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with Brian & Mo'
in Skidmark**

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Hi Everyone,

Welcome to this, the 85th edition of Word magazine. Thanks to all who have contributed and also to those who helped with the putting together of this, your FREE magazine !! Have you read them all? If not, go to <http://www.forumukdetectornet.co.uk/phpBB3/viewforum.php?f=166>

At last the crops are being harvested and at a fair rate too. Already on the forum we are seeing some fantastic coins and artefacts being shown, straight from the newly cut fields. With fine weather still being had, we expect the trend to continue.

As a reminder may we ask that when out in the countryside please take care in fields that contain livestock. There have been some tragic deaths in the past caused when people have ventured too near animals with new-born calves.

Enjoy your magazine and ... please tell your detecting friends about us. We are always on the look-out for new articles and detecting stories so if you have anything that you think other detectorists would like to read simply contact a member of the Admin or magazine team. Don't worry about grammar or spelling - we can sort out that side of it for you.

On a final note there has been a huge increase in the creation and use of Facebook detecting groups. It seems that there are new groups springing up every single day. Some groups now have upwards of 1000 members, in fact our own FB group is now heading for its 1,000th member.

However, whilst Facebook does have its uses it has a big downfall in that posts disappear from view very, very quickly and are never easy to find again. Forums like UK DETECTOR NET have a huge advantage over FB in that all posts on there are archived and very easily found. Our advice.... Yes, use Facebook to let your FB friends know about finds and your activities but also put them on the UKDN forum for great ID's that you can come back to and also bring your friends to see.

Good Hunting to you all in this new season

Brian, Mo' and the whole team.



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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

Silver bodkin help with date please

Medallion Marcus Aurelius

Nokta RS Pinpointer

Detecting feature on Harbour Lives programme

Religious medallion?..

Your best find so far

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Joan Allen selling E-Tracs for £999

Nice jeton....ID please

Poignant Find

Metal detecting on farming today

On a Roll

Yesteryear members

Dads hammered with a twist

The Queen's Pirate ship discovered under Thames

Itinerary for Lancaster displays

Clod Shot 1

Brooch

William IV half-sovereign

Gold coins stolen

Coin of The Month

Winner - Tinner Gold Quarter Stater



This session with Dad started much the same as most, talking about what if's and if only's, and that we haven't had a bad year so far this year.

We always hope that one of us will find something interesting in each session - it doesn't really matter who.

So we set off to the maize field where it had grown to about one foot high and changed our big coils to the small ones to enable us to go up and down the rows. There is a small ridge in the field and I decided to do about 50 metre run and work my way down the field. As you can only detect literally a foot between the stems, it really does concentrate the detecting.

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I had a few bits and bobs about twenty minutes in, and then I received a nice sharp signal. At this point my mind started to think this could be something nice, and as I dug down I could see the edge of something coloured gold.

In anticipation, I managed to move the object and to my delight I could see it was a coin. Most of the time they are either bottle tops or buttons. I called Dad over and we filmed it as we rinsed the coin off straight from the ground. It was as crisp as the day it was minted and a beautiful buttery gold colour. Dad and I looked at each other and said "it just doesn't get any better than this!"

We carried on detecting for a while afterwards but as you can imagine all I really wanted to do was get back and start researching the coin. It didn't take long once home to identify the coin. It is in the ABC of Celtic Coins by Chris Rudd - and it is an East Wiltshire three wheel type, left facing horse which is classed as "excessively rare".

These things never seem to turn up when you expect them and it is always a fantastic surprise when they do. To be honest at that point, as Dad and I rinsed the coin off together, it will be something I will remember for the rest of my life.

Happy hunting and thanks for voting
(c) Tinner August 2014



Artefact of the Month

Winner - Coreservers Roman twisted wire ring



The Wire....

At last the new season had started. And it was just the third trip of the year, I'd had a few mixed results the previous couple of trips, so we headed to the field we call "sestertius alley", as it's produced no fewer than eight of the large roman coins, along with a number of smaller 3rd and 4th century ones.

We'd been going an hour or so and had pretty much nothing, so decided to move to another part of the field. It's split by footpaths into 3 areas, this area had produced little, except a couple of crotals and a few pre-decimals. We decided to go lengthways, taking alternate rows.

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On the first pass, Steve, had gone almost half a row ahead. I had a strange scratchy signal - one I've only heard a couple of times on the T2, and had previously been a very deep small item. So I move round to X the signal then pinpointed.

It was then I saw something moving with the coil, so moved it to one side. And there below the coil was the wire ring.

At first I thought it was just a piece of wire, until I saw the blue stone. I picked it up gently and then realised this had been on the surface near a tyre line when the combine had moved across the field. I placed it on UK DETECTOR NET for identification and now know it to be a 3rd Century roman twisted wire ring.

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Monthly Competitions Runners up



***Puffin --
George II Lima Shilling***



***Son of the Sands --
Gold 3 dollar***



***Kiwidigger --
Charles the bold
double petard***



***Hectorsfarm --
Henry Vi Calais groat***

Monthly Competitions Runners up



***Ironage -
Pilgrims Ampulla***

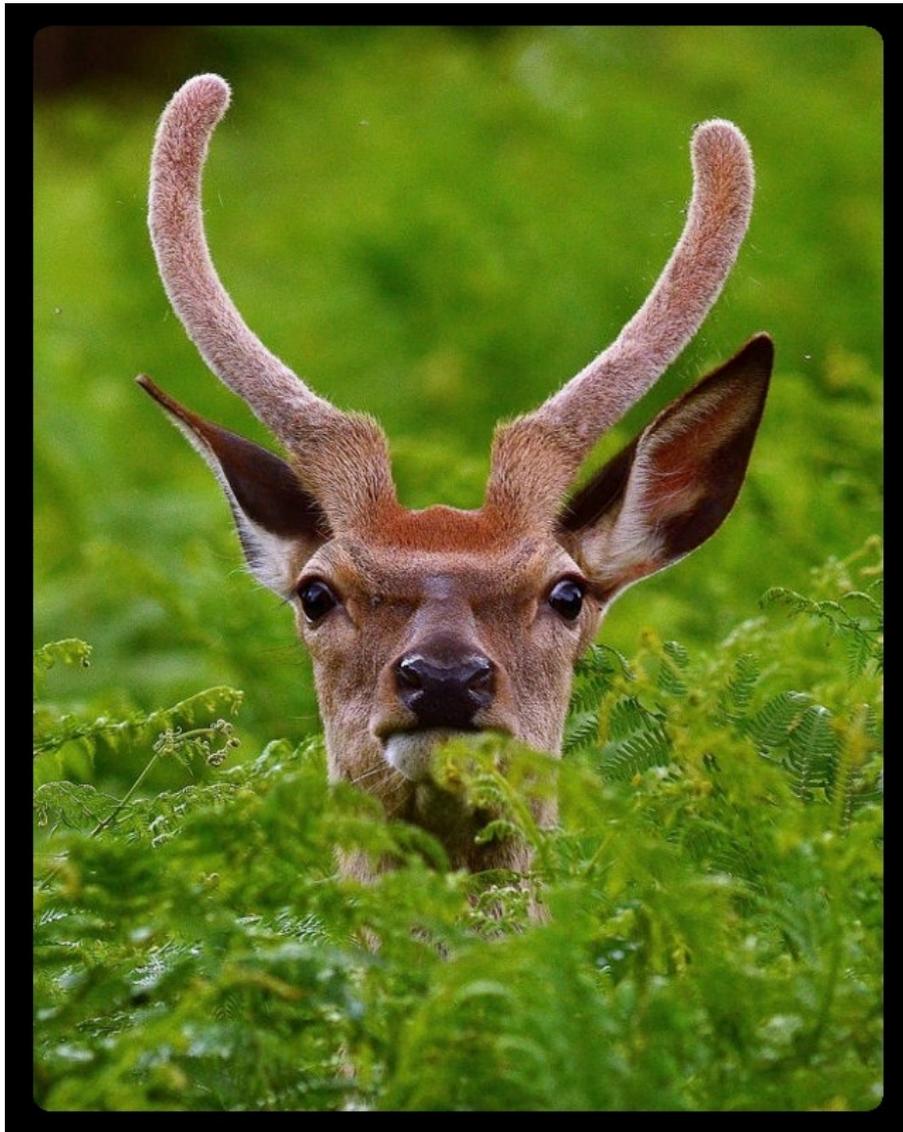


***Tinner -
Silver Annular Brooch***

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UKDN FUN DSLR - Camera PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

Winner - Slapeddicus Peek-a-boo

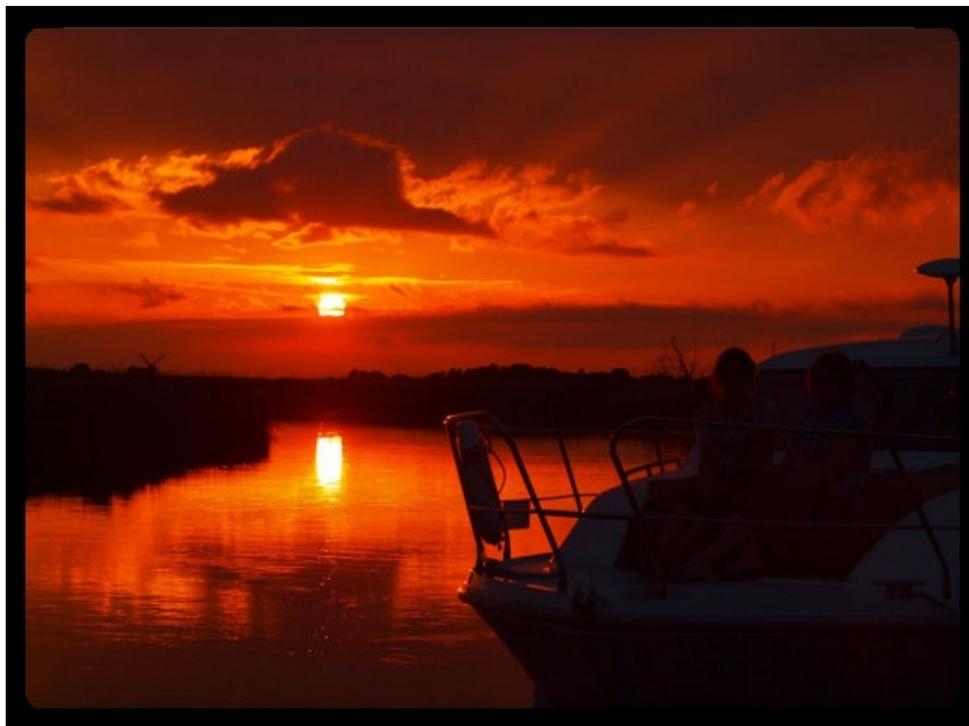


Runners Up Featured Overleaf

UKDN FUN DSLR - Camera PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION



Puffin - Nottingham City Centre Canon 450d



**Caesar - Sunset on the River Waveny, Somerleyton,
Norfolk Broads**

UKDN FUN DSLR - Camera PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION



Coenwolf - Kingfisher



Popsandme - Tan Hill Inn, N. Yorkshire moors.

UKDN FUN POINT, PRESS & PRAY PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

**Winner - DetectingDavid
Iphone 5 - HMS Belfast from
Tower Bridge.**



UKDN FUN POINT, PRESS & PRAY PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION



**Nick - Dome of the Pantheon, Rome.
Nikon Coolpix L820, taken 09/07/2014**



**Brian & Mo' - Conway Castle
Taken with Samsung S3 phone**

UKDN FUN POINT, PRESS & PRAY PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION



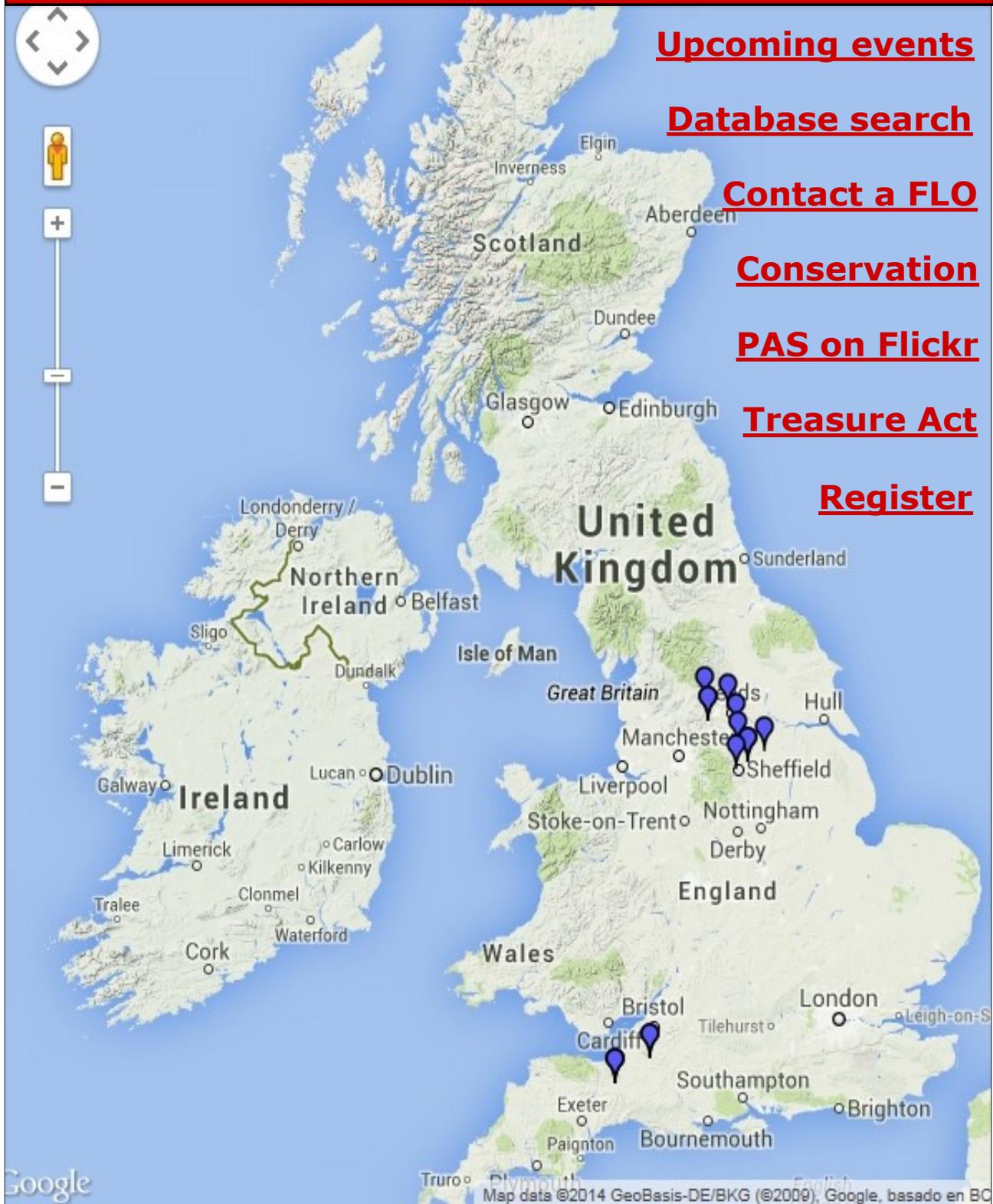
Puffin - Today's field, Canon A2400 and stitched 12 images.

Over the years the UKDN Forum has shown some amazing photographs taken by our members, many of which have reached professional standards.

Unfortunately entries have declined these past few months so we are appealing to you all..... Please post your pictures into the Photo competitions so we can all see them.

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Arable news



Potato grower partner for Fife monitor farm

30 August 2014

JUST under a year ago, HGCA launched a project in Scotland in conjunction with Potato Council, linking potato growers into two new arable monitor farms. Potato grower John Weir is partnering neighbouring mixed farmers Danny and Alison Milne, the host farmers for the Fife arable monitor farm project.



Harvest draws to a close for Eastern growers, but rain causes havoc elsewhere

29 August 2014

HEAVY rain over the last week has caused issues for growers trying to complete harvest across the UK, but better weather in the

east has allowed some to finish.

OUT AND ABOUT IN SKIDMARK

THREE IN A DAY—TWICE !!

Issue 183 - November 2000
By Brian Cross



the
searcher

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On our first trip in Skidmark to Sunny Suffolk we had proved that the new van had been a good purchase. It was fast, comfortable and all our detecting gear stowed away out of view of prying eyes, a priority when the van can be parked in a lonely lane whilst we are detecting several fields away.

The crops were coming off

Because of shift work we were able to get away again, five days after arriving back from Suffolk. On this occasion we decided to go to our favourite area i.e Humberside and North Yorkshire. The crops were coming off and we wanted to find some new land near to where we had been detecting for several years. We had already phoned a friend who lives near to some of the fields we search. He told us that the fields had been free for weeks and there had been no sign of the farmer since the crop had been gathered.

We had three days to search before we had to head back so left home late one evening so that we would be in the area a couple of hours later and on site early on the first day. We planned to search the fields that had been free for a few weeks. We drove down the lane behind some houses where we had parked dozens of times in the Red Rocket only to have a car drive alongside us no sooner had we switched off the ignition and the lights.

You can't camp here

"This is a private lane, y'know. Access is only allowed for householders. You can't camp here, I'll phone the police and you'll be physically removed." In the dark light we could just make out this irate old guy through his wound-down window.

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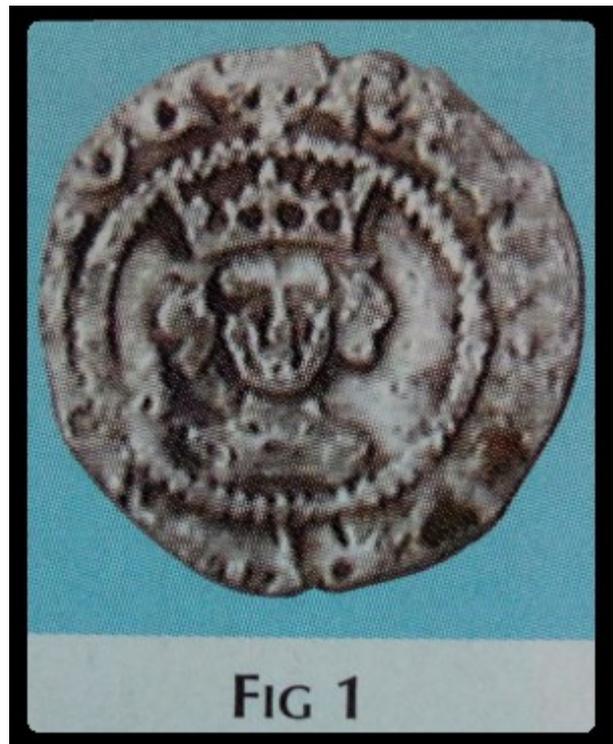
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His verbal attack without any introduction or investigation immediately got our hackles up, we met aggression with aggression. We asked him who he thought he was, told him we didn't like his attitude and that we would not be moving. It was only when we told him that we'd been parking in that spot for years in our little red van that his attitude changed completely. "Oh, are you the couple who do the prospecting?, I didn't recognise you in that new van" he replied.

He apologised profusely and was off waving and shouting, "Good Night to you both, I'll see you tomorrow." We settled down laughing at the thought that if he had been the farmer's uncle or other relative, we would have really blown it with our anger.

Oh, fiddlesticks !!

We were awake early the next morning ready to have a full day on the stubble field just yards away. However, whilst we were having breakfast a tractor arrived and started ploughing up the stubble. "Oh, fiddlesticks!" we thought, "these fields have been free for weeks but as soon as we arrive the farmer comes to plough them up."



We started detecting; it was a glorious day. Slowly as the day progressed the amount of land available diminished as the tractor worked up and down the field. Then I got a hammered farthing in an area where we'd found a couple of hammered in the past. The coin is shown in Fig. 1. Now the panic was on; we wanted to work the area but very quickly the tractor got nearer and nearer.

In the end we were forced off the field with nothing to show except a few Georgian half-pennies, a couple of musket balls and that one farthing. We had our dinner and thought we'd try the field when the farmer had finished, the newly ploughed soil didn't look too rough from where we were parked.

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It was late afternoon when we got back on the field. As detectorists will know ploughed fields don't look too bad when viewed from a distance. Newly ploughed fields are notoriously difficult to detect upon and this one was no exception, it was like walking on the ocean waves! However, we didn't have no-where else to detect at the time so we persevered.

My back was playing up

We detected until it was almost dark and came off with nothing special, in fact we hardly found a thing! The only thing we got for our efforts were aching ankles and my back was starting to play up.

Permission for a further fourteen

The next morning we decided to go to see the farmer and see if he had any fields free even if they were out of the way and fields we had never searched before. Luckily, he did and he gave us permission for a further fourteen we never knew he had. Wow, we were on a high. One minute we just had a roughly ploughed field to go at, the next we had all this new land. We didn't know where to start and decided on a bit of research.

We studied the plan the farmer gave us and opted to search a couple of fields near a small hamlet. One of the first signals Mo' got was a copper coin of William and Mary, this was a good start. As so often happens a good start means nothing special for the rest of the day and so it was. We ended up searching four of the fields and found the usual stuff like musket balls and grotty half-pennies. Each new field we tried was going to be the one but my back was slowly getting worse and my enthusiasm was waning as the pain increased.

I gave up the ghost

The next day I was worse. Myself and Mo' searched a couple more fields but these were absolutely barren. It was as if no-one had ever walked over them. Walking over these fields with a bad back didn't exactly make me brim with enthusiasm and in the early afternoon I gave up the ghost and chilled-out in Skidmark. Mo' plodded on and it was then that I wished we had our little portable radios. We had bought these some years ago so that we could keep in touch when we were a fair distance apart in the fields.

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When one saw the other digging it was great fun to be able call them and ask, "What was that you've just dug up."

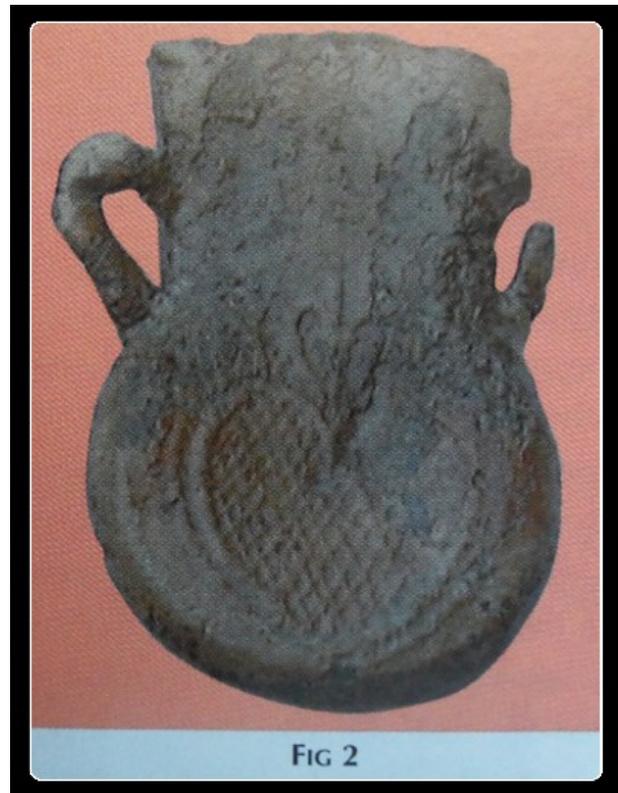
But they had long been discarded, they kept falling out of our pockets, the batteries would drain very quickly and they had a habit of switching themselves off, so much so that one would get fed-up trying to call the other. As I sat in the van watching Mo' periodically bending down to retrieve a signal I was consciously willing her on to make a nice find. She deserved it.

About six o'clock we decided to head off home earlier than normal. As we drove past some fields towards the motorway and home Mo' shouted that the field we had just passed was on the farmers plan. It didn't look any different than the others but she said that if I didn't mind she's suss it out for an hour or so.

passionate about the hobby

We parked up and off she went, ever passionate about the hobby. Thirty minutes later she was heading back to the van. She had found a medieval buckle along with two jettons, a pile of buttons and other finds. She said that signals were everywhere. "We can stay till it goes dark at 9.30 if you want," she said.

I was raring to go but my body wasn't. I got on the field and then realised that most of the time I couldn't bend down to dig!! What a predicament. Still we pressed on, it was very enjoyable after the last barren day or two. Then I got a loud signal, kicked away the soil as best I could and glimpsed a large piece of lead. I got on my haunches and picked up..... my first lead ampulla! I shouted Mo' and we both examined this lovely find. It is shown in Fig. 2.



We got very excited thinking about what could be on this field. We had searched it for less than an hour and already had two medieval pieces in the bag. What a pity we were on our last few hours of searching.

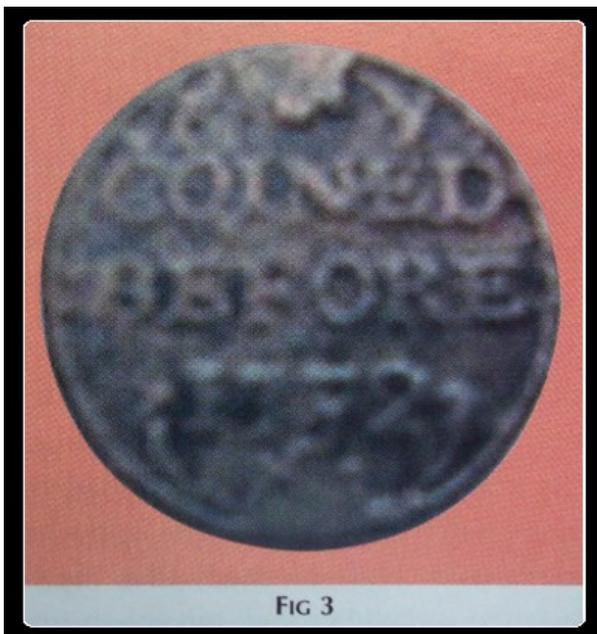
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Buttons were coming up everywhere. There didn't seem to be any reason why this field should be productive when it was surrounded by barren fields. The lane was obviously quite old but lots of the other fields were at the side of the lane. For some reason this field had seen more use. We vowed to do some research at home to try to discover why.

Let my back pain subside

I was really struggling now having to stand stock still every now and then to let my back pain subside. Then I got a signal and had to sit in the soil to find it. It was worth it as it turned out to be a hammered coin, unfortunately in very poor condition and not worth photographing.



We carried on till dark and then headed home, grateful for the good detecting break we had gained. I had to phone in sick for a week, and then decided that the best way to recuperate was out in the countryside, if you get my drift.

So it was that within a short while we were very excited at the prospect of spending several days searching that one field, as long as the farmer hadn't ploughed it!



Back on site we were gladdened to see that nothing had changed, except for the weather. It was now dull and damp. We suddenly became conscious of the fact that since buying Skidmark we had spent more time in that than we had at home.

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We settled down to a nice routine i.e. a couple of hours searching then back to Skidmark for a cuppa. Buttons were coming up in some numbers along with lots of old lead, you know, the white stuff that tends to indicate it's been there some time.

Then Mo' found the coin weight shown in Fig. 3. This is a nice find. It is marked 'COINED BEFORE 1772' and was used to check the weight of gold guineas. On the reverse side it has the letters 'Dwt' & 'Gr' with the numbers '5' and '6' below the letters. We are led to believe that these stand for 5 pennyweights and 6 grains.

A short while later Mo' was giving me the hammered coin sign. We were over the moon; another hammered from the field. Mo's find was a short cross penny which we haven't been able to identify. It is shown in Fig.4.

The grass is always greener

Nothing else came up that day and the next day we thought we'd try the field next door. Most detectorists tend to do this i.e. they'll find a nice field and think that the field next to it might be even better. It's got something to do with.... "the grass is always greener or, in the case of detectorists, the stubble is always softer!"

Nothing at all came off that field and in late afternoon we were back on the first field after a break. Buttons and coins continued to come up but no more specials that day. We had to go back home as I was due back in work the next morning. I had to work for four days then I would be on my six days off, we planned to return to the area within the week.



We also had to rendezvous with a friend of ours Ian Postlethwaite and so invited him to meet us on the fields the following weekend. We really had now spent more time in Skidmark than at home and it became a sort of game. How long could we keep this up?

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We arrived back at the site on the Saturday. Ian was due to meet us on Sunday. We started our search on the ampulla field which was still, thankfully, free. We'd had two hammered from it and knew there had to be more there it was just a question of searching slowly and carefully.



All our finds had come from the roadside edge of the field and slowly through the day we worked our way towards the back of the field. Signals were less frequent here but the odd piece of lead, musket ball or coin kept us going and enjoying our detecting. By tea-time I had found three hammered coins. They just kept popping up from here and there. I couldn't believe my luck. The coins are shown in Figs. 5, 6 & 7. They are Edward I, Class 9 penny, Canterbury mint (Fig. 5). Edward I penny, London mint, (Fig. 6). Edward I penny, Class 10, Canterbury mint, (Fig. 7).

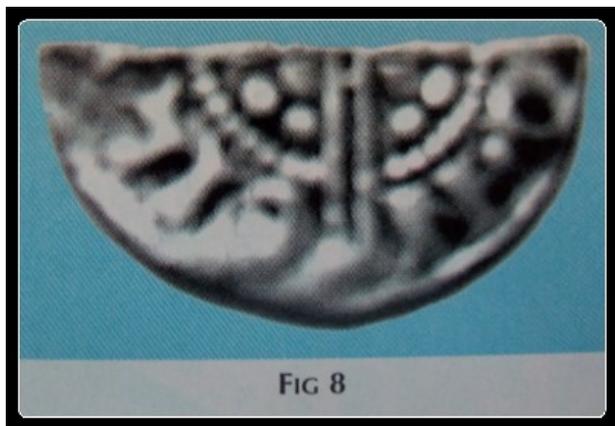
Mo' had no such luck and kept calling me a jammy so-and-so. I have to admit that I am 'cos it's well known that if there is just one hammered coin on a field, I will trip over it. Mo' was just happy that she had found the unusual coin weight.

We had a quiet night and Ian arrived bang on time next morning. After a cuppa during which we showed our finds and told Ian where they had come from we were off. There was another field beyond the blank field that we decided to try for an hour or two. If it proved to be a fruitless search then we'd go back to the ampulla field.

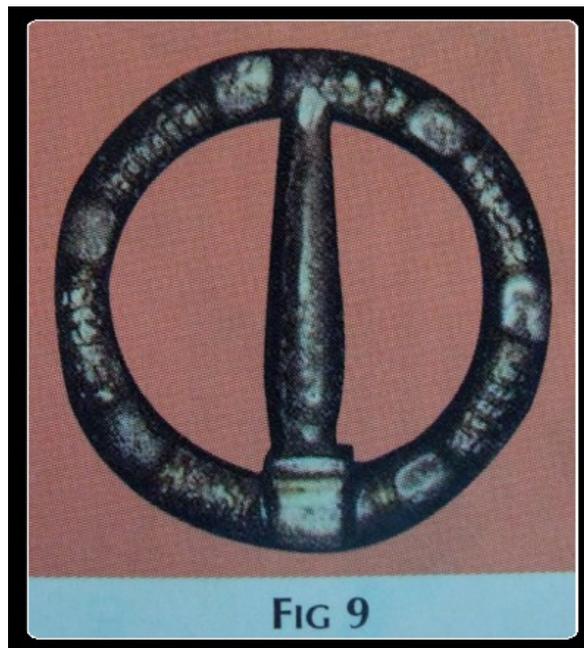
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It was when we were in the middle of the field that we noticed some humps and bumps in the field. We examined them closely but couldn't decide whether they were the remains of ridge and furrow and some other earthworks. They were concentrated at one end of the field and didn't seem to run into the next field, as ridge and furrow might. But, they were definitely there and so, to us, meant activity.



Another form of activity was also taking place around us. Teams of tractors and cultivating machinery arrived at the blank field next door whilst a tractor and plough descended on the field we had just walked on. We had a word with the farmhand on the tractor and he confirmed what we feared i.e. that all the fields, particularly the three we were working, would be ploughed, rolled and seeded within the next day or so.



We started detecting looking at the tractor running up and down the far end of the field. Deep down I was hoping he would break down, at least for a couple of hours. A few signals began appearing as we all neared the bumpy area, nothing special but it beat wandering around without a signal. Then I retrieved a signal and was gob-smacked to see a cut half of a voided penny of Henry III. This is shown in Fig. 8.

I showed the others, got called a jammy so-and-so again and carried on. About half an hour later Ian found what we thought was a beautiful little medieval brooch. It was lovely for later it turned out to be made of silver. This is shown in Fig. 9.

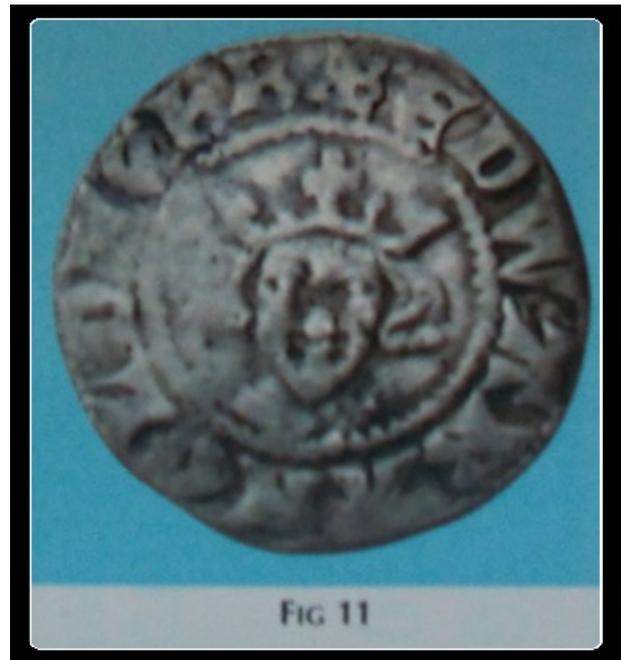
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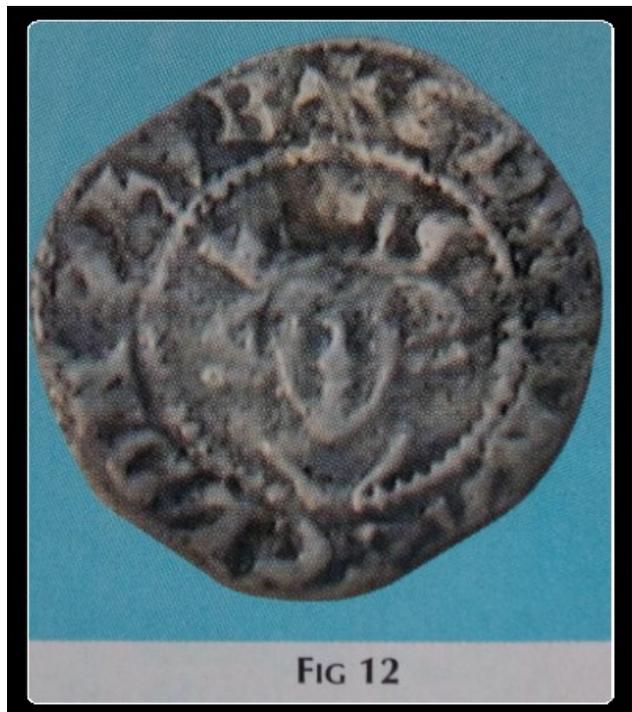
This area was proving to be interesting but we didn't get the chance to search it properly for the tractor was making rapid progress and we soon thought it polite to move off this field and go back to the ampulla field, if the tractors weren't working it.



Once again we pointed out to Ian where the ampulla and the hammered coins had come from. There was no pattern to it really so it was really a question of pot luck. We had a quick brew then all went off on our separate ways. Myself and Mo' were conscious that today would be the last day we would be searching this field at least for another 10 months. This hobby, at this level, really only lasts about two months, if you're lucky!



It was about half an hour later when I bumped into Mo' and asked what she had found. She pulled out the piece shown in Fig. 10.



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Until fairly recently we would have had this down as a bale seal or similar as it is made of lead. We have since discovered that it is a very early coin weight dating to 14th or 15th century. It shows a cross with three pellets in one of the angles. The other side appears to have a few letters on it but these are barely discernible. They may not even be letters. The item weighs 9.3 grms. A nice find.

My fifth in two days

I'd only walked a few yards away when I got another hammered coin, my fifth in two days. It was another Edward I penny, this time from the Durham mint, CIVITAS DVREME. It is shown in Fig. 11. Mo' knew me of old but we're sure Ian was beginning to wonder what was going on!

For a few hours we all beavered away stopping for the occasional smoke and a chat. Evening was drawing near and we would all be calling it a day in a few hours time.

On one of my final runs I dug up another hammered penny, also of Edward I, London mint. This is shown in Fig. 12. What a trip, what a thrill. Not sure about Mo' but certainly Skidmark seemed to be bringing me the luck and the finds.

Ian called me all the lucky so-and-so's going, confirming what Mo' had been telling him all along. We'd had a great laugh and it was with some sorrow that we parted for we knew that it would be some time before we met up again. Ian would probably be working in an Eastern bloc country within weeks. We promised we'd keep in touch with him via e-mail and make him feel sick by telling him what the detecting was like back home.

We had another safe and speedy journey back home and didn't get back detecting for a month or two. We are almost up-to-date now so will tell you of our journey to York and a couple more hammered coin finds.

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News and Views from August 2014

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New members in August 2014

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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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.