it is an opinion only. E&OE. The Scheme cannot provide valuations.

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Coin of The Month

Anglo Saxon Gold Thrymsa - by Guildy



I went out on on the Sunday morning to a club dig. we start detecting at 09/30, at about 09/15 two tractors turned up and started to plough and seed the field that we are going on. So 09/30 came and we started detecting. The tractors were working from the far end of the field, so I decided to go as near as I could safely go to work the field in front of the plough, moving back up the field as the plough did each row. I was about four or five rows in front of him until lunch at 12/30. By that time I was about two thirds of the way back up the field.

By 1pm when we were due to go back out, their was only a bit of the field left, most of the other club members decided to go on another field that some of them had been on in the morning. But as it was quite a walk and I was only stopping another hour I decided to do the bit that was left, so worked my way a cross the field. I got to the far side and the plough was getting closer, so I moved across and started to come back down the field about 5ft from the edge, with the tractor about twenty to thirty feet on the other side. That's when the coin popped up and with in half an hour the field and the tractors were finished so I was quite lucky! - Guildy.

***Joint Runners up in the Competition were;
Baza with his Henry VIII Groat;***



And Tom Redmayne with his Aethelred II helmet type penny;



Artefact of the Month

1761 Gold Mourning Ring - by Simonthesearcher



I decided that today I would concentrate on what I believe to be an ancient walkway because of the amount of items I have found on this narrow strip. It runs right through the whole farm and follows along a well known roman road in my area. I have found items dating from the Bronze Age right up to Victorian times.

The morning I found the ring I was actually on my way back to the car having not found too much and on a part of the walkway I had been countless times, I got a very good signal and wondered to myself how on earth I had missed this one all this time. Anyway I dug it up and the next moment I was standing there with this lovely little gold ring in my hand.

I could see it had an inscription on the inside but could not quite make out what it said so I took it home and washed it off and was amazed to see the story it told. I have done some research, with the help of people on UKDN and now know all about the little girl who died at the tender age of 4 years and 10 months.

I know for example that her father was Charles Edwards and her mother was called Esther. Esther was buried at the St Mary's Arches in Exeter and there is a gravestone there for her. Her father was at some stage the Mayor of Exeter and was a Druggist by trade. When I next pass through Exeter I am going to stop at St Marys and look for her grave and take a photograph of it and display the ring with the photograph.

I think of all the finds that I have made over the last 8 years or so this is my favourite as it is just so personal, I feel like I know this young girl.

Simonthesearcher

*Runners up in the Competition were; And Tom Redmayne with his Medieval
Vectis exile with his bow & fantail brooch; buckle plate 1250 - 1450 AD*



Treasure

What should I do if I find something that may be Treasure? You must report all finds of Treasure to a coroner for the district in which they are found either within 14 days after the day on which you made the discovery or within 14 days after the day on which you realised the find might be treasure.

Your local Finds Liaison Officer will be able to help you with each stage of the process.

Please note that gold and silver finds do not necessarily need to be over 300 years old to be Treasure, they may be classed as objects that would previously have been Treasure Trove - See item 5 on the link below;

The Definition of Treasure



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UKDN FUN DSLR - Camera PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

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Runners up

Frosty sunrise by Puffin
Canon 450d

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Winner

***Nige150's son Jake Davison
Canon SX 130 IS***



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Jake

Runners up

***Fun in the sun
by Marcsdigs
Canon Powershot SX30 IS***



***Godrevy Lighthouse
By Warwick Wolf
Fujifilm HS20***



Good detecting karma - by Godfrey

During the summer, I was out detecting a large, flat and pretty featureless pasture field. The sun was hot, the field was like a bone dry bowling green, and there was nothing for it but to stick my ipod on and work careful overlapping strips from one side to the other. I didn't hold out much hope of anything interesting coming off it, and by and large I was right. A few pre war pennies, washers and general rubbish really, even the one medieval piece from it was just a small, plain stud.

Still though, I'm a historian first and detectorist second, so I wanted to get the field ticked off my list just to be sure of what was going on there, and save the more 'interesting' fields for colder and damper times, when my enthusiasm will need the boost from some of the more traditionally exciting finds. These are still only George III rather than Gordian III, but they're all helping to paint a picture of the area I'm detecting.

Amongst various washers and iron rings, one quite large ring shaped object came up, which still had a nice green patina to it too. After a quick rub I could see lettering, so stuck it in its own bag and left it alone until I got home to give it a careful cleaning.



Once I got it back, I could make out that the lettering read "J Arkell and Sons Kingsdown". It didn't look that old, probably late victorian or so, so I gave the words a Google to see if they related to anything or anyone. The very first result threw up what I was after, a webpage entirely dedicated to the history of the Arkell Brewery, founded by a John Arkell, who built a Brewery in Kingsdown near Swindon in 1861. Result!

Perhaps a result of having been brought up surrounded by my dad's archaeological clutter, I've always preferred to give my finds away to people who might be able to gain more from having them than I; farmers, local museums, even my scrap gets brought home to go in the recycling. So, in this case, since the brewery still seemed to be going strong, there seemed no better Idea than to send it back to them, and ask them what on earth it might have been in the meantime. So i gave it a careful going over with a toothpick and some de-ionised water, then stuck it in a jiffy bag and sent it off to the

Brewery, with a note inside explaining the circumstances behind it.

A week or two later, I missed a parcel being delivered, which seemed odd as I wasn't expecting anything. I picked it up from the neighbours that evening, and was amazed to find it was a delivery of 8 bottles of beer! It came with a letter as well, and once I got it unpacked, I realised it was a reply to the letter I had sent.

The letter thanked me for returning 'their memorabilia to them', which gave me a bit of a warm glow, knowing that the Brewery clearly still feels connected to their past like that, rather than seeing it as old rubbish that's not needed. The eight bottles of beer were being sent as an unexpected but very welcome thank you for sending it back to them too. Luckily, they even knew what it was. As Don Bracher from the Brewery explained;

'It is in fact a shive bush from a wooden cask; the bit where a peg would have been inserted in a shive to vent the cask and allow air in to allow beer out. A smaller bush, a keystone bush, allowed a tap to be inserted'

Now I've drunk lots of beer in my life, but these were new terms to me. Now they've said it though, I can picture how it works, and get a real sense of not just when and where the item was from, but exactly what people were doing with it at the time. I'm not sure I've ever found anything that I've been able to pin down so precisely, and even though it's not that old, being able to do this has made it a whole lot more interesting.

Believing one good turn deserves another, I've also given half of my beers to the farmer on whose land I found it. After all, all profits should be split 50/50 in this game. I've also got back in touch with the Brewery to say thanks for the beers, and found out that they're hoping to put it on display in the near future. So hopefully, rather than it sitting in my drawer in Bristol, it will be able to be of interest and enjoyment to lot more people over the coming years. It's not just the beers that have given me a good feeling from finding this bit of brewing history.

Godfrey, Bristol, November 2011



Out and About in the Red Rocket

By Brian & Mo'



Brian & Mo' spend some more time with American detectorists who all find it rather difficult to pick up our poorer quality old coins

the
searcher

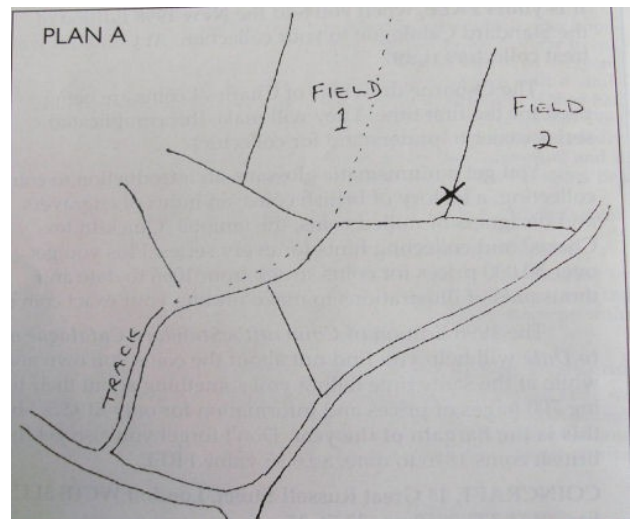
You will recall from the last trip that we had sussed out quite a few decent fields upon which Tom, our American friend, could bring a couple of his detecting friends. All we had to do now was to wait for the crops to come out.

Everything went to plan and in September 1996, the Americans arrived safely. Mo' and I travelled across in the Red Rocket and met them on the fields several hours after they had started detecting.

As soon as we arrived and introductions were made, we repeated what we had told Tom earlier in the year, i.e. that these fields appeared to give up finds only from certain parts and it was on these areas that they should concentrate. Whilst speed may be needed to cover the vast fields in the US, here, we explained, one had to be slow and persistent.

Plan A shows the fields of the first farm. The spot marked with an "X" was where the Roman coins had turned up in the Spring and Mo' and I concentrated in this area for the first day.

Within a couple of hours we had a handful of Roman bronze coins each which we gave to Michael and John, Tom's friends.



Later, when we broke off for some lunch we checked with them that they had their machines set up correctly to pick up these tiny Roman bronze coins, throwing several on the ground. After some adjustments their detectors were picking them up fine.

digging out old privies

Michael and John detect together in the States and actually spend a lot of time digging out old privies and detecting the spoils.

They were both very experienced detector users and had made many significant and historical finds in their homeland. Although the USA has no lengthy history regarding metallic objects, finds can be made that are worth many thousands of dollars. Michael in particular had made one in a Confederate button which was highly valued and very collectable.

stand by armed with a pistol

It was of interest to us that when they are searching in certain areas, one has to stand by armed with a pistol. This because in very poor townships, youths realise that metal detectors are expensive pieces of equipment with a ready market. Without protection these gangs of youths would simply walk up to a lone detectorist and demand the machine or else! It made us feel very lucky that we were detecting in England with nothing more disturbing than meeting the occasional local out for a walk!

John and Michael commented on how "sweet" this was when, whilst detecting near a footpath that ran alongside one of the fields a lady, out walking her dog, stopped and asked what they were doing, gave them a few historical tips, and then wished them good luck before continuing on her way.

We finished the first day and left the others to travel to their hotel and get a good rest. We stayed on the field at the top of the track and enjoyed a pleasant evening, talking for several hours with the farmer's father who had paid us a visit.

a beautiful Roman siliqua

The next day we decided to give Field 2 a good search as well as continuing to search Field 1. Only half an hour after starting John found a beautiful Roman siliqua, which absolutely made his holiday. This was found near to the area of the "X" and so tempted everybody to try there again.

During our breaks we showed them some hammered coins and explained that most English detectorists look upon hammered coins as a measure of their success. If you haven't found a hammered and you are into the medieval period then you don't consider yourself as having "made it" until you've found your first hammered coin, no matter how battered it is!

can easily be discrim'd out

John and Michael said they hoped to be able to add at least one hammered coin to their collections during the course of this holiday and we could only advise them to watch their discrimination settings as hammered coins can easily be discrim'd out.

Field 2 produced little so for the remainder of the day we roamed and explored Field 1

Signals were never far away on this field and at the end of the day everyone had a pouch full of bits and pieces.

When Michael emptied his pouch out at the Red Rocket, we all shouted when a battered half hammered dropped out. Michael had popped it in there thinking it was just a thin sliver of something and nothing. He was overjoyed to have found a hammered coin and pestered us to identify it. All we could say was that it was probably a penny of one of the Edwards.

could have been Roman

On Day 3 we decided to try a triangular field at the junction of two lanes. This was in fairly high stubble but we were all keen to try it as our research showed the lanes to be old, and in the next field was a feature which could have been Roman. The farmer said that 10 years earlier, during a dry spell, a rectangular feature showed up as if it had been built yesterday.

It had turned very warm and for the whole morning we plodded up and down this field. Three hours into the search, John shouted from the far corner and gave us the signal for a hammered coin. We all slowly made our way over there to be greeted by John with a huge grin on his face – and no wonder, he'd found an Elizabeth I shilling in nice condition.

Jude joined us the next day bringing along some of his collection of hammered and Roman coins, as well as pieces of gold jewellery.

Michael and John were overwhelmed with his collection and Michael even asked if it would be possible to "head over to Jude's fields"! It was difficult indeed to impress on Michael and John that England was not a huge treasure chest that anyone with a detector could tap into. Finding ancient coins, even bad examples, did not simply involve getting permission to search a farm field and then filling your pouch. It needed work, research and an element of luck.

The weather took a turn for the worse on Day 4 and we decided to search the large farm that we had quickly reviewed some six months earlier. There were a number of fields here and we headed straight away to the large field with the wonderful view.

got the fright of her life

It was during this morning that Michael gave Mo' the fright of her life. Because it had gone quite cold he put on a full military style camouflage facemask with only narrow slits for the eyes, nose and mouth. He looked very threatening in it. When Mo' was making some coffee he sneaked up to the window of the Red Rocket and knocked lightly. When Mo' turned around and saw the mask with teeth showing, she got the fright of her life and still talks about it now!

Unfortunately, this field was full of stubble that was rather high. We spent virtually the whole of this day wandering all over, convinced there must be pockets of activity there, and tried to concentrate in the area where we had found the few pieces on our last trip. Alas, the turn of the plough must have been against us for signals were very few and far between.

We then had to go home for a club meeting but would rejoin our friends in a few days. Our journey back was without incident. We had found nothing of real consequence but had enjoyed ourselves thoroughly. You can't beat detecting AND good company.

they had detected solidly

Five days later we were back with the lads for their last couple of days before their flight home. Since we had left they had detected solidly for the whole of the time, even refusing a day trip to York. They had also gained permission for two more fields which had produced some Roman and hammered pieces. Both now had three hammered coins, several Roman bronze coins, a selection of medieval and later buckles and other pieces. A couple of fibulas had also turned up. Not bad going for about nine day's detecting.

We discussed the potential left in the land at our disposal and decided to try again on Field 1, shown in Plan A.

This had constantly produced little pieces, in particular small Roman coins, so there was always a potential for something different coming from it.

I saw the glint of gold

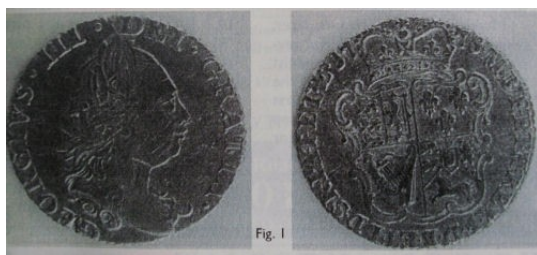
As you can imagine areas of the field had now been well walked over but there were still huge tracts not covered by us. I decided to try in the area where the small Roman AE4s had come from. Within half an hour of beginning to search Tom came across and asked if I fancied moving onto another field. I suggested that we would in one hour's time if nothing had come up. We shared a smoke and then I switched on again and immediately got an iffy signal.

Because it was freshly ploughed land, I simply kicked some soil away and tried again. The signal was good ... I bent down, moved some soil, then saw the glint of gold.

My first reaction was that it was either a Gold Roman coin or a bottle top. On closer examination, I saw the head of George III and, even before I picked up the coin, I thought it is going to be an imitation spade guinea. I picked it up and knew that it wasn't that, it was too heavy, it was real gold! It was a half guinea dated 1778.

I called Mo', Tom and the lads over. We all had a good gloat and expressed our surprise that such a coin could have been missed by all of us during the past week or so.

The whole area where I found the coin was criss-crossed in footprints going this way and that. Everyone commenced searching with renewed vigour. The coin is shown in Figure 1 and is in lovely condition barring a few scratches from the stones in the field. I imagine it was probably lost by a country gentleman as he rode across the field. Nothing else of note came up that day and we met up again the following morning on the fields that straddled the lane. These had produced a variety of artefacts from all periods when we had tested them out so we were hopeful that more bits would come up now the fields had been ploughed.



We parked the Red Rocket on the field and as usual used it as a base. The weather had turned really bad by now, torrential rain being the order of the day. Michael, brave soul that he was, simply put on his mask and wet weather gear and went out. We all sat around laughing and joking for an hour before deciding we couldn't sit there all day. We got toggged up and braved the elements.

It was worth the effort for within minutes Mo' was shouting me over to show me the fibula shown in Figure 2.



This is in the form of a stylised horse's head and still bears traces of red enamel. This was found near to where some small Roman coins had turned up the year before.

our first Celtic find

A while later, when we met at the van, Tom produced a find that had us all buzzing again. He had no idea what it was until he produced it from his bag as he searched for a Georgian halfpenny! Although it was badly corroded, it was certainly a bronze Stater, our first Celtic find. He'd found this in an area where little else had turned up, most of us having walked through this area without any significant signals.

After coffee we set out again with renewed enthusiasm, Jude was next to make a decent find, and what a find it turned out to be. This was a Saxon penny of Aethelred I, which was in reasonable condition.

Meeting up several hours later drenched to the skin, we all had several small Roman coins apiece whilst Jude and Tom both had one of the larger follies each. I had found my first ever Saxon button lying on the top and which I saw before my detector search head passed over it. It is in fair condition and is shown in Figure 3. We all ended that day feeling good about the detecting even though it had been raining heavily all through.

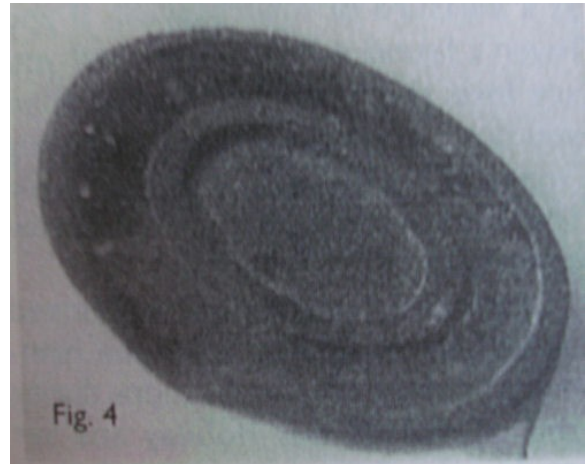


The next day was our last on site with the group and we awoke to the sound of heavy rain once again. The lads met up with us early as they had done every day, their enthusiasm not waning despite the number of hours detecting they had done.

The rain was incessant this last day and Mo' and I spent a fair bit of time in the Red Rocket, usually when we saw someone heading towards the van for a break.

Eight hours detecting up and down a field doesn't give you much chance for conversation so we tended to use any breaks as a chance to get to know our visitors better.

It was as Mo' was making her way towards the van that she found the Roman eye brooch shown in Fig. 4. This was a good find in that it retained quite an area of the original blue enamel.



We moved about quite a bit and towards late afternoon the weather got really bad, with very heavy downpours. We all sat in the van at one stage and admired Michael's persistence. There he was, through the driving rain, plodding up and down as he had done for the past twelve days.

tip of a Bronze Age spear

His persistence was rewarded a little while later, although again, he didn't know it at the time. He came to the van and took out from his pouch the tip of a Bronze Age spear.

Michael confessed that at the time he thought it might be rubbish but had a gut feeling about the piece. That lovely find was to be the last of the trip and it certainly was the most deserved find. Several hours later we were heading back home in the Red Rocket. We'd had a great time in the company of these American detectorists and, although they had undoubtedly learned something from us, we had learned that sheer doggedness really can pay off!

Good deed of the day - by Liz

Got a call from a neighbour on Saturday, they wanted the telephone number of a friend of mine who has a ground works company, JCB's, mini diggers etc. They had discovered a leak in the main water pipe in their driveway.

During the afternoon Andy called in on them and quoted for whatever needed doing, but try as they may they could not find the main water cut off/stop cock thingy anywhere, so Andy said why don't you get Liz to go over it with her detector?

Now, I think the neighbours found this quite amusing! So I got another call from them! They are a lovely couple in their 60s, they have lived there for about 6 years, he has just had a hip operation and has dislocated it twice, so he couldn't help. I got the impression that they didn't know whether Andy meant it, or whether he was joking!

It is a very old property and this thing could have been any where as the drive and lawns etc have been altered over the years and their stone "shed" was the blacksmiths shop years ago.

First I called into see my mother, who has lived in the same house for over 60 years, she said that the main water supply came up the middle of the road and if I could see a line where the pipe went across the road, that is where I should start.

Bearing in mind that the original supply was put in in 1954, I thought it would be a remote chance, however there are some good things about living at the end of a no thru road, true enough I could see a slight line and within about 3 minutes found, what I hoped was it, I shovelled down thru the gravel and sand for about 5" and there it sat! I got it opened and could see the tap!

Needless to say the neighbours were overjoyed, but at the same time, I don't think they could believe it, but I do think that it has slightly altered their view on my hobby.

...oh and I am hoping it is gonna be a box of chocs!! I will let you know.

Liz.

Detecting Tip of the Month

I take one of those wooden spatulas to get the mud of my coil and wellies it works a treat. and weighs nowt and costs about 70p. all my gang have them now.

Swiftnick.

Top of my agenda is find all the quick escape routes, that mad bull or horse is always just round that corner.

Rider.

I use the latex surgeons kind of glove, two pairs, one on top of the other. These keep your hands dry, warmish and clean. You can also still feel the smallest find.

I also have a pack of baby wipes in the camper, I can clean up any stray dirt on hands or face after a day detecting. Also good to wipe your ear phones clean as well, before you put them away.

Have a mobile phone on you. If you or a mate should fall or break a leg or worse then at least you can get help.

Puffin.



*Pinpointer in
Mobile Phone
Pouch*

I always have an old toothbrush in my finds bag to clean up any finds I dig up in the field.

Also a few plastic toothpicks to dig out the dirt from finds.

Rider.

I have a couple of toothbrushes in my field kit, I break the handles in half to fit better in the finds pouch pocket.

Puffin.

Machine Settings

Explorer II with 12 x 8 SEF coil - by Ianp

Volume Maximum

Gain 8

Threshold tone 1

Variability 10

Limits 9

Response normal

Sounds Ferrous

Recover deep on , fast off

All metal

Sensitivity-manual



HERITAGE CRIME

What are heritage crimes?

Heritage crimes are, first of all, offences that damage the historic environment – so things like vandalism, graffiti, arson and theft.

Why should the public care about heritage crimes?

Heritage crimes are criminal activities, which can have serious effect on neighbourhoods and society.

Things like arson, graffiti, and criminal damage scar beautiful buildings. Anti-social behaviour such as substance misuse debase the places we live and enjoy visiting; theft and illegal metal detecting take away the physical evidence valuable to our understanding of the past. On top of that, all of these can incur financial loss on property owners.

If heritage crimes are not tackled better we all stand to lose something of our history and well-being.

How serious are these crimes?

There is **no national statistics on heritage crime** by the police so the true extent is difficult to ascertain. Through our work in the regions and our experience with many sites across the country, we know the crimes are widespread and they tend to be under-reported by victims.

A recent assessment identified that arson, architectural theft, removal of artifacts from protected sites and vehicle nuisance pose the greatest threat.

Illegal metal detecting in Lincolnshire is growing and reported cases are only the tip of the iceberg.

The level of **metal theft** is also of great concern.

- In 2005, there were 84 metal theft claims from churches totalling £325,326. In 2010, this has soared to 1763 claims costing £3,310,488 (data from Ecclesiastical)
- In 2010 Manchester diocese tops the list of metal theft claims with more than 90 claims recorded up to the end of November. It is closely followed by Lincoln, with more than 70 claims

Our understanding of the volume and extent of crime in the historic environment continues to develop. Neighbourhood Policing and local involvement will contribute considerably to gathering intelligence and data on the ground. We will also be developing systems that will allow us to accurately record crimes and ASB and thereby place our resources in the right place at the right time.

For crimes in progress - call 999

More action, less crime. It all adds up.

For crimes that have happened - report to your local Police
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LINCOLNSHIRE POLICE

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policing with PRIDE

This Months Identification

by Treasurehunterste



Henry III Short Cross Penny

Well another month and another hammered. This time it is a Henry III Short Cross Penny, which was found by John Wright.

So where do we start? Well as always I take a quick glimpse of both sides, the Obverse and the Reverse. It is the Reverse which in this instance gives us most of the information required. Not only does it show us a Short Cross, but it also tells us that the Moneyers name begins with LED.

As there was only one Moneyer in this coinage beginning with LED and he came from London and was called Ledvlf, it is plain sailing from there on in. The classes he minted were in the reign of Henry III, and were 7b and 7c.

At this time I check over the Obverse more closely. It has the normal Henricvs Rex inscription but the most important part in relation to Class is relating to the monarch himself. The curls do not have any pellets in them, and this class 7b is renown for eyes being incomplete from the use of broken punches. As can be seen on the coin, this couldn't be more true.

The coin is one of the latest of Henry III coins, before he scrapped the Short Cross coins in favour of the Voided Long Cross variety.

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The Garrett Pro-Pointer Probe By Brian Cross

It is a few months now since Mo' surprised me with a Garrett pro-pointer as a present. Wow, my initial thoughts were, "What a fantastically made piece of kit" It appeared to be perfect for the task it was designed to do and looked to be very functional into the bargain.

The probe weighs in at 190 grams, is nine inches long or 230 mm approx. Its maximum width is one and a half inches or 40 mm approx and at its narrowest, by the tip, the width goes down to seven-eighths of an inch or 22 mm approx.

My first opportunity to get to use the probe would be on a short trip to Angelsey in our motorhome. We were taking our seven year old grandson Luke with us and hoping to get a bit of detecting in as well. I call Luke the "Duracell Bunny" because he doesn't stop all day and I wondered how he would cope if I was going to do five hours detecting on a beach.

I needn't have worried for I had the brainwave of giving him the Garrett pro-pointer to use as his own mini metal detector. He loved it !! When I got a signal, I removed the wet sand from the hole with my shovel and shouted Luke to go through it with the probe and I would carry on. I wondered how the probe would cope with this but almost every time he'd catch me up having found a one pence, two pence, twenty or something else.

Luke would also use it to test his belt buckle was still made of metal as well as the studs on Mo's three quarter jeans and numerous bits we had on the beach with us. At first I was conscious that this was an expensive present and that he might break it but as the day progressed and this probe was poked around in salt water puddles, big piles of sloppy sand mixed with pebbles and bricks I soon relaxed knowing that this sort of

environment was exactly what the probe was designed for.

The only time we heard it falsing was when Luke pushed it deep into rock pools insisting that something was there. It was only the probe reacting to being immersed in salt water.

Battery life was obviously great because this probe hardly left Luke's hand for three solid days. I had been impressed with its performance during that short trip to the beach.

My next opportunity to use and test the probe was in September when myself and Mo' went detecting with some friends. We went to the east coast of Yorkshire, detecting inland not far from Scarborough. We would be there for about five days.

I have been detecting since 1977, thirty-four years and never once have I owned or used a probe but I will honestly admit that after the first day of using the Garrett Pro-pointer I was hooked. The probe comes with a very useful, well-designed holster that fits on to your belt and I found it so easy to reach to the belt take the probe out and prod the ground with it to quickly find your signal.

I can honestly say that I felt my detecting style was being changed. Here I was, a long-time experienced detectorist, suddenly finding my finds rate increasing. Instead of getting a signal and squatting for five minutes or so looking for the piece of metal that had created the signal my new method was to get the signal with the detector, use my trowel to remove a divot or clump of soil, run detector over to ensure the signal has been removed and then finally, if the signal was out, run the pro-pointer over the spoil until the signal showed itself by the loud crisp signal and strong vibration. Very quickly



Fig 1

I found I was standing up again and off detecting, much, much faster than I ever had in the past.

This unit has such a good design. The signal does not just come from the probe end but from four inches up from the tip (see Fig 1) and from completely around the probe. It has a sharp, crisp signal and has a vibrate as well. Looking for an object is easy, move the probe around until you feel it vibrate or sound off. Careful movement will have the unit vibrating strongly and sounding loudly once you are virtually on the target.

A very useful LED light is fitted to the unit. It would be useful in low light conditions but I found it a very useful indicator as to whether the unit was switched on or off.

Finally the other useful function on this superb probe was the on/off switch which was just a simple push button covered to make it totally waterproof. So cleverly designed is this probe that it became almost second nature to reach into the holster to take the probe out, switch it on by pushing this on/off button and then use the probe to find your target. It really was simple to use and very functional.

I've never changed the battery yet despite the fact that Luke wore the thing to death when we were away in Angelsey and I used it over four or five days detecting.

Owning the UK DETECTOR NET Forum I took the opportunity to ask some of the forum members what they thought of the probe and their comments are below.

Barbados_Rum wrote: Overall, I found the Garret Pro-pointer (GPP) to be an invaluable tool saving precious time when locating elusive targets.

It's one of those things, you don't need one..... until you've used one. Although very expensive, I couldn't do without a Pro-pointer. The GPP is robust and has a good battery life.

The downside is that they are easily lost.

Everyone I've spoken to say that it wasn't the first time that they ended up looking at an empty holster!!! Luckily for them, they back-tracked and were re-united again with their beloved GPP's

Sidnallie47 wrote: The Garrett pro-pointer is worth every penny when I went to Regtons they showed me three other brands, one fell apart in his hands the other was way to big and the 3rd you had to hold a button constantly while tuning before you could even use it.

Nigel then showed me the Garrett which felt like quality straight away, it was the perfect size and all you had to do was push a button and you were away. I went out detecting the other day and forgot my Garrett pro- pointer. I couldn't believe how much I relied on it and felt lost without it. In my opinion the Garrett pro-pointer is a must for any serious detectorist...money well spent

Harry UP wrote: The Pro pointer saves so much time it's unbelievable. Since I purchased one I reckon my finds, per days digging, have gone up about 30%. It's also robust enough to do the following. Once I get a signal with the detector I run the Pro pointer across the ground to see if the find is near the surface. If the ground is soft enough, and the find is only shallow, I actually use it to dig the find out of the ground.

Sic odiggin wrote: It is the best detecting accessory I have ever purchased! It is very easy to use. It saves a lot of time when looking for the target and also stops you damaging the item being recovered as you know exactly where it is in the ground. Very well built and great battery life from the 9v battery. Waterproof and supplied with holder. A little more expensive than most probes but then quality costs! Worth every penny.

JBM wrote: I have had some thoughts about the Garrett probe as requested. The Garrett probe is a quality product in its design, build and performance.

Its shape and size are just what is needed by many detectorists which also saves time and effort when locating the find even if its out of sight in the wall of a hole.

The Audio is loud and clear but the vibrator is an additional help for those with a hearing problem.

The bright small very bright warning light will remind the user when the probe is switched on and will help conserve the battery life.

When using a "alkaline" battery the unit will run for 25-30 hours but if the 9 volt battery falls below 8 volts it should be changed to retain maximum performance.

The belt pouch is a nice tight fit but its a good idea to attach a flexible cord as it is possible to leave the probe at the side of the hole in the excitement of the moment when looking at the find and back filling the hole.

I hope some of this personal experience will be of help.

Mal Asterley wrote: A brilliant well made time saver !! , however well you have learnt to use your detector to pinpoint items you are searching for you often lose a lot of time searching the spoil for that little signal that you just can't locate and that's were the Garrett Pro Pointer comes into its own.

Its a robust well thought about little tool ideal for all the different conditions you detect in wet or dry , its smooth shape prevents it clogging up with mud and what might stick to it is easily rubbed off or you can just run it under a tap , it does what the name says and "points" inside the hole or at the spoil and as you get near to what you are looking for the crisp signal gets louder and the pointer vibrates more , you cant mistake your find because it guides you to the item.

You only have one battery in The Pointer and that has a long shelf life so carrying a spare battery takes up no space at all , it comes with a very well designed Holster that fits onto your belt and its very easy to remove and replace it as you need it .

The time that you save using The Pro Pointer is invaluable and you are really carrying with you an extra detector but one that is simple to use that once used you will not be without.

The Garrett Pro-pointer would make an ideal Christmas present for the detector user and can be bought at the link below

[Link to Pro-pointer](#)

Lastly the 10% UKDN discount is still available from Regton's BUT not in conjunction with other offers. Regton have free post on orders over £50 from now to end Jan so your best option is to take the discount & pay the £5 post. By doing that you will save £5 !!



Ring recovery - by Shaunyboy

I've not long got back from holidaying in Spain. I always take a detector with me. I did a little bit of water detecting over there but I had the kids with me so kept it to a minimum.

I found about 100 coins and a silver ring, then the morning before we were flying home I was detecting in the water first thing in the morning when a German couple asked me if my detector could find rings. Turns out the guys dad had lost his gold wedding ring and his gold signet ring (he had had them for 50 years, he lost them on his 50th wedding anniversary) in the water on the other side of the bay. I said I'd have a look for the rings for them, I remember saying "I like a challenge".

I went round with them to where he lost them, he said they had seven people looking for them with goggles on for three hours but couldn't find them. After two hours of finding twenty ring pulls, a toy car and a few coins I was losing hope, it doesn't help when there's twenty five people watching my every move from the beach and some in the water .

I got a signal and in the scoop was the signet ring, I took it out and said to the old guy "is this yours?", he came over and started hugging me and crying, thirty minutes more looking for the other ring and I was running out of steam, the guy who asked me to look for them said "one more sweep around and then you've done all you can, one ring back is better than none". Three signals later and there was his gold wedding ring in the scoop.



The look on peoples faces when you give them back things that they thought they would never see again is priceless. After some more hugs and tears I had the old guy on one side of me and his wife hugging my arm on the other side of me whilst the family took some pic's of their hero, lol. His son made me take a hundred euros and wouldn't take no for an answer. I said I would have done it for nothing. More hugs and handshakes followed and it was off to find my kids.

In all I have been asked to look for four rings now and I've found all four. These two, one gold wedding ring lost in a back garden and a gold signet ring lost in a farmers field for ten years (I found it on the signal and nearly fell over). Shaun.

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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.
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