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# A Message from Admin

Welcome to the latest edition of the UKDN WORD magazine. You will find the usual quality mix of informative articles, reports and stories that continue to make it such a success.

This month we have a report from the PAS annual conference at the British Museum, a great article on a village history day and one on flint tools with some great links, to name just three.

Autumn seems to have rushed by all of a sudden and it is really starting to feel like winter now. Make the most of your field trips as the crops are mostly planted now, the days are getting colder, daylight hours are reducing and available land and detecting time is becoming scarce. There are still some great finds being posted so continue to look in on the forum to see what is still being found and maybe help out on an ID or two!

We are always looking for new articles for the WORD magazine so if you have an idea for an article or a series of articles, or simply have a detecting experience or story that you would like to share with your fellow UKDN members and beyond, then drop a PM to any of the magazine staff or anyone in admin.

We will be running another, free monthly lottery the week after the magazine launch as usual with a nice little book prize for the winner.

Also, look out for the announcement of the 2013 UKDN calendar and get your orders in early; a must-have for yourselves and your farmers after the success of last year's edition.

On a more reflective note, as remembrance Sunday approaches this month, please spare some time and your thoughts for all those who fought and were lost in past conflicts and for those still at the front line in today's troubled areas.



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*Graphic showing different rankings*

For the past six years UKDN has had a ranking system to show how frequently and often a member has supported the site by making a donation. We have gone through a rising scale e.g. bronze, silver, gold, platinum and diamond. Earlier this year we introduced a final ranking of "UKDN Valued Supporter". Any member who is already a Diamond Supporter will reach this milestone when they next donate. Further donations will not raise the ranking beyond Valued Supporter.

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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

<b><i>In the shadow of the 'TOR" !!!</i></b>	<b><i>Gold coin and bits</i></b>
<b><i>Military button and medieval key</i></b>	<b><i>Question</i></b>
<b><i>Gold hammered for ID</i></b>	<b><i>Flint axe???</i></b>
<b><i>Roman fish?</i></b>	<b><i>New boy with question on Garrett</i></b>
<b><i>Terret and tiny spoon</i></b>	<b><i>My new permissions</i></b>
<b><i>Permission seeking difficult?</i></b>	<b><i>Saxon silver helmet mount</i></b>
<b><i>Great bronze</i></b>	<b><i>Is this my first hammy?</i></b>
<b><i>Just how much is out there?</i></b>	<b><i>Photographic light box</i></b>
<b><i>Last day of the season and ...gold</i></b>	<b><i>Tiny Roman finger ring or not?</i></b>
<b><i>Another piece of Saxon silver</i></b>	<b><i>End of Time Team</i></b>

## Rare Roman coin found in Cheshire!

A rare Roman as has been recently found in Cheshire. The coin is a copper alloy as of Nerva, (96-98AD). It has been recorded on the database as LVPL-716282.

The coin is as follows:

Obverse: IMP NERVA CAES AVG P M TR P COS III PP; laureate head right.

Reverse: NEPTVNO CIRCENS[? CONSTIT]VT S C; Neptune standing right, holding acrostolium in right hand and trident in left hand; to left small figure half-emerging from ground.

BMC 3 (1966) (Nerva, no. 132 and p. 553).

In 1984, Georges de Loye wrote about this type (*Revue Numismatique* 1984, pp. 95-103). He noted that 1 specimen was from France, another from Germany, but five from Britain (one in Oxford, one in Cambridge and three in the British Museum). Therefore, he surmised that this was an issue intended for use in Britain. This coin type was at one time regarded as a fake, and is categorised as such in RIC 2. It is, however, included in the revision of BMC 3 (1966) as genuine.

The most common Roman coin type found in Cheshire is the nummus, 231 of which have been recorded on the database from the area. Currently only 38 asses have been recorded from Cheshire four of which were found around Chester. It is very exciting to have such a rare coin recorded from the Chester area.



By Voakden

# Coin of The Month

**Winner**  
**Antoninus Pius Denari - by Tinner**



**Runner up**  
**Henry III Canterbury mint Class 7b Penny - by Liz**



**Runner up**  
**Edward I Berwick on Tweed Class 5a Penny - by Tomredmayne**



# Artefact of the Month

**Winner**  
**Silver Hawking Ring - by Tinner**



Can I just say firstly, thanks for all the votes - it is good fun entering the competitions. It is a strange thing sometimes, this hobby, as both my denarius and the hawking ring were found on the same field, no more than 20 yards apart, although they are centuries apart in date.

The denarius was found with my E-Trac on a very wet afternoon on a bank we have done for many years. I am still surprised the amount of new things that can turn up purely by the turn of a plough. I think that the secret to our success is perseverance and patience.

I mostly detect with my dad and between us we put in hundreds of hours. As long as one of us always makes a good find, it always makes the day. The hawking ring was found as I said, only 20 yards from the

denarius but was more or less a surface find. A tiny but crisp signal came through on my new XP Deus which I am delighted to say I am having great fun and success with.

The farmer was delighted to see the hawking ring, more or less at the moment I found it, as he was out walking his dogs. Presently we are trying to identify the owner - this is proving to be quite a challenge. Another part of the hobby which is great fun is doing all the research.

We are lucky to have so many knowledgeable people on the forum and everyone is willing to give up their time and knowledge readily. I would like to say again thanks for all the votes - swing low and slow - good luck to everybody.

Tinner

**Runners up**



**Viking/Early Medieval Stirrup Mount - by Liz**



**Medieval Annular Brooch  
by Tom Redmayne**



**Viking Eartug Gold  
by Omegamike**



**Saxon Dress Pin  
By Roughy**

# UKDN FUN DSLR - Camera PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

**Winner**  
**Tippy Toes - by Slapeddicus**



**Runner up**  
**Warwick Caste - by Warwick Wolf - Sony a57 DSLT**



# UKDN FUN POINT, PRESS & PRAY PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

**Winner**

**Shell Island - by Puffin - Canon Ixus 107 - suspended from a kite**



**Runner up**

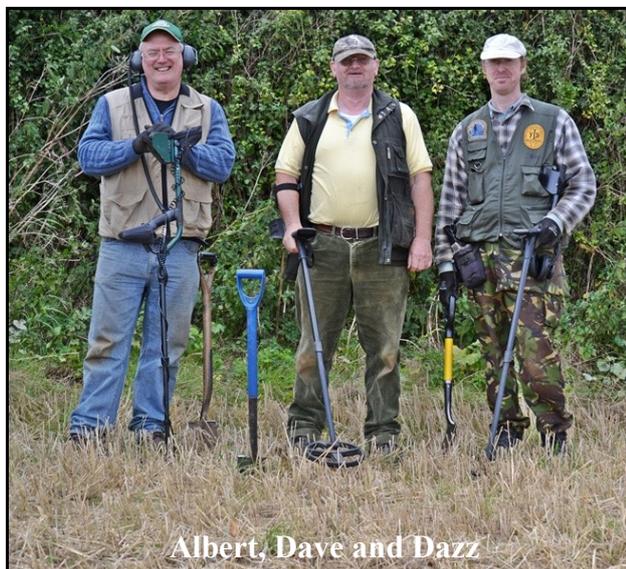
**Anna Maria Island, Florida - by Nick - Fuji film S5700**



# Australian Detectorist

## By Donnydave

My mate Albert from Brisbane has been threatening for years to come on a detecting holiday with me in East Yorkshire.



Our first outing was on the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2012 he insisted on using his own detector that he had brought from Oz, a Garrett Infinium LS, a great beach and underwater machine but not so ideal for East Yorkshire stubble fields?



I introduced him to the farmer and made sure he was welcome to detect, and away we went, he ended up finding loads of big ferrous finds and not much in the way of non-ferrous.



Our next outing was the following Wednesday, my favourite field was available and Albert decided to borrow my old faithful T2 and he found his very first hammy a Henry 111 cut half.



The next session was September 5<sup>th</sup> Friday, we had the morning session detecting another new field where a few nice finds were coming up and plenty of scrap. I wanted to give him the experience of detecting all types of ground conditions.

At dinner time we moved to one of my pasture fields but it was full of sheep, so we ate our snap, and moved back to the previous days stubble field where it was my turn to find a Henry 111 cut half. We were supposed to be having a short relaxed session but it was dusk by the time I got him off the field.



The next session was a bit disappointing? I ended up going on my own and it was another fresh field where the beans had been harvested I got a text from Albert apologising he missed this session because of a hangover! That was September 22<sup>nd</sup> been and gone?



All three of us ended up on the next day out it was September 30<sup>th</sup> and we went on a private rally near Newark it was another hard day traipsing about and not finding much but we met some nice people.



October 2<sup>nd</sup> I took Albert to meet another of my farmer friends and we had a really good session on another stubble field where Albert found a lovely bell.



I then took him to a pasture field where he made some more nice finds including an old military badge that turned out to belong to the West York Militia, during this session the heavens opened up but Albert continued while I sheltered in the car with a mug of hot coffee.



October 4<sup>th</sup> turned out to be a very interesting day out on my sheep pasture field where I found a very unusual silver Chinese Dragon coin?



At dinner break Dazz brought out a load of old finds to show Albert what we might find ? but not much at all came up this session.



It was October 7<sup>th</sup> before we got out together again I received a new picnic chair off my mate Albert and we managed to get Dazz to accompany us again, this time we managed to get on the pasture field.

It was now Friday October 12<sup>th</sup> and I decided to take Albert to one of my outlying bean fields and we had a very productive session, and I found hammy number 14 for the year, this time a full Henry 111 London

penny class Vb.



On Tuesday Albert came with me to Doncaster museum to meet our FLO and hand over our finds for this period.

Our next session was a long drive in a pea-souper on Sunday 21<sup>th</sup> October to a NEWS dig, when we arrived at the very picturesque fields the sun came out and it turned out to be a nice day but the finds were virtually non-existent so after dinner break we

headed back to my bean field in East Yorkshire a shorter 54 mile drive back?



That was my last session detecting with Albert he flies back to Australia on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October after a very enjoyable two months holiday in Doncaster, the rest of his time he spent meeting up with his family,



Albert

I am hoping he will be back next year.

Donnydave.



# 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.**

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## Village History Day - by Georgian Tim

We recently had a village History Day in the village church to raise funds towards the upkeep of the building. It is also hoped to raise funds to remove some of the unused pews and make usable space for village groups.

Most people know me, if only by sight, as I can often be seen wandering around the nearby fields with my detector so I was invited to show a few of the MD finds I have made over the past 15 years. I think they were just expecting a few twisted bits of metal as many were very surprised with the variety I put on show. Finds are getting somewhat sparse now but luckily I have enough bits and pieces to fill a table.

The village has always been a typical farming village with a few prosperous individuals but apart from the odd hammered, I am yet to find any artefacts made from gold or silver. All the items classed as jewellery have all been copper alloy although the occasional heavily gilded piece has also turned up. In itself this provides an insight into the village history and what happened there in the past.

From the early flints through to items made in the last 20 years, my display covered 4 thousand years of village history. Not everything is a MD find as I collect any documents or books connected with the village. For this display I selected 3 books written about the village or local area including works by 2 famous antiquaries born in the parish. They are John Britton (1771-1857)





and John Aubrey (1626-1697) who between them published dozens of books and manuscripts. Britton also re-published some of Aubrey's works so they are still available today. I rescued one of the re-prints from a skip and a friend put it back together for me as part of a course she was doing. I also put a framed letter from John Britton on the table. It is to a Mr Smith at the British Museum and still has Britton's wax seal attached. I would have liked to put some of the velum wills on display but they are very large documents and I would have needed a lot more tables.

My collection of village postcards had a rare outing for the day and I mounted them on a borrowed display board for the occasion. These went down very well with everyone as many of the older visitors could remember the village as it was when some of the photos were originally taken. One old gent with Alzheimer's came to life when he saw them and spoke to his wife about how things used to be and what he did when he was a young lad. She thanked me for putting them on display as he had hardly said a word over the past year.

The hand grenade parts sparked a bit of interest as some visitors remembered being banned from a group of fields when the Home Guard did a bit of grenade practice. This then started a lot of reminiscing about their wartime experiences and although I suspect a bit of embellishment, it was fascinating to hear about their antics. All in all it was a great day and although I was completely worn out, I would happily do it all again.

## Word Search - Metals

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**Find the words in the grid.**

Words can go horizontally, vertically and diagonally in all eight directions

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Beryllium	Hammered	Orichalcum	Scrupulum
Cobalt	Iron	Penny	Seal
Copper	Lead	Platinum	Silver
Cross	Lithium	Potassium	Sodium
Denarius	Litra	Prutah	Sovereign
Dodrans	Magnesium	Quadrans	Spoon
Farthing	Mercury	Quadrigatus	Tin
Follis	Miliareense	Quinarius	Titanium
Fourree	Nickel	Quincunx	Zinc

# PAS Medieval Objects and Landscape Conference held at the British Museum 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2012

by Kev Woodward



Networking in full flow  
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The Portable Antiquities Scheme (PAS) and the Medieval Settlement Research Group (MSRG) held a joint conference at the British Museum on 22<sup>nd</sup> October this year, with the title ‘Objects and Landscape: understanding the medieval period through finds recorded by the Portable Antiquities Scheme’.

Tom Redmayne and I travelled down from Lincolnshire to London to attend this series of lectures and to meet some acquaintances and talk with other interested people.

As is usual with these conferences there was a quick registration to go through where the conference pack was given to all attendees. There were also some ‘freebies’ for the quick and eagle-eyed as they were soon snapped up – better luck next time Tom! Short welcome speeches by Dr Roger Bland (Head of PAS) and Dr

Michael Lewis were followed by various speakers talking about a variety of subjects ranging from ‘Contextualising Anglo-Scandinavian Metal-detecting Finds: approaches and methodologies’ to a focus on certain finds like ‘Casting new light on Old Jettons’ and ‘New insights into Cloisonne Brooches’.

A talk by Dr Tim Pestell (Norwich Museum) about Papal Bullae was one of several talks that showed how PAS data has revolutionised studies in certain research fields. In particular certain Popes issued considerably more Bulls (Papal documents) to England and Wales than others and research is being conducted to find out possible reasons.

Other talks such as the one by David Williams

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(Surrey FLO) on 'Letters and Lattices: reclassifying Tudor purses' illustrated the distribution of certain types and classified new types not known until recorded by detectorists with PAS. Some types have only been dated from European portrait paintings of that era, which opens up questions about foreign trade and merchants in England and Wales.

The Lincolnshire FLO, Adam Daubney, gave a talk about a parish that our very own Tom Redmayne has self-recorded many hundreds of finds from and what can be learnt from such an intense study. He showed that PAS data reflects, enhances and sometimes changes the known archaeological record. He also expanded on the problem that all areas suffer from and that is the blank areas in the archaeological record due to landowners refusing permission for detectorists and others to search their land.

Later discussion turned to how, or if it is even possible, for detectorists to be able to record 'negative' evidence, in other words, be able to record where your blank fields are, which adds to the overall map of human use of the land.

Dr Kevin Leahy (PAS) gave, as always, an illuminating talk about two sites, one in Lincolnshire, the other in East Yorkshire which showed very similar parish boundary deviations and both had Saxon market sites on them! I will be getting the maps out around my area to see if any are close to or on to my detecting permissions. This new research has the potential to add to our understanding of where Saxon markets were held and also why these areas were chosen.

Towards the end of the day a discussion session was held where those who had given the talks were asked questions or to comment further on a certain point. There was one person who questioned finds being found in plough soil being of any research use. He was comprehensively put back in his box by his fellow archaeologists. Detecting finds are now seen as just one element of a multi-discipline approach to research that is now recognised as the way forward in future studies.

It was so refreshing to hear this defence of our

detected finds from archaeologists; it seems that the message has got through to those in small finds research, it is hoped that this will spread to other disciplines as time goes by.

Overall the conference was a great success with some exciting evidence and conclusions as well as many new questions being talked about and debated afterwards.

During the breaks between sessions it was great to catch up with others there, some already known and others now added. Tom and I met UKDN members Archer and meandmydreams which was great as both are very friendly and know their stuff. We know that there were other forum members there but unfortunately we didn't seem to cross paths, may be next time.

If you have not been to a conference like this I can wholeheartedly recommend it, not only for the interesting and informative talks but also to see how the recording of your finds is being used in research and be able to talk to the researchers themselves. You get a nice warm feeling when one of your finds is either a dot on a distribution map or even shown on a slide during a talk, this happened with one of Tom's finds and he had only found and recorded it two weeks before the talk!

Some may feel that detectorists may not be welcomed or at best just tolerated: this may have been the case a few years ago but these days your attendance is as welcome as anyone.

Where else could you talk to the head of PAS, several FLO's, Kevin Leahy and other experts in their fields alongside Time Team's Helen Geake? I strongly recommend that you go to a future PAS conference, you may well enjoy yourself!

Kev Woodward.

# Out and About in the Red Rocket. By Brian and Mo'

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searcher

It's been a long time since we've written any articles for The Searcher, at least eighteen months. Life has been hectic, we got married twelve months ago and our business of reproducing coins and artefacts has blossomed. We have now reproduced more than 460 coins and artefacts for detector users and ask that if you have found something special and need to sell it or share it with the farmer or landowner then send it to us. We can copy your object, virtually free of charge, and give you four free reproductions. It's sad to speak to detector users who have found a Saxon or Medieval gold coin, subsequently sold it and then have nothing to show, except for a couple of poor quality photographs.

Luckily, during the past eighteen months, we have kept the finds and records from each trip in separate bags. This enables us to recall the expeditions for the benefit of the

readers of The Searcher.

This trip goes back to the autumn of 1998, when one evening we received an invite from Cheryl, who runs rallies in the Norfolk and Suffolk areas. These are invitation only affairs and although we are not normally rally goers, we had heard good reports of these rallies and thought we'd give this one a go.

The time taken to travel from Cheshire to Norfolk is great even if you have a fast car. When you're travelling in the Red Rocket it takes what seems like an eternity. Mark Carlin, our club chairman, was also attending with his son, Peter, who was nine years old. Mark would travel down in his car and meet us there. Mo' and I were looking at a seven hour journey.

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We left at 3pm and had an uneventful trip there, arriving on the site late that night, to meet Mark and about 40 others who were already there. Everyone made us very welcome; one detectorist actually came up to us and asked if he could touch the Red Rocket. He thought we were joking when we said, "Yes, but don't press too hard!"

### ***everyone wanders about***

The next day was beautiful and after breakfast we were out and about on the three large fields set aside for searching. What normally happens on such searches is that everyone wanders about, with their own intentions. Some head for the high ground, if there is any, others will potter about never venturing far from their base, whilst others will be half a mile away ten minutes after the start, "A hammered has been found", "Someone has found a lovely medieval buckle", etc, etc.

Mark had never had the pleasure of unearthing his first hammered coin, even though he had found a gold sovereign in his first twelve months of detecting. For months we had been telling him that the code for when you found a hammered coin, no matter what the weather was doing, was to lie on your back with your

arms and legs in the air. We called it the "Dying Fly Act".

### ***we heard the word 'GOLD'.***

Several hours into the search and already the whispers were coming back that several people had found hammered coins and that this weekend could be a good 'un. Mo' and I were walking side by side up the long field when we heard the word 'GOLD'. We looked up to see a small group of detectorists examining a find. Leaving our detectors on the ground we walked across to see what had been found. It was a hammered gold coin, folded in half as they often are, but from what we could see, it was in good condition.

### ***with his legs in the air***

Then one of the group shouted, "Blimey, what's happened to him?" pointing across the field to a detectorist who was lying on his back with his legs in the air, "Is he having a fit or something?" he asked. We recognised the detectorist as Mark and sussed out his dying fly act too. "No, he's just found his first hammered coin", we laughed. Mark had found a beautiful short-cross hammered penny of King John.

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We searched for the rest of the day but found nothing special. Finds had been very abundant and the word on the street, or should that be fields, was that this was one of Cheryl's best rallies. More than forty hammered, several gold rings, a couple of dozen Roman coins and a lot of other stuff had been found on that day alone. Everyone settled down and prepared for the next day.

The following day was another bright and sunny one and Cheryl informed everyone that several more fields were available. We all dashed around these, the rumours making us jump from one field to another. But, by late afternoon we had come to the conclusion that one of the best areas was the field just behind all the vans and caravans. A lot of medieval stuff had come from the bottom of this field and this is where Mo', Mark and I decided to concentrate our efforts.



The spectacle buckle shown in Fig. 1

came from this area, almost straight-away. Shortly afterwards Mo' found the William III sixpence, dated 1696, shown in Fig. 2. Hammered coins were popping up quite regularly, one chap found three groats, right next to a bale of hay. Another couple of inches and that purse loss would probably have been under the bale. We knew it was only a matter of time and luck before we each had a hammered coin in our bags.



Fig 2

Mark's son Peter was having his first go at detecting and, being only nine, was now losing a little interest. He was finding the machine a bit on the heavy side by late afternoon and was literally dragging it behind him. Nevertheless, the detector beeped, and Peter walked over to his Dad with the find. "What's this thing Dad?", he asked. In his hand he had a beautiful Roman fibula, something else Mark had yet to find.

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'Why don't you go and play on the main road?' joked Mark, threatening to wrap the detector around his son's neck.



Fig 3

On one of my runs through this area I wandered off the medieval patch and was just about to turn around and go back when a strong signal stopped me in my tracks. Just a couple of inches down, I unearthed the Hadrian sestertius shown in Fig. 3. This was a nice find to be taking home. I stopped Mo' when I crossed her path and showed her the coin. She had found several lead weights, which someone had told her, were used in medieval dresses. A lot of these were found at the bottom of this field. In an area covered in footprints and holes, she had also unearthed the cartwheel penny shown in Fig. 4.



Fig 4

### ***I was in trouble now***

My Spectrum batteries were now running down and I returned to the Red Rocket. I was in trouble now as usually we ask a farmer if I can put them on charge overnight, either in a barn, workshop or outhouse. As we were planning to stay an extra day and do some detecting on one of our Norfolk farms, I had to get the batteries charged. Cheryl pointed the way to the farm and Mo' said she'd start some tea. Mark and I ran to the farm, got my batteries on charge and were back to the Red Rocket within ten minutes. It was now going quite dark.

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Mo' greeted us with the biggest grin I'd seen since she won a tenner at bingo years ago. "What's tickled you?" I asked. "I've done the double, I've got two hammered!!" flashing two discs she was holding. "How could you have done?" "Where about?", "When did you find them?", "We've only been gone ten minutes", Mark and I blurted, not believing what we were seeing.

Mo' explained that when we went she put a pan on and then thought, "What am I doing, there's still ten minutes of light left." She grabbed her detector and went back to where we'd been searching all afternoon. Her first signal was the hammered penny shown in Fig. 5. A couple of steps later she unearthed the Henry VII half-groat shown in Fig. 6. Mark and I could only examine the coins, gob-smacked at Mo's good fortune.



Fig 5



Fig 6

Mark and a fair number of rally goers left that evening, having to go to work the next morning. We passed that night with a few drinks as usual. We had the opportunity to search for a few hours the next morning along with a few others who were either retired or were on shift work.

### ***found another hammered***

The next morning was damp and wet, a complete change in the weather. Still, we got in a few hours of searching before we packed it in. Bits and pieces were still coming up from the medieval part of the field; a couple more spectacle buckles were in our pouches as well as more lead weights. We must have had fifteen of them between the two of us. Mo' shouted me over after about two hours, making the sign with her hands that she'd found another hammered – the lovely little Edward farthing shown in Fig. 7.



Fig 7

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We left at dinnertime, thanking Cheryl for the hospitality. We'd met a lot of people who'd read of our exploits in the Red Rocket. Its funny, many of them had thought the stories made up until they saw the Rocket on the fields, in the flesh so to speak.

Within the hour we were at one of the farms we search in Norfolk. We spent another hour catching up with the latest news from the farmer before we got on the fields. We had about three hours of searching before embarking on the seven hour journey home. I hadn't found anything special over the weekend but within ten minutes of being on one of these fields I had the tiny hammered farthing coin shown in Fig. 8 in my hands. It's funny how a lot of detector users rate their success by whether or not they have found a hammered coin. I tend to do this. A trip isn't a success if I don't go home with a hammered coin. At least I had made the grade.



Fig 8

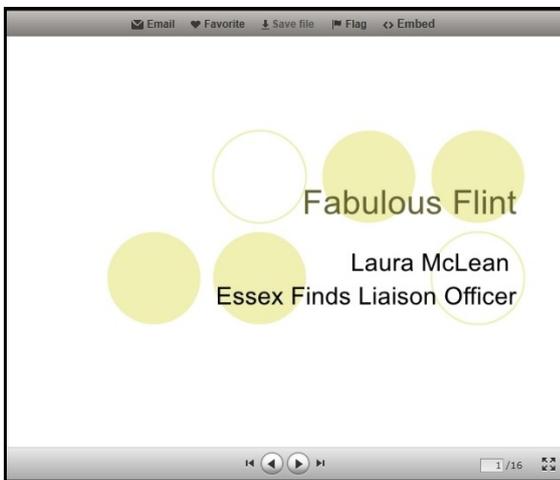
Within twenty minutes I had another in the bag, a battered penny, probably of one of the Edwards and, would you believe it, ten minutes later I got another, also extremely battered ! How strange this hobby is. I'd spent all weekend tramping up and down fields watching hammered coin after hammered coin being found in front of my eyes, with not a peep of one for myself. I travel fifty miles on, go on another field where we'd only had two hammered in all the visits we'd made and in just over half an hour I had three in the bag.

Nothing else special came up during the next couple of hours and by 7 pm, after a cuppa with the farmer, we had to think seriously about getting home. If the journey went well, we'd be back about two in the morning.

And so it was. We arrived home in the early hours of the morning, emptying the Red Rocket only of the essentials, like detectors. It had been a successful long weekend, we'd found six hammered coins and had a good time, as usual.

Our next trip was to take place just two weeks later, but little did we know at the time, but it was to be OUR VERY LAST TRIP IN THE RED ROCKET.

# Flint by PhilD - click on text or images for info



- Lithic implement (4,365)
- Scraper (Tool) (1,743)
- Flake (1,666)
- Blade (793)
- Arrowhead (646)
- Core (635)
- Debitage (369)
- Vessel (329)
- Knife (297)
- Microlith (240)



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