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IN OUR  
CHRISTMAS  
RAFFLE**



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# A Message from Admin

Welcome to this, issue number 64 of the UKDN Word magazine. Wow, we are at a Christmas edition once again, how the year has flown by. This issue is jam-packed with articles and news stories to whet your appetite for anything to do with metal detecting.

Today we have launched the UKDN Christmas Raffle with a first prize of an XP Deus Full. Other prizes include Treasure Hunting magazine subscription along with prizes from Whites and Regton. Full details of how you can take part are enclosed within these pages. Take note that we have had to find a way around PayPal's restriction on the sale of raffle tickets and that is described here too.

The UKDN 2013 Calendar is well under way. Details of how to order one of these can be found on page 5. Place your orders soon as we only have a limited number available.

It's been a busy month for the Admin Team. Brian Cross came to the decision to make some changes and these have been implemented as described on page 4.

The weather has been absolutely awful but most of you are still getting out and putting your finds on the forum. Its great to see so many interesting finds being displayed on the forum pages.

On a final note and we know its very early in the month to be doing this but, we at UKDN, wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



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**Karv**

Techy Admin. Here since March 2004. Detecting since 2004



# SOME FORUM CHANGES

Just an informative post to let you all know of some recent changes made to the way we run UKDN. As we had twelve staff members helping moderate and run UKDN I decided, as site owner, to implement a few changes. With this number of people being involved in the running and moderation of UKDN we were in danger of losing the focus and stability needed to work effectively, hence the changes.

I have curtailed the Moderator role and asked the moderators if they would take up other positions. In my mind I wanted more people to get involved in producing the monthly magazine, WORD. Several have volunteered to get more involved with that role and we are grateful. One has requested to step back down to registered member. I have to say a big "Thank You" now to anyone who has changed roles in whatever direction.

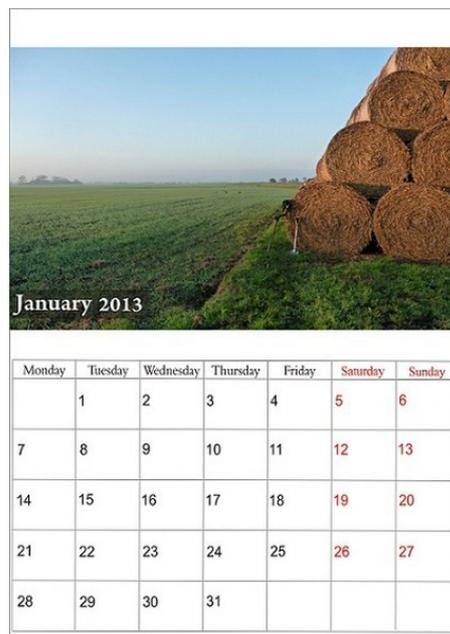
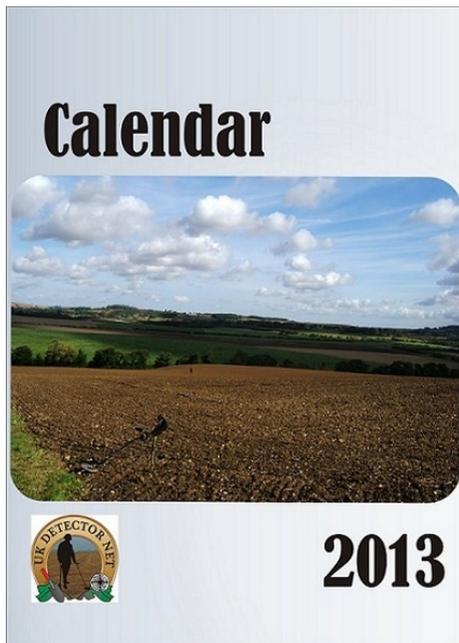
Coreservers is now stepping into the role of Assistant Editor of the WORD magazine ensuring that the magazine will still have a good production team even when I am not available.

The remaining Admin staff will now run and moderate the forum and we ask that if you have any questions you point them towards any member of the Admin Team.

These changes, I hope, will enable UKDN to survive and grow for the next ten years

Brian Cross - Creator of UK DETECTOR NET

# UKDN CALENDAR AVAILABLE NOW !!



It's here now—the 2013 UKDN Calendar. A change of style from last year in that this year we have thirteen superb photos (see examples above), one for each month and one for the front cover.

We are now taking orders and will do all the way up to December 18th, the cut-off date, so we have plenty of time to get them to you for Christmas presents etc. You can pay by cheque or by Paypal, see button below. Some of the photos are absolute class, and this wouldn't have been possible without your help. If ordering more than one calendar please deduct 50p per calendar or ask for a price.

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**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 a charity chosen by the forum members in a poll to be run in a few days time.**

Other prizes include..

Two clocks/watches donated by Whites Electronics (UK) Ltd, Two T/H magazine subscriptions at 50% off from T/H Magazine, 4 Books, 8 caps and 3 T-Shirts from Regton Ltd, 10 Calendars donated by UKDN, Set of Reproduction coins from Museum Reproductions.

Please support the above companies because they have supported our efforts. Tickets are priced at £10 each plus Paypal fees.

**Multiple prizes will not be allowed to individuals.** Payment can also be made by cheque: Send cheque for £10 for 1 x £10 ticket, £20 for 2 x £10 tickets, £30 for 3 x 10 tickets etc, etc , make cheque out to UK DETECTOR NET and send to UK DETECTOR NET, 52 Stonehills Lane, Runcorn, Cheshire, WA7 5UL.

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*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*

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<a href="#"><u>I think you may like this.....</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>£700-800 budget, which detector?</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Bronze Bulls Head</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Fork or spade?</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Hammereds,roman,and a little gold ring</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Edward the Confessor - I think</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Glass Ball Club</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Most underrated detector</u></a>

# Coin of The Month

**Winner**

**Tinner - Hampshire Thunderbolt Quarter Stater**



I would like to start by saying thanks to everybody who voted for my quarter stater. I found this on one of our Sunday sessions after we had been hunting for Roman coins for a good few hours. Both dad and I were fairly tired and decided to head back to the car (sorry about the cliché).

This was on a field that we had been on many times before and as we came around a corner of the field, I had a sweet signal and decided without a second thought that this was a digger. I did not get any signals from the probe from the surface, which I would recommend doing on all signals as it can save you a considerable amount of digging.

I then dug down one shovelful and turned over the soil. There was still no signal in the removed soil so I checked with the pin-point in the hole. This time a good clear signal came buzzing back so I gently poked around with my finger.

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## MONTHLY COMPETITIONS

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To my astonishment I could see the edge of what looked like a gold coin.

As always in this situation you are hoping that it IS a gold coin but invariably it turns out to be a piece of a can, a milk bottle top. As I lifted the coin out, it became obviously that it was actually a coin of some sort.

### ***I had a gold coin***

I called over to dad "GOLD!", and the usual expletives followed! We both sat there looking at it in the palm of my hand, still covered in mud, discussing the possibilities or Saxon gold, Celtic gold or Roman gold. At this stage, I didn't really care as I had a gold coin in the palm of my hand.

With the gentlest of cleaning we realised it was Celtic and couldn't believe our eyes. It was a lovely crisp coin, no damage and as clean as the day it was struck. There is no feeling like it! The buzz went on for several days. I emailed Liz Cotton from Chris Rudd Celtic Coins who verified that it was indeed a Hampshire Thunderbolt type from "a Hampshire Thunderbolt quarter stater struck by the Belgae tribe c.55-45 BC". These dates are staggering - to think

that this coin has been in the soil for over 2000 years.



This is what detecting is all about. All the hours put in and the days finding nothing of any particular interest - just to find one gem. I am so glad that dad was there to share it with me.

Thanks again - Tinner



# Artefact of the Month

**Winner**  
**Silver Gilt Clothes fastener – Nick Keeler**



I am chairman of the Severn Vale Historical Research and Detecting Society (SHRADS) and at the beginning of October we visited one of our clubs farms in South Gloucestershire where in January 2011 I found a silver gilt clothes fastener which passed through the treasure process and was subsequently disclaimed (T291 2011).

Before we started detecting I visited the farmer and presented him with the find that I made in 2011 and he was delighted to have possession of the clothes fastener that I had shared pictures of with him over the course of the treasure process.

We headed into the same fields where I had made the initial discovery which were now in stubble having been cultivated since our last visit. As I had been fortunate enough to find a cut half as well as the silver gilt clothes fastener on my previous visit I concentrated my search in the same area. After a couple of hours all I had to show for my efforts were a couple of Georgian buttons and numerous mastitis tubes. About 40 foot away from the spot where I had my "treasure" find in 2011 my detector swept through a nice short patch of stubble and a nice clear tone rang out on my trusty Whites DFX (I have had this detector for the last nine years).

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Digging out the signal the clod of earth fell apart to reveal .....another silver gilt clothes fastener, this time of a different style and complete with the hook and fastening bar on the reverse. A quick wash was all that was required to remove the dirt that was sticking to the find and the silver gilt glistened in the sun for the first time in over 400 years. To say I was over the moon was an understatement and my fellow detectorists

in the field that day were convinced that my giving the original find to the farmer was the reason that I received detecting Karma.

The find has now been given to our local FLO Kurt Adams and is being evaluated by Bristol Museum to see if they wish to add it to their collection, if so it will proceed through the Treasure Process.

Nick Keeler – SHRADS Chairman



**Nick Keeler – SHRADS Chairman**

**Monthly Competition Runners up**



**Coin of the Month**

**Meandmydreams**

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**Artefact of the Month**

**Godfrey**

**Roman Umbronate Brooch**



**Artefact of the Month**

**tinnersdad**

**Roman Brooch**



**Artefact of the Month**

**tomredmayne**

**13th century gilded bronze annular brooch**

# UKDN FUN DSLR - Camera PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

**Winner - Fireworks  
By Slapeddicus**



**Runners up**

**Wiltshire beeches - By Tinner  
Nikon D60**



**Klondyke Mill - By Puffin  
Canon 450d**



# UKDN FUN POINT, PRESS & PRAY PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

**Winner - The mist coming up our valley in the early morning  
By Casa-Dos - Sony Cyber Shoot T100**



**Runner up - Spider in a rather damp web  
By Old Git John - Kodak Z740**



# How a Coat of Arms Livery Button was Identified

A few weeks ago UKDN member Arfrape posted up a livery button, depicting a double coat of arms and crest, asking if it was possible to identify who the issuing family was. After some research the families involved were found and even narrowed down to the married couple that commissioned its manufacture. So, what do you have to do if you are lucky enough to find a nice piece of local history that you want to find out more about?

OK you could still put it up on UKDN for the collective minds of the members to help but it can be more rewarding trying to identify it yourself. Hopefully after reading this you may have some idea of what to look for and where to go once you have some idea of what you are looking for.



Initially I concentrated on the crest (the bird on top of the coat of arms) as they are usually the easier items to identify. However, being one of a possible number of bird types used in heraldry I was not able at first to make much headway, so I turned to the coat of arms. Now, there are a few basic rules that need to be known for research into heraldic items. One of them is tinctures (colours) which are sometimes represented by dots or lines so that similar coat of arms can still be told apart when depicted on

buttons, carvings or any other monochrome image. As a quick guide have a look here [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tincture\\_\(heraldry\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tincture_(heraldry)) The most obvious colour shown is on the right side of the shield where the dots representing Or (gold) can clearly be seen.

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However, the rampant lion is the most popular heraldic blazon used so narrowing it down would be harder than finding the husband's side on the left side of the shield.

So, full attention was given to this coat of arms. First thing is to try and identify the field (background) colour as this is always the first item mentioned in heraldic descriptions. In this case some vertical lines can be faintly seen, which means the background colour will be gules (red). Next in heraldic descriptions comes the main blazon which in this case are three wheatsheafs, or garbs in heraldic speak. The other obvious item on this coat of arms is the band that cuts diagonally across the main part of the arms. This is called a bend and is covered in a pattern called vairy or variants of the spelling. The band across the top shows a mill rind in the centre which also helped with the description. With these heraldic terms I turned to Google and some of my reference books and found the family of Ricardo fitted the bill very nicely and they also came from the county the button was discovered. Once the family name was known a further Google search confirmed the Ricardo crest. A good website for crests is this one <http://www.myfamilysilver.com/crestfinder-search/-family-crest> as it uses images from the book Fairburns Crests which is the top reference work on them.



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A Bird Holding In The Dexter Claw A Flag-Staff With A Flag, The Latter Charged With A Cross.

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It has to be remembered that the images shown on that web site and in the book are generic ones and may not be exactly the same as the crest they represent – like the one above which shows the birds wings spread when the actual crest has them by the birds side.

Further Google searches on the Ricardo family came up with Osman Ricardo who married Harriet Mallory (22/5/1817) whose family coat of arms is a rampant lion on a gold background.



So, the identification of the families was complete and it could be dated from 1817 (Osman and Harriet's marriage) to 1881 (Osman's death). The makers name on the reverse was no real help in dating the button as the references only give mid 19<sup>th</sup> century. However, it is unlikely to have been made after Harriet's death in 1875 so that narrowed it down a small amount. Livery buttons were at their fashionable zenith around the 1850's to 1880's so this will probably be as close as we are likely to get.

Further research on the Ricardo family was carried out by UKDN member DiOz and he found the information on the following pages.

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About Osman Ricardo (from "The Works and Correspondence of David Ricardo: Volume 10)

Osman, b. 25 May 1795 at Kennington. He was educated at Charterhouse (1805) and at Trinity College, Cambridge (matriculated 1812, B.A. 1816). He married on 22 May 1817, Harriett, youngest daughter of Robert Harvey Mallory, of Woodcote, Warwickshire. On marriage they lived first at Hyde near Gatcomb Park and then from 1819 at Bromesberrow Place, Ledbury, where they were often visited by David Ricardo. A daughter was born to them in February 1818, but died in June of the same year, whereafter they remained childless. He was Liberal M.P. for Worcester from 1847 to 1865, and a magistrate and deputy lieutenant for Worcestershire, and also a magistrate for the counties of Gloucester and Hereford. He died at Bromesberrow on 2 Jan. 1881, leaving his estate to his nephew Frank Ricardo.

His wife Harriett (1799–1875) was a great favourite with David Ricardo. Compliments and messages for her abound in the letters of John Stuart Mill, who used to send her books to read, from the *Nouvelle Héloïse* to his own *Political Economy*. Tom Moore, after meeting her at a dinner-party in July 1823, wrote in his diary: 'Mrs. R. is more than pretty, and may be called lovely; her manners, too, very agreeable'.

He also found the seal of Osman's father David Ricardo



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He even managed to find a picture of Osman and the Hall, Bromesberrow Place where Osman and Harriet lived; the find spot was confirmed as being within a mile or two of there.



A great piece of research DiOz and it shows what can be found out from what many would call 'just a button'. But they are much more than that, they are great pieces of local history that give you a tangible connection with the past and can lead you into some wonderful local history researches. This can only give you a real sense of belonging to the area you live in.

The original post can be seen here

<http://www.forumukdetectornet.co.uk/phpBB3/viewtopic.php?f=157&t=117533>

If you don't feel able to carry out research, don't have the time or are just plain lazy why not post up your livery buttons up onto the forum; we can't promise a positive identification or even details like those shown above, but we will give it our best shot. So, dig out those livery buttons from your finds collection, you may just find out something interesting about it and be able to add it to your local history.

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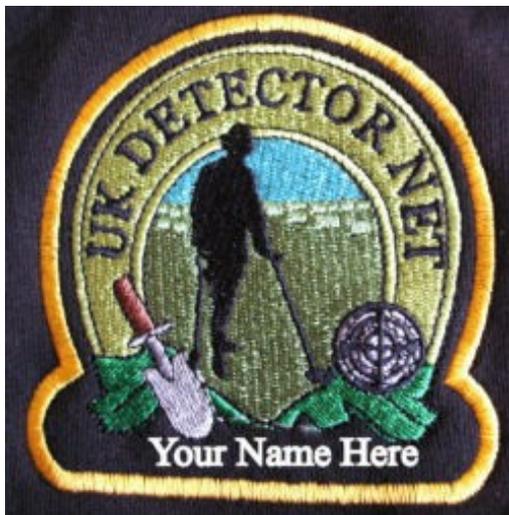
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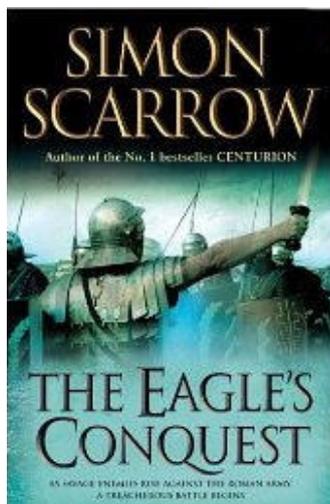
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# ROMAN HISTORICAL FICTION WRITERS

By **Brian  
Cross**



*Roman Ballista Bolts*  
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*".....Vitellius had seen the effects of a bolt-thrower barrage before and knew just how effective those weapons could be. The Britons, however, had not and as the tribune watched, a swarm of natives rushed up over the earthworks and ran towards a section of the palisade that had taken a direct hit and was burning nicely. Reaching the spot, the Britons frantically shovelled earth onto the fire while those with buckets formed a chain down to the river. But before the chain could even begin to work, the bolt-thrower crews had trained their weapons against it, and in moments the ground was littered with figures struck down by a hail of bolts....."*

The above extract comes from a book I have recently read....."The Eagle's Conquest" by Simon Scarrow. This is the second book in Scarrow's Eagle series of books. The series centres around two main protagonists; Quintus Licinius Cato and Lucius Cornelius Macro, who are both Roman soldiers. Macro, a veteran with nearly 15 years service in the Roman Army, (at the start of the first novel), has recently been appointed to the Centurionate. Cato is in his teen years, and grew up in the Imperial Palace as a slave. At the start of the series he joins the Eagles as Macro's Optio. The first book, and the following four books start in 42 AD., and covers the experiences of the two soldiers... initially as experienced centurion and new optio... in battles in Germania and the invasion of Britain by Claudius, as part of the Legio II Augusta. The 6th book The Eagle's Prophecy has them serving as part of the Imperial Navy east of Italy. The 7th and 8th puts them in Rome's eastern provinces as agents of the Emperor's secretary Tiberius Claudius Narcissus. The 9th sees them shipwrecked on the Island of Crete, fighting against a full-scale uprising.

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Scarrow cites the inspiration for his 'earthy' characters as being from his time in the Officer Training Corps.

As a detector user of more than 30 years experience I was immediately enthralled by Simon's full on description of the Roman way in military and civilian life. It all came to life for me; the people, the conflicts, the artefacts mentioned and even the places. Everything seemed so spot-on, if I can use that term. Simon's accurate portrayal of all things Roman has had me thirsting for more, since I first picked up book one.

Simon Scarrow has, in the past, run a Roman History programme, taking parties to a number of ruins and museums across Britain. With this experience, and fired by the knowledge gleaned from his exploration of Roman sites, he decided to write what he wanted to read - military page-turners set during the Roman invasion of Britain in AD 43.

Here's another typical paragraph.....

*".....the first days of March brought a little more warmth to the air and the rutted track became slick with mud beneath the booted feet of the Fourth Cohort. They were marching south from Calleva, patrolling along the border with the Durotriges, in an attempt to discourage any more raids. The mission was more of a gesture of Roman support for the Atrebatas than a realistic attempt to discourage the Durotriges and their sinister Druid allies....."*

Nothing fantastic in this paragraph, except that it brought to me a real sense of how things were in those days; how the politics must have played a huge part in the conquest and pacification of Britain. Calleva was the Atrebatian capital and stood almost where modern-day Silchester stands. Gaining and keeping the support of the tribes was vital to the empire, otherwise supply lines could be stretched and broken, meaning the invasion could have failed.

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The paragraph below shows more politics in action, as the elders of Camulodunum (modern-day Colchester) preferred to turn away their own kind than risk the wrath of their Roman overlords for harbouring the remains of Caractacus' army. Reading the book and following these politics takes you right back to those grim days.

*"...Two days later the Roman army arrived before the ramparts of Camulodunum. When news of Caratacus' defeat reached the town elders of the Trinovantes they wisely refused to admit the bedraggled remains of their overlord's army into their capital, watching with relief as the sullen column disappeared across the rich farmland to the north. Most of the Trinovante warriors who had served with Caratacus kept faith with him and sadly turned their back on their kinsfolk and marched away....."*



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From reading these books I now understand how frightening a barrage of sling shot from the Celts could be to a group of Roman soldiers. Scarrow wrote..

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*"An instant later one of the slingers was even more lucky. A heavy round stone passed through a gap in the crude palisade and smashed into the ankle of a legionary just to one side of Cato. The man cried out as his bones were pulverised by the impact and he crumpled to one side, clutching at his ankle, and starting to howl in agony."*



**ROMAN SHORT SWORD OR GLADIUS**  
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In most of his books Simon Scarrow will mention the deadly Roman short sword. I'd heard of this weapon, of course, but hadn't really given much thought to its effectiveness until I read paragraphs such as this...

*"As the Fifth began to press forward Cato repeated the order to his men and the legionaries leaned into the curve of their shields and pressed into the loose ranks of the enemy. With the Roman line thrusting forwards, the tribesmen had even less space to wield their longer*

*blades and the exultant battle cries of a moment earlier died in their throats as each man sought to get away from the vicious blades of the short swords that stabbed out from between the broad shields."*

Scarrow does the short sword the justice it so rightly deserves and after reading just one of his books you realise how much of a deadly weapon it was. Tribesmen would fall upon a Roman wall of shields with the intention of breaking the Roman line only to discover that this line had a horrible secret as the short blades of the Roman sword thrust at them from between the individual shields.

Throughout all his books Scarrow mentions the ordinary everyday Roman military life. The leather tents, the cooking pots, the knives and tools they would use.

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He brings to your attention the harshness of life in a cold, foreign land, the fact that foreign tribes were not always the walk-over we imagined the Romans found them to be and even the simple things like problems with language that so obviously occurred.

I have now read about seven of Simon's books and have also learnt that we have several more really good historical fiction writers that concentrate on the Roman period.

Colleen McCullough's "The Masters of Roman" series is much acclaimed as is Henrik Sienkewicz's "Quo Vadis". "The Lost Legion" by Harry Turtledove is mentioned frequently on a Google search.

Others worth mentioning are:

Donna Gillespie "The Light Bearer" and "Lady of the Light"

James Duffy - "Gladiators of the Empire" Series

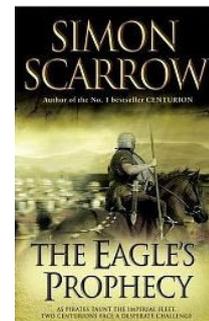
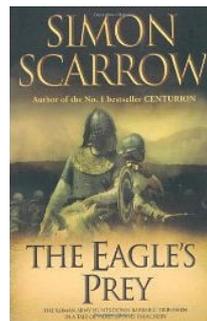
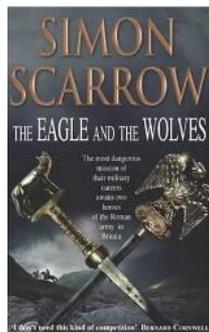
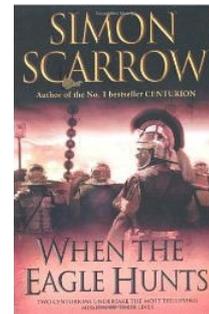
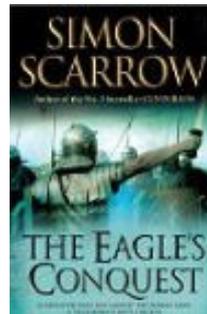
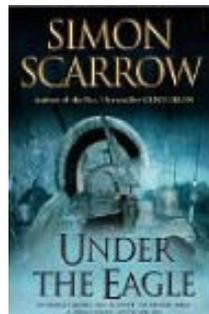
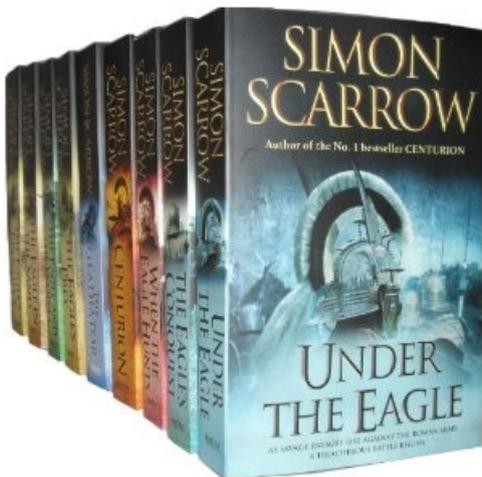
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The books below and their associated links will enable you to purchase them directly from Amazon.

An ideal item for a Christmas present.



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## Unusual strap end donated to the Museum of Somerset

Most finds I deal with are returned to the landowner or finder after recording. Although interesting archaeologically, most are not of sufficient interest or quality for museum display.



This late 9th or 10th century AD strap end of Thomas Class E type 4 from Mudford in South Somerset is a rare type. Class E strap ends are tongue shaped and larger than most strap ends of the period. On the continent and Scandinavia they were mostly used on baldrics (diagonal straps worn over the shoulder, often to hold a sword) and that was probably also the case in England. This particular sub-type has interlace decoration in a form known as Borre. Borre style was popular in Scandinavia from the late 9th century but less common in England. Borre decorated strap ends are mostly found down the east coast, in East Anglia or Lincolnshire. This item is therefore rare in general and also rare in the area so it is particularly pleasing that the finder has generously donated it to the Museum of Somerset where it is on temporary display.

Dr. Jane Kershaw has taken an interest in the strap end as part of her study on Viking style material found in England and blogged about it here: <http://vikingmetalwork.blogspot.co.uk/2012/07/viking-metalwork-from-south-west.html>. She has also drawn my attention to a good parallel from Wharram Percey. Full details of the parallels and the strap end can be found on the PAS record: [SOM-9ABAED](#)

Recorded by Laura Burnett



# A medal of Honour

By Coreservers

A few weeks ago my digging partner, littlebloke, and I were doing an aimless wander as we like to call it, when we 1<sup>st</sup> visit a field, across 75 acres of stubble. We'd not had much, so stopped for a 10 minute break.

## ***quite like something silver***

He said at that time, he'd love to find a half decent roman. I said I'd quite like something silver. We moved off 20 yards apart, as we both use T2's, He stopped and called me over. "you're never going to believe this" he said. And opened his hand. He'd only gone and picked up a legible roman bronze, right off the surface, not 5 steps from saying he wanted a decent roman.... "next time", I said, "ask for something, more than a bronze" we laughed.

After that it was on to digging 4 way buttons. Not sure on other detectors, but on the T2 they register anywhere from 78 to 63. And are really annoying. I managed to get probably 50 to 60 yards ahead, and got a big 86 at just 3 inches.

## ***was amazed at the condition.***

In went the mini shovel, I turned the clod over, and I could make out what looked like a milled silver edge. I cracked the clod, and out popped a 2<sup>nd</sup> world war naval service medal. I lifted it out and was amazed at the condition. I could also make out the name on the edge. I ran the detector back over the hole, and again got a signal. So rather than dig I clawed the loose out with my hands. And sure enough the ribbon holder popped out.

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After we'd finished for the day I posted it on UKDN, "Please ID my Finds", asking if anyone could find the person in question. Very quickly and amazingly efficiently I got a response. You certainly can't beat the speed of the finds advisors.

The rim reads....

P/MX. 786063. G.G. FUHRMAN. COOK (S).  
R.N.

Clearly a naval service medal, within a couple of hours our very own Blue Yeti had found out the following...

*"I reckon your man could be this chap, and drops the Hans name which would have not been popular at the time!! Looks like he escapes from the Nazis and joins the Royal Navy, later after the war he gets UK citizenship in 1947. He then settles in Welwyn, Hertfordshire.*

Naturalisation Certificate: Gehard Hans Georg Fuhrmann. From Czechoslovakia. Resident in Welwyn, Hertfordshire. Certificate AZ26452 issued 17 May 1947. Note(s): Alias: Gerard Hans George Fuhrman."

My next step was to look up local newspapers, and contact both the navy and seamans missions on behalf of Mr Fuhrmann and/or his family. Would be great to re-unite them with his medal. We've no idea how it ended up in a field almost as far from the sea as you can get. Maybe it was left in a pocket that went to shoddy, another name for clothes that were spread on the fields. More sinister.. Maybe it was stolen. But clearly this brave man earned it and needs it back.. I'll continue this when and if I get more information.

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# Christmas Word Search

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Baubles	Gold	Mistletoe	Scrooge
Bethlehem	Grotto	Myrrh	SilentNight
Cards	Holly	Nativity	Sleigh
Carol	Ivy	Nisse	StNicholas
CarolSingers	Jesus	Pantomime	Stocking
Christmas	Jinglebells	Presents	Tinsel
ChristmasTree	Joseph	Puddings	Tome
Elf	Lights	Reindeer	Wisemen
Fairy	Mary	Rudolph	YuleLog



# 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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## New members in November 2012

Brian and Mo and the team would like to thank and extend a warm welcome to all the new members listed below who have joined UKDN in the last month. Please introduce yourselves so that the members can welcome you aboard and make you feel at home. [Click here to introduce yourself](#)

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# About us

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## UKDN aims

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.

# Christmas Word Search Solution

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